

# Devonshire Primary School

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Dear Devonshire families,

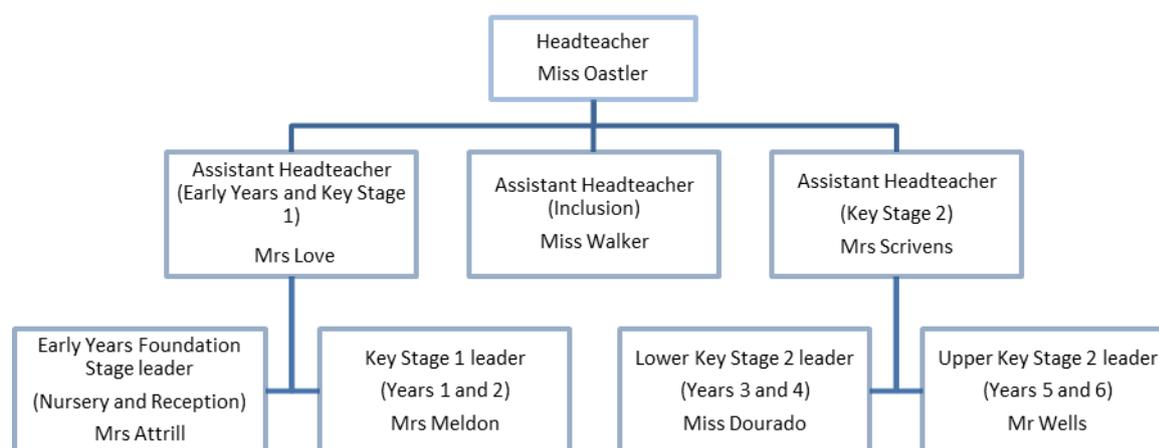
Welcome back to the Autumn term. I hope that you had a good summer break and are ready for the year ahead. I would like to welcome all of the families who are new to Devonshire; we look forward to working with you.

I am very excited to now be the Headteacher of Devonshire Primary School and very much look forward to taking the school forward.

I would like to welcome the new staff joining the Devonshire team. Mrs Cox is the Oak class (Y6) teacher, Mrs Harris is the Maple class (Y5) teacher, Mrs Blackhall is the Woodpeckers class (Y1) teacher and Miss Martin is the Swans class (Reception) teacher. Mrs Puvirajan is the teaching assistant in Hazel class (Y5) and Mrs Close is our new school business manager. I know that they will be made welcome at Devonshire and hope that they will be very happy here. I would like to wish existing members of the Devonshire team who are taking on new roles within the school every success.

Miss Simner (teaching assistant based in Reception) got married over the summer and returns as Mrs Spearman. We wish her and her husband every happiness.

The leadership structure has been amended. From September, the leadership structure will be as follows.



I was absolutely delighted that in the recent parent/carer questionnaire, 95% of you said that you felt that it was easy to approach the school with a question. There were also many positive comments about the friendly and welcoming ethos of the school. It is something that all members of staff work hard at and it is important to us as a community to have such an ethos. This is something that I am very keen to continue. There will always be members of the leadership team at the front of the school each morning and afternoon; please do come and say hello. If you have a general question or message that you would

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like passed on we are more than happy to help. If you have a specific question about your child or about their work, then these are best directed to the class teacher initially.

Each teacher from Year 1 to Year 6 will be welcoming all of their new parents into their classrooms for a meet the teacher session. This will give you the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom, meet their new teacher, learn about the topics that will be covered during the year, general class information and routines, as well as how you can help your child at home. If you are unable to come, then the teachers will be sending a letter home with each child giving details of all of the information covered. The dates of these sessions are on the school's website.

Nursery and Reception staff will be completing home visits before the children start and we very much look forward to welcoming the Nursery and Reception children when they arrive later this month.

Our website ([www.devonshireprimary.org](http://www.devonshireprimary.org)) is a very useful source of information about the school and our Twitter feed (@DevonshireSM2) is a means by which we celebrate events that have happened at school. Please do follow both of these. There will continue to be a fortnightly newsletter sent home.

Yours sincerely

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