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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the final straight of this summer term, I thought I would share with you some important news about the school.

Goodbye Mrs Tarelli and Miss Ingram:



We are very say to be saying goodbye to Mrs Tarelli and Miss Ingram at the end of this academic year. Mrs Tarelli, who joined the school back in 2003, has been instrumental in the success of our school, working in all three Key Stages over the past 16 years. Mrs Tarelli is a driven, organised and extremely dedicated teacher who has consistently developed inspiring relationships. She has a great rapport with her pupils and has demonstrated her commitment to providing the very best teaching and learning opportunities for the children in her class. The pastoral care that she has provided the children with in her time at the school is also second to none. Mrs Tarelli is an incredibly popular member of the team, amongst children, staff and parents alike, and she will be sorely missed.

Miss Ingram, who joined us back in 2016, has also been an incredibly dedicated member of our team over the past 4 years that she has been with us. During this time, Miss Ingram has worked in a both Nursery and Year 1. She has inspired the children with her creative teaching and positivity, which has been a huge contributory factor in helping the children to achieve so well in their Phonics tests this year. We wish her the very best of luck as she takes up her new role in a school in Stevenage.

On behalf of the staff, governors and pupils of the school, I would like to thank Mrs Tarelli and Miss Ingram for their dedicated service to Our Lady Catholic Primary School and we wish them both the very best of luck in the future.

Welcome Miss Powell:



Alongside our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Abrahams, I am also delighted to welcome Miss Laura Powell, who will be joining us as a Year 1 class teacher this September. Miss Powell, who has been working in our Year 3 class over the past few months, has proved herself to be an excellent teacher and one who is known to the children across the school. We are very much are looking forward to welcoming Miss Powell to our dynamic school team.

Recruitment of a Nursery Teacher:



The Governors of the school are in the process of recruiting a new teacher for our Nursery class and we expect this to be finalised by the end of the week. As you know, we have incredibly high standards at Our Lady and we are seeking the very best person to take on the role of our Nursery teacher and to join our dedicated team. I shall keep you informed accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

Farewell for now, Miss McDonald (and Congratulations!!!):



I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss McDonald, our current Reception class teacher, who is expecting her second child in the coming weeks. We wish Miss McDonald the very best of luck as she begins her maternity leave over the course of the summer holidays. We will look forward to hearing her exciting news as soon as it happens! In the meantime, we have appointed Mrs Wijetunge to join our Reception team throughout Miss McDonald's absence. Miss Wijetunge, who will be working alongside Mrs Ferrin, has worked at our school previously and strives to provide the very best for the children she teaches. We are looking forward to welcoming her to the school in September.



We would also like to express our most sincere gratitude to Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Gilfrin for teaching our Year 5 class throughout this academic year. Both teachers have worked hard to deliver a curriculum that has engaged, motivated and inspired the children and helped them to prepare for life in Year 6 next year! We still hope to see both Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Gilfrin in some capacity at Our Lady in the coming terms as our designated supply teachers, so we hope it's a case of farewell for now and see you again!

Staffing for 2019/20:

Please see below for a list of the teaching responsibilities for the next academic year. The children will have the opportunity of meeting their new class teachers in our Transition Morning, which is on Tuesday 16th July.

Class	Teaching Team
Nursery	Mrs Sweet (2 days) Mrs Staniforth
Reception	Mrs Ferrin (3 days), Mrs Wijetunge (2 days) Miss Bunnage
Year 1	Miss Powell Mrs Green
Year 2	Miss Pearce Miss Gorman
Year 3	Mrs Elliot Mrs O'Donnell
Year 4	Mrs Valentine Mrs M Hill
Year 5	Mrs Lee (3 days), Mr Abrahams, (2 days) Mrs V Hill
Year 6	Mrs Wilson Mrs Hobbs
Intervention Teacher	Ms Moore-Sheilds

Dates for the Diary:

Please see an updated list of key dates for the final two weeks below:

JULY 2019	
8th	First Holy Communion Mass for Year 3 children
9th	Full Governing Body Meeting (6.30pm)
10th & 11th	Parent-Teacher Consultations (N-Y5)
12th	Nursery Graduation (11am)
15 th & 16 th	End of Year Show (7pm)
16th	Transition Morning (children meet new teachers for next year)
18th	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in school (2pm)
18th	Year 6 Leavers' Party in school (7pm)
19th	END OF TERM (School closes at 1.30pm)

As you can see, we have a jam-packed final 2 weeks ahead of us – but there is so much to look forward to as we prepare to bring this academic year to a close.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Richard Curry

