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## **Newsletter: 12th December 2014**

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## **Headteacher News**

## **Very Important Information**

Dear Parents,

Today I have informed all of the children that I will be leaving St. John's. Last week I was offered the post of Headteacher at a new Church of England school being built in the North East.

I have been Headteacher at St. John's for a full 14 years and I am extremely proud of the school's transformation during this time.

In 2007 we delivered a superb new building, which we continue to be extremely proud of. In 2008 we achieved an 'Outstanding' Ofsted grade and in 2009 we were recognised as one of the top 100 most improved schools in the country.

Our 'value added' performance has often been within the top 1% or 2% of all schools. This illustrates just how much progress children make at St John's. In 2013 we achieved our highest ever KS1 results and in 2014 our highest ever KS2 and Reception results.

I would like to thank the outstanding staff teams that have delivered these outcomes; their commitment and determination to provide the very best for every child, and deliver continual school improvement has been unwavering.

The children at St. John's are wonderful and I shall miss them very much! I have told them all to continue to enjoy their time at school, work hard and be proud of their achievements!

Finally, thank you to all parents who have continued to support the school throughout this time. I hope that I will be able to speak to as many of you as possible during the last week.

I will officially leave at the end of this term, but I will be at St. John's in January to complete a number of tasks.

Further information regarding School Leadership and other arrangements will be provided early next week.

Best wishes.

**Andrew Farnell**