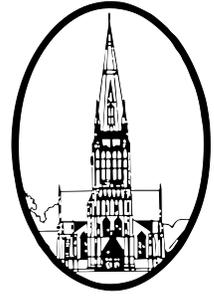


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*"St Mary's... feeding the mind, body and spirit
so we can be the best we can be."*

30th June 2020

Dear parents, carers and children,

Although we have not seen many of you during the past few months we are excited to be planning for September when we welcome you all back.

It has been sad not to be able to celebrate the end of year with you all, however there is much work going on, to do what we can as we say goodbye to this academic year and welcome in another.

Some of these things include;

- EYFS welcome meetings via zoom for new parents and children joining us in September
- EYFS one to one meetings for new parents and children joining us in September
- Meet the teacher meetings via zoom for children going into Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- End of year 6 leavers service / picnic
- Individual teacher phone calls to families to end the year

Transitioning from one thing to another can be challenging for all of us at the best of times, however we are fully aware that the sense of loss, missing school and not ending in the way we would do normally, is enormous. Planning for opportunities to discuss and explore this with children, both before the end of term and next academic year is important.

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children and families as they move onto their secondary schools and a small number of children that have been selected to attend prep and other similar schools. We wish all of these children the best of luck as they continue their learning journey.

Similarly we say goodbye to three temporary agency staff, Miss Miller (Year 2 TA), Mr Dale (Nursery teacher) and Mrs Gavin (Music teacher). Mrs Gavin was covering Mrs



Ordon's maternity leave, however Mrs Ordon is enjoying being a mummy so much that she has decided not to return to work full time. We will be welcoming Miss Reeve's, music teacher to the St Mary's team.

We are excited to tell you that Miss Singleton (TA in Reception) will be a 'teacher in training' in the EYFS Nursery class, working alongside Miss Barker and Miss Mackay as of September. She is the sixth member of support staff to train to be a teacher at St Mary's in the past four years and like those before her, we know she will be fabulous in this role. This and other changes has meant that we are also joined by 4 new members of support staff, Ms Jeng, Miss Hammond, Miss Maja and Miss Mirza (who is a familiar face at St Mary's from the Autumn term 2019). Miss Olusanya who was doing cover teaching prior to lockdown will also join us in September as an intervention teacher.

Please see the staff list attached to find who your adults will be.

You will get to meet your class teachers over zoom next week (please return your zoom contract to be able to join) and if you are in EYFS, staff will make contact to introduce themselves.

I will hopefully be in touch next week to share some more details about September, so until then stay safe and well.

Best wishes

Jane O'Brien
Headteacher





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