Dear Parents and Carers,

**Staffing Update**

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have two new members of staff joining our team at Dormansland after the Christmas holidays.

Mrs Hayley Cooke will be taking on our Year 1 class as their permanent class teacher. Hayley comes to us with a wealth of previous experience in Key Stage 1 and we are very much looking forward to her joining us in January and bringing her knowledge and enthusiasm to the children’s learning.

In addition, we will be welcoming Mrs Karen Wells to our Year 2 class in January. Some of you will recognise Karen from her time here last year, when she was working in Year 4 with Miss Carter, as part of her final teaching practice assessment. Now fully qualified, with a distinction in her final degree, Karen will be working as an additional teacher in Year 2 for three days each week. Having a third member of qualified staff will enable the team to accelerate the rate of learning progress for every child, especially after their rather turbulent year in Year 1.

I know that you will make both teachers feel extremely welcome when they begin at Dormansland in January. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wadey and Miss Bell for their continued support for the children in Year 1 this term. I know that you will join me in wishing them both all the very best for the future.

I will arrange a ‘Meet the Teacher’ session in both classes for early in the new term and will let you know the details, once this has been confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Stokes
Head Teacher