



Jacobstow Primary School & Preschool

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Dear Parents and Carers

As with many of the rural primary schools in Cornwall, this financial year we have found that our budget allocation is unable to keep pace with costs. As a result, our draft school budget in April showed a £36,500 deficit by the end of the financial year 2018/19 if we continued to spend in the way we have in this school year. This has not been helped by the cyclical rise and fall in numbers that occurs in small rural primary schools. For the last 2 years we have had a small intake and a large number leaving in year 6; lower numbers also mean less funding.

Therefore, the governors have had to make some very difficult decisions about how we spend our money and the outcome is as follows;

- In September, we shall return to a 3 class structure – Rainbows - Reception.Y1, Y2, Blue Base -Y3, Y4 and Green Base -Y5, Y6.
- Sadly, this also means that Miss Price will be leaving us at the end of the summer term.
- Cuts to non-teaching staff hours
- A significant reduction in curriculum spending
- Changes to the offer for 2 year old children at preschool
- No brass tuition for Green Base

These cost cutting decision will enable us, just, to make the necessary savings and we hope that we will not need to make further cuts during the course of the school year, however, things will be tight.

For most children there will be no change to the expected plan. The children for whom there will be the biggest change are the current year 1 children, who will continue to work with Mrs Maudsley as their teacher in September.

Although, this is not an ideal situation, it is one that we have been in before and therefore we have teaching staff and non-teaching staff able to manage the changes and still provide the education needed to ensure successful learning. It will, however, be sad to say goodbye to Miss Price, who has worked so hard in school over the last 4 years.

If you have any queries about this please contact school to speak to Mrs Russell.

Yours faithfully

Sue Russell

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