

Dear Families,

I want to start this newsletter with a short reflection. As we look back on the last term and even year, I think we have all become more aware of humanity. The recent conflict in Ukraine and the COVID pandemic remind us that we are only human and life is precious. The outpouring of love and support for people in our own communities and further afield all heighten this awareness.

At this time of year, in particular this resonates even more as a Christian reflecting on Christ's death. Jesus came to earth as a man. He was put through immeasurably suffering and cruelty all so that God's plan could come to fruition and we could be saved from sin.

Easter is both a time of sadness and darkness but then new light and hope as we remember Jesus is Risen!

As school goes through a period of change saying goodbye to experienced staff and welcoming new staff to the team I for one will be remembering that just like Easter has both dark shadows and then new light and hope so do we here at WLSJ. We are sad to see our colleagues move on but are also filled with new hope and excitement for the new members of our team who will bring with them their own skills and talents to help develop our wonderful school even further.

Following this theme, we have some more staffing news.

I am very sad to announce that Mrs Clare Glover will be leaving the WLSJ team on 1st May 2022. Mrs Glover has recently secured a promotion and will be moving over to work for Lancashire County Council's Early Years Development Team. She will be working as a Childcare Development Officer helping settings across the county develop their practice. This is a fantastic achievement and I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Mrs Glover on her new appointment. Whilst we are very sad to be losing her from our team, I know that there will now be many children across Lancashire that will benefit from her expertise.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Louise Wood will be stepping up to fill the role left by Mrs Glover. As you will be aware, Mrs Wood has already worked on our EYFS team for a number of years and is a very skilled practitioner. Mrs Wood is also a qualified teacher and will be covering the class teacher's PPA time each week during which she will be drawing upon her skills as an artist and has many exciting activities planned for the children.

I extend my thanks to all parents, staff and pupils for your continued support. WLSJ really is a fantastic place to work.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful Easter break.

Miss Clark