

# St Lawrence's Catholic Primary School



18 July 2022

Dear parents,

As the end of term is upon us, I thought I would write to update you on what has been an extremely busy school year and set the scene for the next academic year which will begin for the children on Tuesday 6 September 2022.

**GOODBYES:** We bid a fond farewell to our Y6 children as they head into the brave new world of Secondary School. They have been a marvellous Year 6 in terms of the example they have set the other children in the school. I hope and pray that they settle quickly into their new school and continue to 'dream big and aim high.'

Miss Davidson will leave us this week after four excellent years of teaching in Year 5. She has done a wonderful job for us and for all of the children that she has taught. Miss Davidson is relocating to another part of the country where she has (unsurprisingly) quickly gained employment to continue her teaching career.

Also saying goodbye is Miss Charlton, who has been with us for five years. Miss Charlton has retrained and is changing careers entirely. She will be a miss to us and the teaching profession. We wish her very well and thank her for her service.

Mrs Martin will also leave our office team after three years. We also wish her well and thank her for her service at the front of house.

Lastly, Miss Ridley is also leaving us. Like Miss Charlton, she will be pursuing an alternate career. Miss Ridley has done some sterling work with the children in Key Stage 1 and we wish her very well for the future.

Mrs McLaughlin and Miss McHugh left us in June.

**SAYING HELLO:** We have appointed two new members of the teaching staff. We warmly welcome Miss Dobinson who will teach in Year 5 and Mr Scott who will teach alongside Mr Jeffrey in Year 6.

In addition, it is all change in the school office and we have now appointed Mrs Kwak and Mrs Gouldson to our office team. We will also welcome Mrs Cowell who will join the staff as a Teaching Assistant in Year 4.

We also will be welcoming Mr Stephenson back to teach our PE in all classes from September.

Mrs Hewson will also formally become a member of our staff having been hired to teach French.

**STAFFING STRUCTURE:** I will continue by role as Head Teacher of both St Lawrence's and St Joseph's next year at least until Easter. Miss Murray will continue as Head of School. We have reduced Miss Murray's teaching commitment this year and the staffing structure is as follows.



<u>CLASS</u>	<u>NO OF CHILDREN</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>
Y6	30	Mr Jeffrey and Mr Scott	None.
Y5	30	Miss Dobinson	Mrs Hamilton
Y4	30	Mr Moore	Mrs Cowell
Y3	30	Mrs Garforth	Mrs Rogerson
Y2	30	Mrs Hagon	Mrs Gray / Miss Bell
Y1	30	Mrs Woodley / Miss Bamber	Mrs Maughan / Miss McDonnell
RECEPTION	26	Mrs Bickle	Mrs Heide
NURSERY	20	Mrs B Russell	Mrs M Russell

Mrs O'Hara will continue to support our children with Special Educational Needs. We also have Mrs Warwick supporting learning across all classes in Key Stage 1 and Mrs Villalobos working in a similar role in Key Stage 2 where she will also head up our nurture group.

**FSM VOUCHERS:** Free School Meal vouchers for those children that qualify are again available over the summer. Please check your emails from the first week of the holidays.

**SCHOOL DAY CONSULTATION:** Thank you for your responses to the school day consultation. From September, the school day will begin at 8.45 and will end at 3.15 for some classes and 8.50 to 3.20 for others. We have retained staggered starts to help with traffic flow but have listened to parental feedback and have reduced this to five minutes. Breakfast Club will still run from 8.00am. From September, parents can bring and collect the children off the school yard. Please inform us exactly who is allowed to walk home or if there are any changes to who can collect the children via Class Dojo.

Class	Start time	End time	Class	Start time	End time
Nursery	8:45	3:15	Year 3	8:50	3:20
Reception	8:45	3:15	Year 4	8:50	3:20
Year 1	8:50	3:20	Year 5	8:45	3:15
Year 2	8:50	3:20	Year 6	8:45	3:15

**SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY:** Attached to class dojo is our renewed school uniform policy. We have tried to strike a balance of keeping the children smart and ensuring expenses for parents are kept to a minimum. The main changes are as follows:

- Children are not required to have the school badge of their uniform
- Shoes should be black and appropriate for school
- Joggers are no longer a part of our school uniform
- Jewellery should not be worn
- Children attend in PE clothes only on PE days
- Please note our link with Uniformd – a link to buy high quality second hand uniform at excellent prices.

**PARENT MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER:** From September, we will be inviting parents of all classes into the hall on set days from 9.00am. This will be to meet me and each class teacher and set out expectations for the school year. The meetings will be around 30 minutes with the children parents. I would greatly



encourage as many parents as possible to attend. They will help you to know what to expect and how you can support your child over the coming year. The dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 7 September - Y1 Parents
- Tuesday 13 September - Y2 Parents
- Wednesday 14 September - Y3 Parents
- Tuesday 20 September - Y4 Parents
- Wednesday 21 September - Y5 Parents
- Friday 23 September - Y6 Parents
- Wednesday 28 September – Nursery and Reception Parents

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. I look forward to seeing the children back and refreshed on our return date of Tuesday 6 September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P A Brown

Head Teacher

