



**ST KATHARINE'S CofE (VC)  
SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER NO. 19  
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**Dear Parent,**

At last the end of term is here and the end of a very busy year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at St Katharine's and am looking forward to many more!

We welcome Jo Doyle as a new member of our teaching staff. Mrs Doyle will be our 'Every Child Counts' teacher (a government initiative to boost maths), teaching small groups on a part time basis.

We are waving goodbye to Mrs Karen Austin. She is moving on to another school which is nearer to her home. She has been a valuable member of staff over the past year. The school will miss her commitment, enthusiasm and of course her good teaching skills. We wish her well in her new school.

Last but not least we also say goodbye to our Year 6 children.

They are Jessica Wilmott, Piers Reed, Lauren Adams, Felix Allinson, Kieran Short, Kaylum Spreadbury, Riley Booth, Jack Teagle, Jessie Hibberd and Harry Wise. We wish you all the very best as you begin your journey to Secondary School. We will miss you!

I hope you all have a good, relaxing summer break and I look forward to welcoming you and our new children back on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Yours sincerely,  
Sharon Cross  
Headteacher**

**Arrangements for September**

In September I will be teaching in Sycamore Class for two days a week. My teaching days will be Monday and Tuesday of each week. I will be available first thing in the morning and after school, should you need to see me.

**School arrangements due to building work**

As you are aware the building work will begin during the holiday on the new extension. The builders will be on site from July 25<sup>th</sup> and hope to finish by October 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a fence put up around the building work for health and safety

purposes which mean the front door will be out of use. The temporary front door to the school will be the fire exit door near Oak Class. The children and visitors will enter and exit from this door. A door bell will be fitted during the holiday so we should hear visitors arriving at the school, but it will take a few minutes for us to walk from the office to this door, so please be patient. The admin office, Headteacher's office and front foyer will still be in use and accessible through the door in the hall. We have decided that to make life easier for everyone the children will come into school in the mornings on arrival, put their belongings in the appropriate places and go to their classrooms, and not back out onto the playground. This is to alleviate congestion on the playground first thing in the morning, as we will have less playground due to the building work.

We would ask that all children come to school with rain coats and wellington boots. We do intend to use the playing field as much as we can during playtimes as we will have less playground for the children to play on.

#### **Classrooms change around**

You have probably noticed or been told by the children that Hazel and Oak have swapped classrooms. In past years they

have also swapped names when this has happened. We have decided not to swap class names as it would be too confusing for our new Reception children. Just to clarify for you: Hazel Class (Reception & Year 1 children) is now where Oak Class used to be and Oak Class (Year 2 & Year 3 children) is now where Hazel Class used to be. The reasoning behind this is that there will be 29 children in Oak Class in September and they need the space. Sycamore Class is staying where it is with Years 4/5 and 6 children.

#### **Celebration Assembly**

From September Celebration Assembly will be held on a Thursday afternoons, as we are introducing Golden Time for the children which will take place every Friday Afternoon.

#### **Reverend Rodney Harrison**

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Reverend Harrison. He is retiring this summer and moving on to pastures new. He has had a fond affection with the school and he will be greatly missed. On behalf of St Katharine's School I would like to thank Reverend Harrison for all his hard work and enthusiasm and wish him all the very best in his retirement.