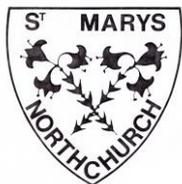


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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that I shall be retiring from my post as Headteacher of St. Mary's CE Primary School at the end of December 2019. This has come after many weeks of serious thought and reflection. Please be assured that I have not taken this decision lightly and it has been a difficult one to make. This wonderful school and all it stands for will have been central to my life for five years. However, I am now looking forward to retirement and being able to spend more time with my family.

It has been a privilege to have been Headteacher here and I will leave with so many fond memories. I would like to thank the Governors for putting their faith and trust in me on my appointment and I have been grateful for the journey we have had together. We have focused on ensuring that the school made a successful transition from being a First to a full Primary School, providing a happy and caring learning environment where all children make the best progress possible. I understand that some parents and carers may have anxieties about the future, but I have every confidence that our Governing Board will appoint an excellent replacement as Headteacher of St. Mary's. I know that they will keep you fully informed throughout the process.

I have been very proud to lead such an incredible team of hardworking teachers and staff who are so committed and passionate in ensuring the ethos of St. Mary's is at the heart of all they do. They are an amazing team who work tirelessly for your children. I thank them wholeheartedly and I will miss them all, both as professionals and friends.

St. Mary's is a very special school and I will greatly miss your lovely children. It has been a tremendous privilege to see the children of St. Mary's growing and developing into such confident and happy learners. I wish every child happiness and success in their future. I would especially like to thank you, the phenomenal parents and carers, for the support you have provided to me throughout my time here. I would like to give a special mention to those parents who work tirelessly for the School Association, organising fundraising events and I thank you for this. It has always been so appreciated. I have thoroughly enjoyed working as part of this dynamic school community.

'Shining ever brighter...' Proverbs 4:18



Thank you all once again for your friendship and support to me and my entire team throughout my time at St. Mary's. I know the school will continue to thrive and flourish in the coming years and I wish everyone in this fantastic community well.

With very best wishes

Vanessa Hunt