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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you

Thank you for working in partnership with us over the past year. We are blessed to have such a supportive community of parents and carers - your goodwill, kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the staff and governors - their dedication and commitment is outstanding and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to lead such a wonderful team.

Finally, a massive thank you to the children. They have all been fantastic this year and it has been a pleasure watching them blossom.

Welcome

The end of the school year is always a time for hellos and goodbyes and we are filled with a whole range of emotions as this time approaches: sadness, pride, excitement and gratitude.

We are preparing to welcome our new Reception children and their families in September. We are looking forward to sharing their school journey with them and we wish them every happiness at our very special school. I am sure you will make them feel very welcome.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Gill (Executive Headteacher) and Miss Buscombe (Executive Deputy) to the St Paul's family. I know they are very much looking forward to working with you all and leading such a great school family.

Goodbye

Our wonderful Year 6 children will leave us at the end of this term - we are indebted to them and their families for everything they have given to the St Paul's school family. We wish them every happiness and success as they leave us for secondary school. Time to fly, Year 6 - be your amazing selves.

Sadly, we also say goodbye to Miss Hacon, Miss Prisk and Miss Webb. We are grateful to them for everything they have given and bid them farewell with our love and gratitude. Miss Barber will no longer be working as a TA at St. Paul's and I know her knowledge and skills will be deeply missed. She will not be leaving the St Paul's family though.

Class structure for next year

Year Group	Teacher	*SEN 1:1 Teaching Assistant	*Teaching Assistant
R	Mrs Drew Mrs Shaw Mrs Barnes		Miss Howe Miss Byrne Mrs Cheetham Mrs Reid
1	Miss Shepherd	Ms Yarnold Miss Castle Miss Gargett Miss Gregor	Mrs Smith
2/3	Mr Caves		
3/4	Miss Hill	Mrs Holloway	Miss Gregor
5	Mrs Griffiths Miss Hennessey		Mr Barrett
6	Miss Spiers	Mr Kampouris	Mr Barrett

Teaching Assistant/s Vacancy - More details will follow in September

* As of 21.7.23 (subject to change)

Farewell from me

St. Paul's will always have a special place in my heart and I will miss you all. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and the St. Paul's family look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Start time: 8.45am (the gates will be open at 8.35am)

End time: 3.15pm

Have a safe and great summer break.

Best wishes



Miss Sarah Rowe
Headteacher

'Let all that you do be done in love.'

A message from Finola Gill (Executive headteacher of St. Paul's and Holy Cross)

I hope you and your children enjoy a wonderful summer break and have the opportunity to spend some quality time together when the busyness of life, as a parent, makes it possible. Hopefully the sunshine and warm days will return for the holidays!

I have visited the school a number of times over the last half term and it is so lovely to be greeted by the children who are now getting to know me a little. St Paul's is a very special place and I am really excited to work with you all in September. I shall look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th September. Please come and say hello when you see me at the gate.

A message from Shona Bray (Chair of Governors)

2022-2023 has been a very busy year for the St Paul's Board of Governors. We welcomed two new Foundation governors - Mrs Helen Aspin and Mrs Gina Teague. We also gained two new parent governors - Mrs Aggy Plews and Mrs Katie Conn. Mrs Plews joined the governors for one term then had to step down due to work and family commitments, we are grateful for the time and support she gave the school. Mr Caves also joined us as a new staff governor this year. In addition, Miss Hill (staff governor), Ms Sharron Bates (Vice-Chairperson/parent governor) and Mrs Shona Bray (Chairperson/Foundation governor) continued to support the school through their work on the Board. Father Petroc and Father Appollos have also attended meetings.

The governors have supported the school in many ways this year. We have attended Masses and liturgies, First Holy Communion, the Christmas play, school trips, sports competitions, the half Marathon, Open days and other events. At every event we have been delighted and proud to see the children of St Paul's flourishing. We are also accountable to CAST for governance of the school and as such we have both supported and challenged Miss Rowe and the Senior Leadership Team.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students for their hard work this year. As end of year reports come out, parents and carers will be able to celebrate their children's success - sometimes this is measured in marks and sometimes in effort and the milestones your child has reached, however small or large they are. What is certain is that all of the St Paul's family - staff, parents, carers and governors - are very proud of our children and their achievements.

We are saying goodbye to several staff at the end of this year, including Miss Rowe. The governors would like to thank them for all their hard work, and in particular thank Miss Rowe for the enthusiasm and commitment she led the school with this year. We are sad to see her go but wish her and the other departing staff the very best for the future. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Gill and Miss Buscombe next year and working with them.

Almighty God, we thank You for all the blessings we have received this academic year. We thank You for the hard work of the staff and governors of St Paul's. May the Holy Spirit guide us to continue to do our best for the children of St Paul's School. Amen