



Hanley St Luke's C of E Aided Primary School

Learning, Laughing, Loving at Family St Luke's

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Dear Parents,

You are no doubt aware from news headlines nationally and locally, that schools are facing real financial pressure and may have wondered how this impacts on our school.

I have already shared in the newsletter a hint that we need to look to make savings where we can, when I explained about bringing our Awards Evening in house to save the cost of the hire of the Victoria Hall but that really is just a drop in the ocean. However, forward planning, careful use of funds and restructuring of our staffing during this year, has meant that we have been able to move forward successfully and also safeguard our financial future. As we actually have the equivalent of approximately 1.5 teachers more than classes currently, we knew that should any staff member seek to further their careers in the near future, that we would not need to replace them to remain stable and successful and this would in fact prevent a redundancy situation which is very unsettling for all concerned.

I am therefore delighted to share with you the very recent success of two of our teachers, Mr Cordon and Mrs Ruscoe, who have both secured the next step to advance their careers and as such will be leaving us in September for other schools. We will say our official goodbyes nearer to the time, but I am sure you would wish to join me in congratulating them on their success.

Mr Killeen, our newly appointed Deputy Head, is currently not responsible for a class base as he settles into the school and undertakes considerable management responsibilities to support me in moving our school forward at pace. However, he will be taking on board more teaching responsibilities across the school in the final half term and will have his own class from September. There are a number of considerations to take into account for staff development and working hours for next year but we won't be too far off finalising this at the beginning of next half term and we'll let you and the children know their classes just as soon as we can.

I feel our school is in a strong place to move forward successfully together for the future even though we are in unprecedented times of uncertainty and financial pressure in our country and education system. We have a strong and committed team, amazing children and supportive parents and have much to celebrate as a result.

Finally, if you are fortunate enough not to have to work next week, I wish you a safe and happy holiday but whatever your circumstances, I pray you and your children will find times of rest and relaxation at some point.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Williamson
Headteacher

