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Dear Willow Class Pupils, Parents and Carers

As many of you might know, I am responsible for Maths at West Borough Primary School. Over the past year, I have been training to become a Mastery Maths Specialist teacher. Our 2014 National Curriculum was based on the Shanghai Curriculum, which adopts an approach where all children are required to master each skill before moving on to the next topic. It is an approach that I am very passionate about and have spent the last three years embedding at West Borough. I have now got the opportunity to work with other schools to support them in their journey. Due to this, I will be out of class one day a week, and Mr MacDonald will be taking the class for the first term to ensure consistency from year 5. After Christmas, the day will be covered by Mrs Hudson, who again will be a familiar face to the children.

Rather excitingly, I will also be flying to Shanghai on the 24th November for two weeks, where I will be experiencing the model of teaching first hand! This is a great opportunity for both myself and the school, as it will also involve two Shanghai Maths teachers returning to the school in January for two weeks as part of the exchange programme. Mr MacDonald will cover the class for these 2 weeks.

This is a really positive experience for everyone involved and we hope that you share our excitement.

Thank you

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Miss Holliday

Maths Leader