

# St Joseph The Worker R C Primary School

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Dear Families,

As you are aware from the letter sent from the Governors last week, the time has come for me to say goodbye to St Joseph the Worker and I will be leaving at the end of this term to take up a Headteacher post in a larger school closer to my home from January. I must express the gratitude I feel towards you all for embracing me into your families and community and trusting me to lead our wonderful school, which has continued to strengthen and thrive over the past 11 years. I feel so fortunate to have been the Headteacher for the past 9 years and have enjoyed every moment of working with you all. Thank you for all the kind messages you have sent to me this week – it really means a lot. 😊

From January we welcome Mrs Evelyn Clayton who will be taking on the Acting Headteacher role for an interim period. I am sure you will all welcome her warmly into the St Joseph the Worker family!

Our attendance this week has understandably dipped as a number of parents and family members have had positive COVID test results, please continue to be vigilant about accessing tests if you feel unwell and monitoring the health of your children and family members. All of our class 'bubbles' remain open at the moment and we are very fortunate as many schools in the local area have had to close classes this week. Let's continue to work together to keep everyone safe!

**The Gospel this Sunday (Matthew 25:14-30) tells us a parable about someone who was unhappy about what he was given and so he didn't use it at all!** It raises the question - do we all have the same gifts and talents? Some people can sing and dance or play an instrument, others are good at designing and building things. Some people are talented artists and others a whizz on the computer. All these talents and gifts are equally as important. God wants you to take what He has given to you and use it to the best of your ability!



Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Miss Ridyard

