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Dear Parents / Carers

Are we really near to the end of the Academic year? This summer term will certainly be one that stays with us all for a long time!

For those of you with Year 6 children moving on, I am sure the end of term will bring mixed emotions of fond reflections and memories, pride – that your children are a credit to us all and that they are well prepared for the next phase in their learning journey and a sprinkling of worry, that we as adults often feel during times of change (usually far more than the children do!)

Although their transition to High school has not happened in the normal way, we are working hard to ensure they still enjoy some of the usual Y6 traditions. They have worn their leavers 'hoodies' with pride (even when it is really warm!), left their legacy by pitching for next year charities, created a virtual leavers assembly that will be treasured forever and still had fun with their friends. We will ensure their last week in school is one they will remember – thinking about the friends and teachers that have influenced them during their time at St Luke's.

Our new to reception children joined us on the field for their transition. We were amazed at their 'school readiness' and are pleased that they will be part of our St Luke's family in September.

Our current reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will meet their new teacher next week – a message will be sent via the homelearning emails and they will be asked to complete their transition activities during the final week. These activities will focus on their wishes and worries for the new academic year. We hope to explore and manage their feelings so that they feel confident and ready to return to us.

Now for a few staffing updates;

As some of you will know, Mrs Hill will begin her maternity leave in September. We wish her well (enjoy this precious time) and we look forward to hearing all her news in the autumn term.

Miss Archbold has been successful in securing a new teaching post to begin in September. We are really sad that she is moving on, but thrilled for her as she starts this next phase in her career. We wish her lots of success and happiness.

Mrs Eardley, who has supported the children of St Luke's for the past five years in many different roles, will be starting a new and exciting adventure in September. She has successfully secured a place at the University of Derby. We would like to congratulate her on this great accomplishment and hope to hear of her future achievements.

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We would also like to wish Mrs Woodward happiness for the future. Mrs Woodward has been involved with St Luke's for over 18 years, both as a teacher and a parent however for the past 7 years she has been a much respected and integral part of our team, teaching so many children with care and dedication. Mrs Woodward will be spending more time with her own family, indulging in some classic literature and evaluating what will be next in the next chapter of her life. For this we are excited for her and I am sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Woodward for all her work at St Luke's and wishing her the very best of luck.

We are delighted to have appointed two very strong teachers with the potential to contribute significantly to the life of our school going forward. We therefore welcome Mr Mason and Mrs Ferneyhough to our team. In order to best meet the needs of all of our children in school and to accommodate the skills and experiences of our new team members the staffing arrangements for 2020-21 are as follows.

Headteacher	Mrs N.Danylyk
Deputy Headteacher/KS1 Lead	Mrs Elkin
Senior Leader/KS2 Lead	Mr Mason
SENCO	Mrs Deavall
Operational Office Manager	Mrs Elliott
Admin officer	Mrs Johnson
Attendance/Admissions officer	Mrs Tatton
Reception	Miss Lingard & Miss Gibson
Year 1	Mrs Ferneyhough, Mrs Bousted & Miss Schonau
Year 2	Mrs Elkin, Miss Morris, Miss Hambleton & Mrs Holland
Year 3	Miss Harrison & Mrs Dawes
Year 4	Miss Micklewright & Miss Gibson
Year 5	Mr Mason, Mrs Caulfield & Mr Stokes
Year 6	Mrs Deavall & Mrs Snow

This is an exciting and dynamic team, which will deliver the love, care and attention your children need. Thank you for you on-going support as we look forward to the new academic year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Elkin & Mrs Danylyk