



17th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Senior leaders and governors have been busy planning for the new academic year to ensure that the 2019/20 academic year builds on the successes of this year.

It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you that Mrs Burkey will be leaving St Joseph's in July. Mrs Burkey will be moving to Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School, where she will be leading and managing the resource provision for children with social communication conditions. This is an amazing opportunity for Mrs Burkey and one which is unlikely to be available to her again in the near future. Mrs Burkey has worked at St Joseph's for the past 5 years and during that time she has played a major part in shaping the provision for our children on the autistic spectrum. She has also been instrumental in the development of our computing curriculum and EYFS provision. I hope that you will join me in wishing her every success in her exciting new venture.

Over recent weeks governors have been interviewing for a new teacher. Mr Nikaan Matthew will be joining the St Joseph's team in September. Mr Matthew has been teaching in schools in Ellesmere Port and Chester. He brings with him fresh ideas and experiences which will enhance and strengthen our teaching staff.

Miss Hilditch will take over the leadership of EYFS and I know that she will work closely with senior leaders and governors to ensure that our EYFS continues to go from strength to strength.

Governors have agreed to support Miss Hilditch as she embarks on her masters degree, as a result Miss Hilditch will be attending university one day a week. During the course of the next academic year, Miss L Bennett will be undertaking her teacher training. Miss Bennett will continue to work at St Joseph's in a full time role as she completes her training 'on the job'. These are very exciting opportunities and both Miss Hilditch and Miss Bennett are committed and dedicated to the success of our school.

During the summer holidays Miss Corcoran will be getting married and will return to school in September as Mrs Bingham. Mr Ellam and Mr Randle will also be getting married during the summer holidays. We send our love and best wishes to Miss Corcoran, Mr Ellam and Mr Randle and their spouses to be.

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Our class structure for the next academic year will be:

Nursery - Miss Hilditch and Miss L Bennett

Reception - Mr Lewis and Mrs Butterfield

Reception - Miss Allenden

Year 1 - Miss Howard

Year 1/2 - Miss Raymond

Year 2 - Mr Ellam

Year 3 - Miss Whitehead

Year 3/4 - Mr Vost

Year 4 - Mrs Bingham

Year 5 - Mr Matthew

Year 5/6 - Mr Dalton

Year 6 - Miss Bennett

Over the past year there have been significant national and local changes to special educational needs (SEND). As a result senior leaders have made the decision to alter the way in which we support our children with SEND. Children will no longer be allocated a '1:1'. It has become apparent that allocating 1:1 support in the way we have done previously has not greater enabled or further developed the independence of our children with SEND, despite independence being an outcome in all our children's EHCPs. Children with SEND will receive interventions and support delivered by the teacher and teaching assistant team across the phase. All children will receive the appropriate amount and level of support and it will enable the specialists, we are fortunate to have within school, to deliver the necessary interventions. Working in this way will enable us to further build on the inclusivity of St Joseph's. As a result of these changes the point of contact for parents who have children with SEND will be the class teacher. If you have any concerns or queries do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Butterfield.

The next academic year is set to be an exciting one as we review, develop and enhance our rich and creative curriculum, ensuring that it meets the needs of our children. It is hoped that we can cement the partnerships that we place significant value on, in particular the partnerships that we have with you as parents and carers.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to provide the best holistic education for your children.

Kind regards,



Mrs M Gum
Headteacher