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An End of Year Message from Mrs Collier

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

Wow, this year has passed us by in the blink of an eye! And what a year it has been. The first thing that I would like to continue reiterating is:



- Thank you for your wonderful children
- Thank you for your constant support
- Thank you for always working with us in partnership. The children are always our priority.

As we approach the end of the year, we reflect on all the achievements made and the wonderful memories created during 2021 – 2022. This has been another incredibly unique year where we have all seen lots of change over the course of the year, but behind every decision has been the wellbeing of our children. We are seeing the impact that Covid has had upon all of us and we are trying to bring 'normal' life back to the school.

We thank all of you who have supported the school and ask for God's blessings as the academic year draws to a close. There were tears of joy and sadness yesterday during our Leavers' Assembly - well done Year Six. It was wonderful to get you all together, one last time – great memories, great fun and great progress! We close the door today on an amazing year and we look forward to seeing most of you on Tuesday 6th September 2022!

Year Six; today is the end of an era as we say goodbye to you and we all wish you the very best for your future. Each one of you leaves an imprint on St Mary's and we hope you will take a piece of St Mary's with you. We will be saying goodbye to a number of families who have now seen their last child go through St Mary (or for the time being).

Today is also a day where we say goodbye to two wonderful women: Mrs Hall and Mrs Reeves.



Mrs Hall has been a phenomenal asset to our school and we are all sorry to see her go. She will make an outstanding teacher someday and any child who has or has had the pleasure of Mrs Hall teaching them will know the difference that she makes. We all wish you the very, very best of wishes as you begin a new chapter of your life, with your beautiful family, up North.

Mrs Reeves – well what can I say about the heart of St Mary's! Mrs Reeves has made such a huge impact on a number of children's lives. She has seen children becoming parents and sending their children here! We will all miss her presence, her smile and the joy she brings so very much, but we know that she will be looking forward to the next chapter of her life and that is what is important. Covid has shown us all that we need to grasp life with both hands and enjoy every single moment of it.

I am so happy to have moved to this wonderful school and I thank God for sending me on this path everyday. Teaching is such a privilege and a vocation that I am so thankful for every day (even on the really hard days). The children bring such joy to our lives.

I have a fantastic team surrounding me and I would like to give special thanks to the support team. They do such an amazing job and always go above and beyond for every child. We don't celebrate them enough. The amazing team we have consists of: Mrs Crowley, Mrs Hilditch, Mrs Toon and Mrs Lyons. We also welcome to our team Miss King, who will be starting with us in September.

More thanks must go to our Site team, especially Miss Ireland, Mrs Hearnden and Mrs Burdett – not only do they keep our school sparkly clean but they do this with a spring in their step and always having time to talk to the children. We have wonderful people in our school that give their time freely to help our children. Our volunteers do a sterling job and we thank Mrs Medley and Mrs O'Leary for all that they do.

My last message of thanks (this is beginning to sound like an Oscars' speech) goes to all of the governing body, Mrs Whiting (our Business Manager) and Mrs Worrall – they hold me, rightly so, to account and support me more than they realise. There is always a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that goes unnoticed, and these are the people that make this happen.

Lastly, I wish you all a wonderful summer, where new memories are made. Stay safe, enjoy spending time with each other and before you know it we will all be back together again in September.

God Bless



Maureen Collier
Headteacher

