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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Happy New Year!

I'm delighted to be writing to you all having officially started as Headteacher of St Teresa's School. I am very much looking forward to getting to know all our pupils, parents, carers and staff.

It has been great to see parents and carers in the mornings on the gate, thank you to everyone that's said hello and shared a smile. I am writing to you, in replacement of the newsletter today to introduce myself a little more formally. Hopefully you may recognise me from Church or even as a past teacher of St Teresa's - I left in 2017 and took up post at St Joseph's in Harwich, first as the Head of School and then as Headteacher. It was quite a time to become a Head and I'm proud of leading the community through COVID and beyond - we were visited by Ofsted in May 2023 and they described our school as a school 'full of happiness where all children are cherished' which has been my proudest achievement. This is a core pedagogy that I bring to St Teresa's - that a school and all its elements should be full of happiness. A happy school is built on strong relationships, kindness and respect where teaching is exciting and creates a buzz of intellectual curiosity. A happy school is full of dedicated teachers who find joy in the classroom, where every pupil is cherished, feels safe and included.

From my recent visits to St Teresa's and with the knowledge and experience I bring from my previous and ongoing associations I know it is already a loving community, I know that children work hard to meet the high learning and behavior expectations set by the teachers. I know that St Teresa's already champions a rich, broad and exciting curriculum. I know that the pupils are keen global citizens who take their responsibility to live simply and look after each other and the planet seriously. I'm looking forward to celebrating and continuing to enrich these strengths.

I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make a critical contribution to your children's achievements, you are your child's first educator and I'm excited to build on the relationship between you and the school. I am part of the parent body myself having chosen St Teresa's for my own children's primary school - my youngest son is in Year 6. I would encourage parents to take every opportunity to get involved in school life and I look forward to championing opportunities to invite you into school regularly.

I will always endeavor to be available at the school gate before and after school, so please do say hello. I can also be contacted via the school office. I really look forward to St Teresa's' next chapter - once again, Happy New Year!

With kind regards

Mrs Maguire
Headteacher

God, thank you for a new year!

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

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