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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about your child's class for the next academic year.

This current academic year we have had a vertically grouped Year 3 and 4, due to pupil numbers. Next year there will also be a mixed Year 3/4 phase group, however it will be organised differently. There will be one class of Year 3 children, one class of Year 4 children and a mixed class of Year 3 and 4 children. In 2020-2021 we used this model to organise a mixed year 4/5 year group and it was very successful. Those children are just about to leave Year 6 and have achieved extremely well, in their SATs scoring 20 % higher than national average for Reading, Writing and Maths combined (see the newsletter for more detail on the SATs results).

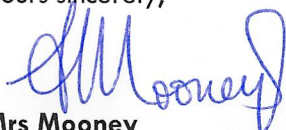
I know that this may cause some concern, particularly if your child is in the mixed class, but be reassured that this is now a model the school is familiar with and has robust planning and routines in place to meet the needs of all the children.

Your child will be in St Martin class, this is the Year 4 class and their teacher will be Mrs Bolshaw. Much thought and consideration has gone into the organisation of the three classes, and a variety of criteria has been considered. Academic ability, friendship groups, gender, special educational needs, behaviour for learning, and staffing have all been given due consideration. There will be 30 children in each class, so we are unable to move children now that the classes are set. The Year 3 and 4 group will continue to have the same break and lunchtimes, so that friendships will remain regardless of their class.

All foundation topics taught next year, will be new to both the Year 3 and Year 4 children. There will be no repetition of work covered this year. We are continuing to embed the Wow curriculum and all trips and experiences will be collaborative across the year groups. All children will be expected to meet the standards for their year group, and will be taught the knowledge and skills required to do this. At St Chad's we have a termly data review, as a measure to ensure that good progress and attainment is being made.

If you have any concerns regarding the class organisation for next year, please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Mitchener via the school office.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Mooney
Head of School/ Deputy Headteacher