

St Mary's News



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Staffing

Dear parents,

This is a rather unusual newsletter this week. I am writing today to let you all know that I am retiring at the end of this school year after twelve years as St Mary's headteacher.

This is not a sudden decision, but something which has been planned for some time now.

St Mary's is an amazing school and I know the governors will have your full confidence in appointing a new headteacher. The governing body has terrific people on it and I am very confident that they will appoint someone who will both keep all of the things that make our school special and also move us forward for the benefit of the pupils and families we serve. Len Clark, the Chair of Governors, has been associated

with St Mary's for many years. He was involved in appointing me twelve years ago and also worked with the headteacher before that, so St Mary's is close to his heart and he has a tremendous amount of experience and wisdom.

The post will be advertised in the next few weeks and I will do my best to keep you updated with this.

In the meantime, I am still the headteacher for the present and I'm looking forward to what will be a busy and exciting few months at St Mary's.

Change is always disturbing, but the school is in good hands and I am sure that, to quote Julian of Norwich, "All shall be well."

Technology Things

We are having a lot of trouble with our school

network at the moment and have had engineers on site almost continuously since last Wednesday trying to breathe some life back into it. The main consequence for this newsletter is that we have no access to our school diary and so we cannot alert you to anything that is happening this week as we usually would, or email this newsletter to all of those parents who have supplied us with an email address - although we do have a smaller, secondary distribution list. Please be patient with us as we try to get back to normal.

School Dates

- Wednesday and Thursday, 13th and 14th February: Parent and Teacher meetings.
- Thursday, 14th February: Church Service at 9.30.
- Friday, 15th February: Last day of Term 3 - please collect children from classes at 1.15 - Valentine's Tea Party and Non-Uniform day.
- Monday: 25th February: First

Check out our website - lots of information



Peter Hadfield