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Dear Parent/Carer,

Staffing Update

We can't quite believe how quickly this Spring Term has gone and how busy it has been, we would like to share with you some staffing updates and changes going forward after Easter.

Mrs Hanley

I'm writing to you to share some important news relating to Mrs Hanley. After almost 18 years of working at St. Joseph's, firstly as a class teacher, and over the past few years as Deputy Headteacher, she has made the difficult decision to leave her position. Mrs Hanley will be leaving us from the end of this term, and hopes to explore new opportunities, and possibly different from teaching.

Mrs Hanley has been a very important member of our school for such a long time, she has fond memories of her time here and often shares stories from over the years. After such dedication and commitment to St Joseph's, Mrs Hanley is a most valued and important part of the school and its community and it certainly won't be the same without her.

There is no doubt that the children have always been at the heart of all that Mrs Hanley has done and all decisions that she has made during her time at St. Joseph's and I know that they will miss her very much, as too will the staff, governors and wider school community.

Whilst change can be difficult and the unknown can make us apprehensive, I ask that you join with us in thanking Mrs Hanley for her time, dedication and service to St Joseph's over the past 18 years, and wish her health and happiness in whichever path she decides to take in the future.

Our school values of respect, friendship, excellence and care have been important to Mrs Hanley during her time with us and will continue to be important to all in our school family as we move forward and put in place new staffing arrangements in school.

Mr Hardman Retires

After many years of hard work and dedicated service Mr Hardman, our caretaker, has decided to retire. He has worked at our school for 25 years and he too, is a very important and valued member of our school family. Mr Hardman has shared that he is looking forward to many more bike rides and time at home with family, so I ask that you join with us in wishing him a very happy and restful retirement and thank him for his loyal service to St. Joseph's.

Respect, friendship, excellence, care

Due to Covid restrictions, and Mrs Hanley and Mr Hardman being absent from work at the moment, sadly we cannot mark their leaving in the way that we usually would in person. However, if you wish to pass on any cards or tokens of thanks, these can be brought to school either before we break up on Friday or after Easter if that is preferable, and we will make sure that they receive them.

New Deputy Headteacher

With Mrs Hanley leaving us, there is an advert going out for a new Deputy Headteacher to start St. Joseph's in September. The process of recruiting a Deputy Headteacher is very rigorous and we will work with the governors and Diocese to recruit the best person to join our team at St. Joseph's and to help our lovely school to continue to go from strength to strength. For the Summer Term, there will be an acting Deputy Head in place, more details will follow.

Mrs Hoggarth

As you know, Mrs Hoggarth has worked with our Year 1 and 2 children here at St. Joseph's since September as part of a secondment arrangement with Our Lady of Lourdes, replacing what was Miss MacDonald's old job; this was a temporary arrangement for 1 year. Last week we interviewed for a permanent teacher to fulfil this position. As Mrs Hoggarth loves working at St. Joseph's so much, she applied for the job along with many other candidates, and was successful at interview in securing the job of Class Teacher. Mrs Hoggarth will now permanently be a member of staff at St. Joseph's and she is thrilled with this decision as are we!

Lunchtime Supervisor

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our new lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Lightowler. She will be joining us after Easter and is excited to meet all of the children, staff and school community. Mrs Lightowler has a lot of experience of working with children over the years and is excited to join our team-we look forward to having her on board!