



Farewell Miss Teague

Sadly for us, and with mixed emotions for her, Miss Teague will be leaving St Joseph's at the end of this term. She has a very exciting opportunity to live and work in Australia which, if she does not take now she feels she would live to regret. She wrote a lovely letter saying how grateful she is to the staff and children of St Joseph's for making the first three years of her teaching career so enriching and enjoyable. In turn, as a school, we will always be grateful to her for her part in our journey of improvement over the last three years. More importantly we appreciate how much she has given to make a difference to the lives of the children in her classes over that time.

Class Teachers for next year

When we interviewed for new teachers earlier in the year we actually had three applicants who we felt were very strong. We would have been happy to appoint all three if a vacancy was to arise. With Miss Teague's departure that vacancy has arisen and thankfully that third teacher, Mr Langley, accepted our offer to join us. At some stage in the first half of the year we expect Mrs Yuill to rejoin us but only on a part-time basis. For the first time ever at St Joseph's we will have no mixed-age classes. All of the year groups up to year 5 will have 30 children, leaving our last small intake of 17 in year 6.

Year Group	Teacher
Foundation	Mrs Watts
1	Mrs Yuill & Mr Dyson
2	Mrs Knowles
3	Mr Langley
4	Miss Lucas
5	Miss Elder
6	Mrs Spry

General Election

St Joseph's is NOT being used as a polling station and so will be open as normal on Thursday 8th.

Today the children were given some brief input into the political parties and what they are proposing to do if elected. On Thursday we will hold our own internal ballot where all of the children will be given the opportunity to vote for the party they would like to be elected. Please do talk to your children and share your opinion and the positive and negative feelings you have about each of the parties. We should win the race to be the first constituency to announce their results as we will post the outcome on our website by the end of school on Thursday. Last year the majority of children voted to remain in the EU, I wonder how they will compare to the national figures this time.

Class Photos

On Friday morning Tempest Photographers will visit the school to take class photos. Traditionally we take a group photo of the First Holy Communion group so if those boys would like to bring in their suits and ties they can have a separate photo in those clothes as well as the class photo in their school uniform. The photos will be in the more casual style that we have used in the last few years. Sometimes the photographer asks for no shoes in these photos so washed feet and clean socks would make the experience more pleasant for everybody, especially on a Friday!