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Headteacher News

Very Important Information for Parents

Dear Parents,

Following on from the announcement on Friday that I will be leaving St. John's, I am able to provide you with further information.

Revd. Tomlinson, as Chair of Governors, has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure continuity in school leadership for January. This involves speaking with the Diocese of Durham and Durham County Council.

On his behalf I am very pleased to announce that, following these discussions, Mrs. Johnston will be Acting Headteacher and both Mr. Kay and Mrs. Pallister will be Acting Deputy Headteachers. All three have worked together within the Leadership Team for many years and together they have over 45 years combined experience at St. John's.

Mrs. Johnston was appointed Deputy Head in 2006 and she has achieved The National Professional Qualification for Headship. Mr. Kay and Mrs. Pallister were promoted to Assistant Headteachers in 2012 following continued leadership work across school and consistently high quality teaching.

Many of you who have, or have had, children in Key Stage 2 classes will be very familiar with all three members of the team. You may not know that they also have very specific roles and areas of responsibility across the whole school. As a result they already know about the children and the teaching in all areas.

Mrs. Pallister: Early Years (Nursery and Reception)
Mrs. Johnston: Key Stage One (Year One and Year Two)
Mr. Kay: Key Stage Two (Year Three to Year Six)

During the week, they will all have time when they are available to speak to parents about any issues that may arise. Any member of the Office Staff will take a message and the most appropriate person will get back to you.

They are all looking forward to the new term starting in January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Andrew Farnell