



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wednesday 7th July 2021

I cannot believe that the academic year is drawing to a close and as it does I want to thank all our families for the support you have given to our pupils, to staff and to each other. This academic year hasn't been without interruptions to your normal day to day life and we realise it has been a challenge to adapt your routines to the changes but what a wonderful job you have done in supporting your children and the school...thank you!

More importantly, your children have remained the caring, resilient, well behaved, hardworking, enthusiastic and happy pupils they always are throughout a very busy, challenging year. I can honestly say that I am proud of all the pupils- they really do bring a smile to your face with their optimism and chats throughout the day.

Our Year 6...

With the pupils in mind...it is with sadness that we need to say a farewell to all our **year 6** pupils who will be transitioning to year 7 in September. They have dealt with the pandemic, lockdown, disruptions and remote learning incredibly well.

Thinking back over the years, we are proud of the young boys and girls they have become- in the mix is a cocktail of personalities- confident, shy, creative and astute- all with a very good sense of humour and together they have worked as one!

Talents range from sports, dancing, lego building, drama, computer programming and cooking; the list goes on! They are now ready to face the challenges of their next key stage in education and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Please keep our year 6 pupils in your thoughts and prayers over the next week and a half.

Farewells also go to...

Mrs R Cox, Mrs L Griffin, Mrs S Hamilton and Miss L Keeley and Mrs Willington

Mrs Cox has worked for over 20 years in St Edward's so it will be the end of an era when she leaves on Friday 16th July. She will take up her new teaching post in September. We have many, many happy memories of Ruth. As a much-respected colleague, we will miss her great sense of humour and engagement with all pupils. We wish you all the very best in your new role. Keep in touch Ruth!

HLTA, Mrs Griffin is well known for her calm approach to teaching and learning, her sense of humour and... for the wonderful delights she manages to produce with the pupils in food technology!! Louise has been a member of our staff for many years and we will miss her energy,

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compassion and dedication to ensuring all pupils in her care learn so well. Louise, enjoy the rest...please keep in touch!

Moving on is also Miss Hamilton who has been with St Edward's for 5 years. Sophie is a much-respected colleague across school; especially in the year 3 and 4 team. The pupils and staff will miss her commitment to school and her fair, caring demeanour with all pupils. Again, many happy memories of Sophie working with us. Sophie, we wish you all the best of luck in a new chapter in your life and a change in direction out of education. Keep in touch.

Miss Keeley has been with us for many years and has been such a valued member of staff, teaching in class and in particular for her wonderful training and coaching with singing. I cannot imagine her not being here in school leading the choir members with their beautiful singing voices! Enjoy your thoroughly deserved rest Lis and keep in touch with us all.

Finally, last but not least...Mrs Willington has been with us for 14 years. Vikki has been a member of the senior leadership team helping and supporting strategy for maths and science over the years. Vikki will be missed not just for her excellent contribution at leadership level but for her teaching and learning, wonderful rapport with pupils no matter their ability. You will be missed Vikki by all staff but particularly the senior leadership- you have kept us smiling over the years. Good luck in your new role as Assistant Headteacher....and you must keep in touch.

Congratulations....

I would like to wish Mr McTiernan congratulations in his recent achievement supporting PE with NPCAT. This secondment will enable Dave to share his expertise of sports with the schools in NPCAT.

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that we welcome three new members of staff to our school family. Mr M Joyeux, Miss Faye Mullen and Miss Lindsay Wilson will be joining us in September. Together they bring a wealth of knowledge and understanding of teaching in a primary school. They are excited to join our school and we are extremely fortunate that they were successful.

Reports to parents:

You will receive your child's report Friday 9th July. If you are isolating at present, the report will be sent by email and a hard copy will be available for you once your child returns to school. Should you have any queries regarding the report, inform the office and your class teacher will only be too happy to contact you next week.

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Organisation of classes:

Below is the organisation of classes and teachers for next year. You will be notified of your child's new class teacher by the end of this week. There will be an opportunity as part of transition for your child to meet with their new teacher next week. This will be organised with guidelines and procedures in mind.

Nursery	Mrs E Bell
Reception	Miss E Lees
Reception	Mrs R McGuinness
Year 1R	Mrs L Rovardi
Year 1S	Miss A Stamp
Year 2H-M	Mrs S Harris-Matthews
Year 2M	Miss M Melvin
Year 3/4B	Mrs L Brady
Year 3/4C	Mrs R Carney
Year 3/4M	Miss F Mullen
Year 5S	Miss T Simpson
Year 5W	Mr H Williams
Year 6A	Mrs H Angel
Year 6J	Mr M Joyeux

Returning September 2021:

There will be new updates and information regarding returning to school in September 2021. This is in response to the recent update from DfE and government guidelines. A letter, with all details, will be sent out to you all next week to support you returning in the new academic year.

Finally...the pupils have enjoyed activities today in support of England's football match tonight. With the amount of support the pupils are offering up here in school, it can only be good for the team, believe me! Fingers crossed!!

I would like to genuinely thank you once again for your support this year and indeed the last 18 months. I truly believe that it is only by working together we will make a difference!
Best wishes,

Mrs MD Brown
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