



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



7th December, 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach our Christmas holidays, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the hard working members of staff at St. Paulinus, the fabulous children who make every day sparkle and to all the parents for their continued support of our school. It is a pleasure for me to be part of such a wonderful school family and each and every one of you have helped me enjoy my first half term as Acting Headteacher. I look forward to the new term to come and seeing the children continue to grow and develop as the year progresses.

I write this letter with some news for you all to keep you updated on things happening in school.

Mrs d'Arcy update :

Mr. and Mrs. d'Arcy are thoroughly enjoying being new parents to their beautiful baby girl, Anna. They would like to thank the whole school for their well-wishes and prayers. Mrs. d'Arcy is hoping to bring Anna in for a visit to school over the next couple of weeks and perhaps stay for a nativity performance or two! She wishes all staff, children and parents a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and says she is looking forward to her return after her maternity leave.

We have some Staff Leaving :

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to three teachers leaving us at the end of December.

- Miss Marray (Year 6 teacher) has decided to pursue her dream of travelling and seeing the world. We look forward to hearing all about her adventures and experiences when we see her next.
- Mrs. Stead (Early Years Nursery teacher) has decided to complete her qualification in "Play Therapy" so she can support children who need her help in dealing with difficult situations.
- Mr. Haigh (Year 3 teacher) has decided to move on to new pastures and pursue new opportunities. We look forward to hearing all about his new ventures and experiences the next time we see him.



Good Luck!

We will miss them all, but thank them all for their hard work, and their input into the lives of the children. Most of all we wish them every success with their future careers.

Our thanks and prayers go with them.

We have some new staff joining the team :

A warm welcome awaits our new members of staff. We hope they enjoy joining our St. Paulinus family and I know all staff, children and parents will join me in helping them settle into their new schools.

- Mr. Keddie will be joining the Year 6 team. He comes with a wealth of teaching experience and is very excited about getting to know his class and having the opportunity to plan some exciting lessons. His favourite subject is Topic and he has already planned out a whole term's worth of activities to engage Year 6!
- Miss Wadee will be joining the EYFS team. She is looking forward to working with some of our youngest members of our school family. She can't wait to join such a welcoming team and has loved meeting the children during her visits to school. She likes to be creative and so has already come up with some fun things for EYFS to do while making progress towards their early learning goals.
- I also take great joy in welcoming Mrs. Irving back officially. She will remain the teacher for class 3H for the rest of the academic year. Mrs. Irving is due to take a short break at the end of December, to do a bit of travelling herself but she is very excited about re-joining her class in January and continuing to help the children make excellent progress for the rest of the academic year.

All 3 teachers join us in January and there will be opportunities for parents to meet them and get to know them once they have settled in. Every teacher will be having handover sessions with the teacher they are taking over from; during this meeting teachers will pass on any relevant information parents have shared with them so that the new teachers are fully informed about any current situations which will hopefully make for a smooth transition for both the children and the teacher.

I wish all the parents and children a peaceful advent in the run up to Christmas. Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Miss S. Hayes
Acting Headteacher

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