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Dear Parents/Carers



St Joseph's continues to go from strength to strength, taking each challenge as it comes. The Golden Certificate assemblies at the end of last half term were a reminder to me of what St Joseph's is all about. Along with growth, comes change and it is with sadness that I share with you the news that Mrs McDonagh will be retiring at the end of this year. Below is a note from her:

'Being a teacher and SENCo at St Joseph's has brought me great pleasure; being able to fill the minds of your young ones and inspire them to achieve their best has been an absolute joy. However, as the saying goes, 'all good things must come to an end', it is the same for my time at St Joseph's to come to an end.

St Joseph's has been such an important part of my life and I will miss the children dearly. I wish you and your families all the best and know that your love and support will go with me on this new chapter of my life.'

Mrs McDonagh will be greatly missed; she has shown commitment and dedication to the families here at St Joseph's and for that we owe her huge thanks. Her SENDCo role will be filled by Mrs Pedley who many of you have already been in contact with. This transition has been carefully planned and built into this year; Mrs McDonagh and Mrs Pedley have had time each week to work together to ensure effective hand over of information and procedures.

Whilst there will be changes in the way Mrs Pedley leads SEN; new people bring new ideas, there will not be a reduction in the quality of provision. Mrs McDonagh and Mrs Pedley will be communicating with all SEN parents this half term and arranging transition meetings for their children.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs McDonagh well and praying for her as leaves St Joseph's behind to explore pastures new.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury

Headteacher

