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19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final letter of the school year that has been exciting, hard work and successful in equal measure for all involved in our school. This letter includes details about annual reports. An update on the joint working between ourselves and Wroxton School from our Local Governing Board and the teaching arrangements for your child for the next year. Please read it carefully and if you have any questions, please take initially to your class teacher, who will be able to help or send in the direction of someone who can.

### **Annual School Reports**

Today you will receive your child's annual report. This year our Trust, ODST, have introduced a new data management package and this includes the writing, collation and distribution of these reports electronically. Later today you will receive another email and embedded in it will be a link to your child's personal report and, where appropriate, their end of year Statutory results. Follow the link and you will be able to download and read your child's report. Throughout the process so far, this new package has been really easy to use, and we trust it will be at your end too. However, should you have any issues, please let us know, preferably by email to the school office or the class teacher and we will investigate and rectify the issue as soon as we can. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report with their current teacher, please email them to make an appointment, either face to face or by telephone for Monday or Tuesday next week.

### **Joint working with Wroxton – a message from the Local Governing Board**

Throughout this year the joint working with Wroxton school, under the Executive Leadership team, has developed and the teams at both schools have become good friends and colleagues. Teachers are now sharing the planning of the curriculum together, professional expertise and skills and offering joint opportunities such as sports events, residential trips and educational visits together for all our children. ODST have supported Mrs Woods and the leadership team in this work and are clear that this relationship is ongoing and permanent.

The mutual support between the school teams will be further developed in the coming year as the administrative teams join together across both schools and as teachers and support staff are deployed in the positions and roles best suited to their skills and the school's respective needs. The relationship is financially beneficial to the running of both schools at a time when costs are increasing and funding is not.

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With this joint working now firmly established, the Local Governing Boards of St Mary's and Wroxton have come together into a Joint Governing Board. With the support of ODST this Board will develop the joint strategic leadership of both schools and work together to be a single body supporting the Executive School Leadership and guiding the direction of both schools. Each school remains an individual entity with its own Vision, Values and Ethos but coming together under the partnership and in the light of being part of ODST. The Board this year is chaired by Mrs Maureen Thompson.

We are excited by this development and the range of opportunity it gives our respective pupils, families and communities to grow and flourish, sound in the knowledge we have experienced school leadership, excellent and expanding facilities and resources for all our children and firm in the knowledge that working together is always preferred to working in isolation.

**Maureen Thompson.**

**Frances Bartlett.**

Chair of Joint Governing Board.

Governance Lead ODST

***On behalf of the Joint Board members of St Mary's and Wroxton Schools.***

### **Arrangements for next Academic Year**

We are really lucky to be keeping all our wonderful teachers for the coming academic year and sharing some of our fantastic support staff with Wroxton whilst they share one of their great teachers with us.

Below are the current classes and who their new teachers will be next year as well as their email addresses for your reference. All the children will spend time with their new teachers and in their new classrooms, assuming they have new rooms and teachers, not everyone is changing, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Old Year and Class Name	Old teacher	New Year and Class Name	New Teacher	New teacher email
Nursery– Fledglings	Miss Kelly Bullard and Team	Nursery and New Reception – Fledglings	Miss Kelly Bullard and Team	<a href="mailto:k.bullard@banburystmarysschool.co.uk">k.bullard@banburystmarysschool.co.uk</a>
Reception – Fledglings	Miss Kelly Bullard	Year 1	Mrs Gemma Ruffle	<a href="mailto:g.ruffle@banburystmarysschool.co.uk">g.ruffle@banburystmarysschool.co.uk</a>
Year 1 Kingfishers	Mr Richard Moreby	Year 2	Miss Lina Weber	<a href="mailto:l.weber@banburystmarysschool.co.uk">l.weber@banburystmarysschool.co.uk</a>
Year 2 Robins	Miss Lina Weber	Year 3 Starlings	Mr Alex Field Mrs Teri Smith	<a href="mailto:a.field@banburystmarysschool.co.uk">a.field@banburystmarysschool.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:t.smith@banburystmarysschool.co.uk">t.smith@banburystmarysschool.co.uk</a>
Year 3 Starlings	Mr Alex Field	Year 4 Wrens	Miss Ciara Higginbottom	<a href="mailto:c.higginbottom@banburystmarysschool.co.uk">c.higginbottom@banburystmarysschool.co.uk</a>
Year 4 Sparrows	Miss Ciara Higginbottom	Year 5 Kites	Mr Richard Moreby	<a href="mailto:r.moreby@banburystmarysschool.co.uk">r.moreby@banburystmarysschool.co.uk</a>
Year 5 Kites	Mrs Rebecca Townson	Year 6 Owls	Mrs Rebecca Townson	<a href="mailto:r.townson@banburystmarysschool.co.uk">r.townson@banburystmarysschool.co.uk</a>

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SCHOOL MEMBER



Mrs Gemma Ruffle is joining us from Wroxton. She is a very experienced KS1 teacher and is looking forward to being with us in Year 1. Mrs Kirsty Agbo and Mrs Jodie Gregory continue to work with us, supporting teacher and leadership release time and we keep Katie Harris, Mark Probert, Nick Breakspear and Dan Guest as our music team and Rob Huff, our sports coach.

Miss Lindy Gascoigne will be working with the Wroxton team and Mrs Michelle Dowling will also be sharing her skills across both schools. We will be joined by a new teaching assistant, Mrs Lakshani Jayasiriwardena (Mrs Jay) who comes to us having worked for many years in Sri Lanka and Sweden.

Mrs Lorraine Stickley, our cook, will also be leading the kitchen team at Wroxton. In the office, Mrs Kelly Buckett and Mrs Yasmin Ahmed continue to look after us and will be joined by Mrs Justine Sullivan from Wroxton who will be looking after all our business, finance and Health and Safety needs. Kelly and Yasmin will also pop up to Wroxton some days to release Justine to work at St Mary's.

Mrs Sarah Di Giorno continues to be one of our Assistant Headteachers, working largely at Wroxton but leading our Curriculum development, English and Church school work whilst Mrs Teri Smith continues as Assistant Head whilst teaching Y4 two days a week with Mr Alex Field. He will be supporting Ms Sara Bailey in her inclusion, SEND and family support work two days a week. Sara and I continue to split our time across both schools in a similar way to this year.

I am sure you will agree that we are very lucky to have such a stable, skilled and professional team and I know they love working with all of your children at St Mary's.

We have had a wonderful year, made even better by the fantastic inspection outcome for our SIAMS inspection in May. Thank you for being part of our journey. Have a wonderful, happy, safe Summer and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Yours Sincerely

Victoria Woods, Sara Bailey, Sarah Di Giorno, Teri Smith

And the Entire St Mary's team.

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