



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start term 6 school life the children are enjoying the range of activities from 'Going on Bear a Hunt' in Reception to models made out of plastic bottles in St Francis Class. It is so lovely to see the class bubbles operating so well and the learning in the school thriving!

Some of you may be aware that Mr Steve Paginton has been planning his retirement for a few years and his planned retirement date was December 2021, however Mr Paginton feels that the children he supports will be starting a new class and teacher in September and he would like to reduce the amount of disruption once they have settled. It is with this in mind that he has decided to bring his retirement forward to the end of term 6. Steve has fully supported the school over the years and continues to do so. He has stated that he is very happy in his role and would like to come back and support the school with trips, events and whenever we need a spare pair of hands...thank you Steve.

Over the years Steve has brought a great deal of support to the school. He has worked as a 1:1 support assistant to children as well as supporting a wide range of children. The children are fond of him and always look forward to his support. Not only does he work supporting the children but he has also supported the range of staff in the school. He has helped on trips and many creative experiences. Steve is also a co-owner of the K and S Club which is in full swing in school again, providing our school and other schools with wrap around care to the local community.

Additionally Steve has been waiting for news of an operation that he has recently found out is needed and on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> he received a call from his doctor informing him he had a date which will take place in 2 weeks. The unforeseen additional news was that he needed to isolate from Friday (11<sup>th</sup>).

Understandably this was a shock for Steve and of course all of us. Steve will also have a period of 4 weeks recuperation after his operation. We are keeping our fingers crossed that he is able to return to school for the last day of term so we can give him a lovely farewell for his retirement. If this does not happen we will work out another way of celebrating this.

We will be keeping in touch with Steve over TEAMS and the phone throughout this period.

We wish Steve 'Good luck' and all the very best in his future endeavors and we are blessed that he will remain a part of our community and we will continue to see him around school.

We will also have an advert out for a 1:1 TA. If you know anyone who is interested please encourage them to look on our school website or phone the office for further details.

Many thanks for all your continued cooperation and support.

Warm regards and God bless  
Mrs Sue Woods  
Headteacher