



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Voluntary Aided - Diocese of Brentwood

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Dear Parents,

Your children met their new teachers for next academic year last Thursday. We welcome 4 new members of staff: Miss Rawles and Miss Mulhern (NQTs) and Mrs Downey and Mrs McLauchlan, both experienced teachers. We wish them every happiness and success here at Our Lady of Lourdes in the coming years. School will resume on Tuesday 5th September for all children at 10am. You will receive a letter from Mrs Nutman (Executive Headteacher) on Wednesday to confirm this.

Staffing for next year is as follows -

RMa	Miss Rawles
RMu	Miss Mulhern
RS to 1K	Mrs Kwasnica
RK to 1W	Mrs Watts
1L to 2H/Mc	Mrs Harding and Mrs McLauchlan (job share)
1W to 2L	Miss Anastasiou
2A to 3B	Mrs Blackburn
2M to 3D	Mrs Driscoll
3B to 4T	Mrs Tallon
3D to 4L	Mrs Leftley
4H to 5D	Mrs Downey
4T to 5M	Mrs Moonie
5A to 6A	Mr Abel (4 days) Mrs McWilliams (1 day)
5J to 6J	Mr Jackson

Mrs McWilliams is doing 3 days part time and will work across Year 6 as well as supporting the SEN department with Mr Russo.

Goodbye to Year 6 – you are ready to move on. We wish you every happiness and success at senior school.

Sadly, Mr Burns is leaving the teaching profession and moving on to pastures new. I believe the Dubai Royal family have invited him for an extended holiday! To those of you who know Mr Burns and have had children in his class, you will appreciate the amazing contribution he has given to Our Lady of Lourdes School over the last 17 years. He works with great precision, has a stock cupboard that you could sit and have your dinner in and has managed the behaviour around the school in a fair but firm manner. He brought an old House Point system back to life in KS2, but most of all he is a brilliant historian (apart from lack of knowledge on Irish and Scottish facts!) You would walk into his classroom one moment and all the pupils would be sitting studiously working and another moment you would walk in and they would be laughing their heads off. That is a truly gifted teacher! What an honour to walk away with someone who has given so much to Our Lady of Lourdes young people. And the 'mark'



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of his memories, I am sure, they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Mr Burns, we salute you and you will be greatly missed.

As the summer term comes to an end, I am writing to you to say goodbye and thank you. The long and winding road is now turning and Our Lady of Lourdes School can only go from strength to strength.

Memories – so many beautiful memories to take away with me. The joy on children's faces when they come to show me their work, the eagerness when they want to do a little charity fund raiser, the excitement when they get an extra play or 'off the curriculum' day, the laughter when we have a 'crazy assembly', the tears when they feel sad or hurt and just want a listening ear and some tender loving care and the reverence and respect they show during Liturgy occasions. The support they give each other as peers and the respect, kindness and love they have shown me in my role as your Headteacher is a credit to you, their parents and families.

There is nothing greater than little children's hands holding onto yours, knowing that they are loved and treasured for being who they are. To you, our wonderful families thank you for the gift of your children.

Our Lady of Lourdes School will always have a special place in my heart – as will all of you.

A head is only as good as the staff she leads and to my amazing staff – teachers, LSAs, office, canteen, site managers - a big 'thank you' for being a wonderful team. I wish all of you many happy, fruitful days ahead in school. I would also like to pay tribute to our Governing Body and Father Kevin for their continuous dedication to our school and for always being there to support us. Many thanks also to Father Basil and Father Jeff for their continuous service and support.

If I could give you one thing in life,

I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes,

Only then would you realise how special you are to me.

Have a wonderful summer with your families.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M. Sullivan

Headteacher



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