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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this finds you all well.

I am writing to you today with a heavy and sad heart. At the end of this term and school year, we will not only be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children and some of our Nursery children, but also some staff too. A few, who believe it or not are retiring (although I am sure you will agree, they do not look old enough!)

After 37 years of keeping our school clean and tidy and making lunchtimes fun for the children, Mrs Sumner is hanging up her duster and polish and will be retiring. Mrs Sumner, Sue has done so many different roles within school, however, whether it is coming to the rescue when there is a blocked loo or helping out on school trips and playing on the playground with the children, she will always do it with a smile and laughter!

Also retiring is Mrs Gardner. Mrs Gardner first started in the EM family as a parent helper before being employed as a Teaching Assistant, 22 years ago. In more recent years, Mrs G has been the head honcho in our school office, ensuring orders are made, and paid for and being the welcoming face to many!

Mrs Heyes, our go to person in all cases of medical emergencies, whether for a child or one of the adults, is retiring as well. She has been one of the EM family for the last 14 years and has been a member of Support Staff in many different classes, more recently in Year 6, helping prepare the children for their SATs, secondary school and not to mention having a ball on the residential trips!

Mrs English has been working in Nursery as a member of Support Staff for 13 years, being one of the first members of staff in the English Martyrs' family our children work with. Mrs English initially worked as a member of Support Staff helping children who have English as an Additional Language.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking all these marvellous ladies for their hard work, dedication, care, love and nurture over the years for all our children, families and staff, and wish them adventure, memories, fun and happiness in the years ahead as they all enjoy a very happy retirement!





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In addition to retirements, we also say goodbye to Miss Andrews. Miss Andrews started in the EM family 7 years ago as our new Reception Class Teacher, working in the Rainbow Pod throughout both Lockdowns, before supporting children with gaps in learning as a result of Lockdowns and in the last year has returned to teaching Year 1. Miss Andrews is moving to pastures new as a student at UCLan! In September, she will be starting a Masters in Science Degree in Speech and Language Therapy. I know, like me, you will all wish Miss Andrews all the very best as she follows a lifelong dream of hers in becoming a Speech and Language Therapist!

Mr Davies, who you will already know as the long term supply teacher in Year 3, has been appointed as the new Year 1 Teacher and will take up the post in September.

We are currently advertising for a School Business and Office Manager and will keep you updated.

We are also going to be advertising for a cleaner in school, so if you are interested, please contact the office.

We will of course be having a thanksgiving Mass for all those leaving, this is tentatively planned for the last day of term, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025, but we will confirm in the coming weeks. Any other questions, please do get in touch.

Many thanks for your continual support.

Kind regards,

Annalisa Howarth  
Headteacher

