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Dear Parents and Carers,

After Christmas there will be some unavoidable staffing changes.

Mrs Capewell will be going on maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best. Miss Rigby will be teaching our Year 5 Alder class from January. She has already started with school whilst Mrs Capewell is still here to ensure a smooth transition.

Miss Owens is leaving us, after nearly seven years, to become a consultant with RWInc. She will be working with other schools to help them teach phonics using RWInc. I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Owens for all the work she has done in Reception and in setting up RWInc as our phonics/early reading scheme. The school will miss her but we know this is a fantastic opportunity for her. Miss Maddock will be teaching our Reception class after Christmas. Miss Stott will be teaching our Year 2 Cherry class. Miss Stott has been into school to teach Cherry class and KS1 children over the last few weeks to ensure a smooth transition. Obviously Miss Maddock will still be around to support her.

Mrs Staffa is also leaving us at Christmas to retire after working in St Silas for around twenty years. Again I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Staffa for all the work she has done working with our children, supporting their learning. The school will miss her and we wish her the very best in her retirement.

Regards

Michele Battersby

