



"My soul glorifies the Lord" Luke 1:46

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very positive start to the academic year. Just eight weeks in and we are already beginning to see the impact of changes and improved practice. Staff have embraced decisions and changes and their dedication to Saint Mary's is the driving force for improvement.

This week we have appointed two additional teaching assistants and this will hugely increase and enhance the staffing capacity and impact. We are also delighted that Miss Owen will take on a full time teaching role after half term, this again will have a significant impact on our staffing capacity.

As a result of these staffing additions, it is necessary to make alterations to the deployment of our teaching staff. Whilst it is not ideal making changes part way into a new academic year, I am confident that these changes will ensure positive outcomes and will be embraced by our children.

From 5th November 2024, Miss Owen will teach the Year 1 children on a full time basis. The Year 1 children are already very familiar with Miss Owen as she currently teaches them for 2 and a half days a week.

Mr Merrick and Mrs Burrow will share the responsibility of teaching the Year 3 class. Our Year 3 children already know both Mr Merrick and Miss Burrow very well and I am confident that they will quickly adapt to their new teachers.

Mrs Waters will teach the Year 4 class. Having been taught by Mrs Waters last year, I am confident that the Year 4 children will continue to thrive with her as their teacher.

I completely understand and empathise with parents concerns and reservations about the changes but I would ask that you have confidence and faith in the decisions that myself, senior leaders and the Chair of Governors have made.

Thank you for your support and commitment to Saint Mary's.

Kind regards,

Martine Gum
Executive Headteacher