



*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Dear parents/ carers

Happy New Year and welcome back after what felt like a very long Christmas break. I hope you were all able to find some time to relax; enjoy the Christmas break and find some time together as a family.

As you will know, I have been asked by the St Ralph Sherwin Trust to take a more hands on role within the school following Mrs Chadbourne's departure alongside my other responsibilities at my other school and in the Trust. I will usually be at St Joseph's on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – and often on a Friday as well. I am available on Dojo and I'm looking forward to getting to know all of your children better – and yourselves over the coming terms.

### **Key Dates:**

We will look to make sure that you have all the key dates as soon as possible for the term ahead including parents evening which we really hope may be able to be face to face rather than online or over the telephone – and we will also aim to get a downloadable calendar onto the school website so school events can be added to your mobile phone. Current dates for the term ahead:

w/c 24/1/22 – Bikeability (year 6)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – INSET DAY (school closed for children)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Children back to school

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term

(Please note we do still have 1 more INSET Day to set which we will communicate to you as soon as we can)



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### **Staffing:**

You will have noticed that Mrs Walsh is still with us for some of the week in Year 1/2. Our new teacher for Year 1/2 – Miss Coxhead – will be starting after half term. The other days in Year 1/2 will be taught by Mrs Vardy. We hope Miss Coxhead will be able to come to visit soon so she gets to know the class and school even better before she starts.

### **COVID:**

As we move as a country back to 'Plan A', please do continue to look out for symptoms in your children and get tests if they do have symptoms. As a school, we have been very lucky so far. Hopefully this will remain the case. We are grateful for your continued support in keeping the children and staff safe.

### **Dates 2022/23:**

The school term dates for 2022/23 will be in line with Derbyshire County Council's dates and these are attached alongside this letter. September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be INSET days. Please bear in mind that children will start back to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September when booking any holidays. Other INSET days will be set later in this school year and we will communicate these when we know them.

As ever, if there is anything you need either drop me an email, send me a Dojo or catch me before/after school – I will try to get outside at the start of the day more often as the term settles down.

God bless

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