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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of staff changes which will be happening after May half term and then into next academic year.

Firstly, Jane Robinson is leaving after May half term in order to take up a post as Head of School in a school more local to her. I would like to congratulate her on her much deserved promotion and would like to thank her for her outstanding work at Bessemer over the years.

The great leadership within Nursery and Reception will be continued by Laura Dunphy, who will be taking up the role of Early Years Phase Leader after the May break. She will be very ably supported by Ned Symes, Head of Nursery. Elizabeth Whitehead (Deputy Headteacher) will be returning from maternity leave in mid-June and will take over the strategic leadership of Early Years, including Little Stars.

I feel very confident that this new team will continue to build on the wonderful work within the Early Years department.

Secondly, Kate Daly will be leaving to take a Deputy Headship post from September 2016. Again, I would like to congratulate her on her much deserved promotion and thank her for her outstanding contribution to Bessemer. From September Emily Bull will be the Year 1 leader and Lizzie Bullock the Year 2 leader. Again, Elizabeth Whitehead will oversee the strategic leadership of Key Stage 1. Like Early Years, I am very confident that Emily and Lizzie have the skills and aptitude to be able to continue Kate's great work. Ray Capper and Rebecca Benjamins (both of whom are staying) will lead on maths. Their wealth of knowledge and experience will enable maths to continue to develop across the school.

From September, Lynette Mincher (Inclusion) will be returning full time to Bessemer, after making an amazing difference to the SEN provision at Keyworth. It will be great to have her expertise back full time. Finally, I will be spending more time at Bessemer from September. Having laid the foundations of improvement at Keyworth, I am delighted that I will now be able to spend more time at 'home'!

Thank you for continuing to make Bessemer a very special school.

Sarah Beard Headteacher Bessemer Grange Primary School

