



ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

7th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing Update for Year 4 and 5

I would like to share with you that Miss O'Donnell will be retiring this Christmas.

Miss O'Donnell has been a valued member of staff at St Matthew's for almost ten years and has contributed greatly to the school in many different ways during her time with us, from encouraging children to shine at cross country, to most recently, leading our Rights Respecting School work.

On behalf of the staff, governors, parents/carers and children (past and present!); I would like to thank Miss O'Donnell for her commitment to our school family over this time. I'm sure there will be many amongst our school family who would like to show their appreciation to Miss O'Donnell and have the opportunity to share best wishes for a happy retirement. We are currently exploring the best and safest way to do this given the current COVID situation and then we will be in touch shortly with our plans.

I am pleased to announce that Miss Catania has secured a permanent role with us. Miss Catania joined just before the first national lockdown in spring 2020, but has been a wonderful addition to the St Matthew's team under challenging circumstances and we're excited that she is able to continue to be a member of our school family!

In terms of staffing arrangements from 5th January 2022;

Miss Catania will become the Year 4 class teacher.

We will also be joined by a new teacher, Miss Bradburn, who will become the Year 5 class teacher.

The news will be shared with children today. We understand that this change might be initially unsettling for the children in the year groups affected, so will be providing transition opportunities for both classes before Christmas to ensure they have had the opportunity to get to know their new teacher ready for spring term.

I'm sure that you join me in congratulating Miss Catania and Miss Bradburn on their new teaching posts, and wishing Miss O'Donnell all the very best for a happy retirement.

Kind regards,

Mr P Langridge
Headteacher

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