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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to notify you of some staffing changes in the Reception team, as we move towards the end of the autumn term.

After careful consideration, Miss Scott made the decision to resign from her full time teaching post with Reception class in order to pursue other career opportunities. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

I would also like to thank Miss Formston, who has taught the Reception children during the interim period. Miss Formston has taught with tremendous enthusiasm, commitment and has built an excellent rapport with the children, staff and parents alike in the short time that she has been with us. We are very grateful to her for all her effort, high quality of care and expertise within the Early Years Foundation Stage. Miss Formston will continue teaching the Reception class until the end of the autumn term.

Following our recent and rigorous interview process, which involved lesson observations, assessments tasks and a panel interview, I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss L Hardy as full time teacher for Reception, commencing in January 2018. Miss Hardy lives locally in Newton and is a graduate of Edge Hill University, where she completed her degree and Post Graduate Certificate of Education in Early Years Education.

Miss Hardy is currently teaching in Childwall CE Primary School, Liverpool; the school was judged as outstanding by Ofsted in 2013. Miss Hardy joins us with considerable experience both in the Early Years, where she has been a Reception class teacher for 3 years and in Key stage One, teaching a Year 1 class.

Miss Hardy will be visiting the school on several occasions over the next few weeks to meet the children, parents and staff in order to ensure a smooth transition for when she takes up her post in January 2018. Miss Hardy will also be joining us on the afternoon of Monday 11th December for the Infant Christmas Concert, enjoying a further opportunity to meet with our Reception parents and we look forward to welcoming her to Avalon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher