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Wednesday 29th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Reception Children,

As you may already be aware, Mrs Shaughnessy is expecting a baby in the near future. We wish her all the very best as she begins her maternity leave on Monday 18th May.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Silva back from maternity leave to our Reception teaching team this Friday. Mrs Silva is a highly skilled and experienced teacher and school leader, and she will become Lion class teacher and Head of Reception when Mrs Shaughnessy starts her maternity leave.

The children are already familiar with Mrs Silva, as she has spent some time with the children in school before the school closure in March. She also has her own son in Reception, so you may know her as a parent in school. Mrs Silva and Mrs Shaughnessy have two weeks working together to prepare all the transition arrangements and ensure a smooth handover for the children. Due to the unique circumstances we are in currently, Mrs Moran (Giraffe class teacher) will also take a key role in supporting and leading provision across Reception with Mrs Silva for the rest of the Summer term.

Mrs Silva is really looking forward to getting to know you all and has written a letter to let you know some more information about herself. Please see her letter below.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Shaughnessy or Mrs Byrne.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Liz Hardy
Headteacher



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Dear Families,

I am very happy to be joining Reception team as Lion class teacher and taking the baton from Mrs Shaughnessy as head of department for the summer term. I have bumped into many of you already via Florian (Giraffe class) at the various BR birthday parties and have regularly wheeled past you with baby Heikki, on the school run whilst being on maternity leave. It is brilliant to get a parent insight just before joining the team and at this unique time, it is true that we are all living the home-school highs and challenges together!

After joining BR as a Y5 teacher in 2015 and then leading Y6, I was very much immersed in Junior life and a move to early years was far from the radar, that is until the opportunity to change phase came up this term - perfect timing to make this exciting jump!

Prior to joining Beaver Road, I spent ten years as a class teacher in Trafford primary schools with curriculum responsibility for music. Alongside my main role, I was a member of the Trafford vocal strategy team and led music projects and choirs across the primary and secondary phase. As you may have guessed, music is my specialism and I studied violin performance at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Before completing my PGCE and beginning my class-teaching career, I spent three years teaching music in private schools and performing as a freelance musician.



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Most recently, at BR, I have taken the lead with our PSHE programme and have loved working with so many different people and organisations on our Gold Rights Respecting programme. I am so happy that this has become such a big part of our identity and I am really looking forward to looking at this more from a smaller person's perspective and through a four or five year-old's imagination!

I look forward to seeing or chatting with you soon, either virtually, via Tapestry or in school.

In the meantime, please take care and stay safe.
With warmest wishes,

Hilary Silva