



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th July 2019

This week, we have been...

Saying fond farewells! In assembly this morning, we said goodbye to Mr Pope, Miss McLean and Mrs Peel, who have been working in our school this year. They have fitted beautifully into the St Mary's family, and we are so grateful for everything they have contributed. We wish them all the very best for the future and send them on their way with lots of love.

We also said goodbye to Mr Guttridge, whose guidance and jokes have seen us through the last two terms! We all really enjoyed having him at St Mary's and are very thankful that he chose to join us.

Mr Davies' wife had their baby earlier this week so he wasn't able to come and say goodbye, but sent this message: *'So sorry that I can't be there to say goodbye in person. St Mary's means so much to me - I have grown in my 4 years here and take many beautiful memories with me. My prayer is that as we all begin our new adventures, we look forward to the coming changes with excitement.'*

We also said goodbye to our very own Florence Nightingale, Mrs Kennedy. She says, *'Dear children and parents. I have sadness in my heart in saying goodbye but joyfulness as well. Working with such wonderful staff and children for the past 20 years in a fantastic school means that I will hold St Mary's in my heart for years to come. I don't like goodbyes, so I will say see you later. With love to you all, Mrs Kennedy.'*

Mrs Leith also has a message for everyone: *"To all the children and families at St Mary's- I have really loved working here with you all. It has been a privilege to have worked with so many of you over the past years. I started in January 2001 and it has been by far the most interesting and valuable job in my whole working life of 40 years. I have loved my small group work, the School Council and Green teams, the Bike Training and Gardening Clubs, the lunchtime Reading and Maths helpers, the Coffee*

Mornings with parents, and of course, the Lebanese food at the International day events!!

You, the children are amazing! I have been lucky to have worked with you all. My nearly 19 years at St Mary's has been such a happy and enriching time. Thank you all- I will miss everyone very much. With love from Mrs Sheelagh Leith'

It is also Miss Glover's last day here and she says, *'To the whole community of St Mary's, I wish you every best wish for the future. I look forward to hearing news of you, and will be sure to keep in touch. Alison Glover.'*

We also wish Miss Bell every success for her secondment to St Gabriel's as Assistant Headteacher. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you soon!

Sports Day

KS1 and KS2 had their Sports Day on Tuesday. It was a fantastic day, with plenty of examples of great sportsmanship, resilience and teamwork. Well done to everyone who competed, and a special well done to the Blue and Red teams who drew for first place with 51 points each!

Building work

There are various building projects taking place over the holidays: the mushroom area is having a much-needed makeover, green screens are being fitted at the front of the school and the air filters are finally being installed inside.

I would like to finish by saying what an honour it has been to work at St Mary's for so long, and to end my time here as your Head of School has been truly amazing. I don't have the words to express how wonderful St Mary's is and how much I will miss you all, so I will borrow the wisdom of Winnie the Pooh: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

God bless you all. Have a wonderful summer and come back in September with adventures to share.

Libby Granite, over and out

