

ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxed and happy half term break!

As we start this final leg of our school year, I have some news to share in regards to teaching staff for the coming academic year.

It is with tremendous regret I have to tell you that Miss Lippitt will be leaving at the end of the school year. Miss Lippitt has recently relocated to Oldham and as a result has secured a job in a school there from September. Miss Lippitt has been a huge asset to our school, both as a class teacher in both Nursery and Year 3 and also as part of our school family in general and she will be truly missed. I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best of luck, not only in her new position, but also in her new start in Oldham. I am sure she will come back and visit as a very valued member of the EM family!

My other news is told with great joy! I am delighted to announce the English Martyrs' family is going to expand once more! Mrs Savery is pregnant with Baby Savery due in early December. This is fantastic news and I know you will join me in offering huge congratulations to Mrs, and Mr, Savery and we all look forward to welcoming the new addition to the extended EM family at the end of the year! What a terrific Christmas present!

So the questions you are all asking will no doubt be 'Who will be teaching my child?' Mr Bridge, Mr Gillespie (our Chair of Governors) and I are in the process of appointing 2 new temporary members of staff to teach in Year 3 and also in Year 4. The new member of staff covering Mrs Savery's Maternity Leave will take up their role from September. The decision has been made by Governors to have the new teacher in place from the start of the year to ease transition, so there is a smooth and thorough handover and to cause the least disruption to the class and learning and well-being of your children. Mrs Savery will still be in school until around half term, but will be supporting groups of children in reading, writing and Maths, both from the Year 4 class and other classes, helping whole school improvement, a role we are lucky to be able to support.

I will, as always, keep you informed when we have appointed staff and you will get the opportunity to meet them on our Transition Day on Monday 1st July.

Many thanks for your continued support and please feel free to get in touch if you have any concerns or queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Howarth
Headteacher