Dear Parents,

Arrangements for September 2020

Having returned from maternity leave my focus at the moment is the staffing and classroom arrangements for the next academic year. There is currently no news on whether or not we have been successful in our CIF (Condition Improvement Fund) bid from the Government to replace the key stage two classrooms as this decision has been delayed many times due to lockdown. However, I would like to reassure parents that finding a solution to our classroom needs remains my priority and I will give this my devoted attention until this situation is resolved. In the meantime, Henley Primary has kindly agreed to continue with our rental agreement of the classroom housed in a separate building, which solves our problem on a temporary basis.

The last few weeks of this academic year is not the end we had planned and the Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge effect on our traditional end of year celebrations such as Speech Day, Sports Day, Take Over Tuesday etc. The children are coping admirably with the changes in school and at home and we are all looking forward to a fresh start in September.

The new academic year will bring with it the inevitable staffing changes and we have recently accepted resignations from some members of staff.

Staff leavers
Mr Walker leaves us after five years of loyal service but has decided now is the time for a break from teaching in order to spend more time with his family. Wherever his future takes him, we wish him luck and success.
Miss Gill is leaving us in order to teach Year one in a bigger school nearer home. We wish her well as she faces new challenges and a new year group.

Mrs Prescott has been with us for nine years and remembers fondly the current Year 6s when they joined in reception in 2013. As her own daughters are getting a little older and less dependent, she is able to take on a more demanding role and is currently pursuing a new career in finance.

Miss Young has decided to return to education and starts a degree at Cardiff University this autumn reading Tourism Management.

Mr Green’s contract as an apprentice has come to a natural end after three years and he has plans to start his own sports coaching business.

We wish all departing staff the very best for the future and thank them for their valuable contribution to St. Mary’s.

**New members of staff**
We have recruited two new teachers that we are delighted to welcome to our family.

Mrs Dionne Tye worked with Mrs Wilson and the children in Class 2 throughout the spring term and made a fantastic impression due to her passion and love of teaching. Dionne is a warm and open individual who we are confident will fit into our team swiftly and effortlessly.

Miss Rachel Wells is joining us straight from Warwick University where she has recently completed her PGCE year following a degree in English Literature and
Politics. Rachel loves reading, current affairs, playing the guitar, live music and art.

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant starting in September 2020 on 27.5 hours per week (8.45 – 3pm each day) and a Wrap Around Care Assistant on 15 hours per week (3-6pm each day). For an application form please email admin3508@welearn365.com.

The class structure for 2020-2021 is:

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In the absence of Transition Day, we have organised Zoom Transition sessions for each class on Friday 10th July 2020 as follows:

- Class 1: 10.00
- Class 2: 11.00
- Class 3: 12.00
- Class 4: 1.00
- Class 5: 2.00

This will be an opportunity for each child to meet their new teacher, so full attendance is appreciated. This will replace their normal weekly class zoom session. A zoom link will be sent out w/c 6th July 2020.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff who have been working relentlessly, quietly, meticulously behind the scenes to ensure our pupils continue to receive a high quality education despite the challenging circumstances. I have not seen our staff work harder and be more dedicated to the children they teach than now, and they deserve great credit for all they have done over the past few months, what they are doing today and what they will do in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Greenway
Head teacher