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Dear Families,

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term I wanted to update you on some important staffing changes. Firstly I am delighted to share that Mr Nick Gerrish has been appointed as Deputy Head Teacher from January 2025. After a thorough application and interview process led by Mrs Mary Cox (Director of Education Clifton Diocese) and a panel of representatives from the Governing body. I am confident the appointment of Mr Gerrish will further support the Catholic vision and ambition for every child at St John's Catholic Primary School.

In addition we have appointed Mrs Amanda Young as Class Teacher for Class 8 for the remainder of the academic year. I know this appointment will provide the children welcome consistency to the teaching and a challenging but stable learning environment. It must be shared that the children in Class 8 have been an absolute credit to the school and their families in how they have conducted themselves during this term with the illness and devastating passing of Mr Adrian Smith RIP. A huge well done and thank you to every child. We also express our thanks and best wishes for the future to Mr Mike Slater who has taught in class 8 over the last two terms.

With sadness we will say farewell to Mrs Jenny Rossiter, one of our very talented and experienced Teaching Assistants. Mrs Rossiter will be leaving us to begin an exciting new professional challenge within the education sector. Mrs Rossiter has been a committed and conscientious member of the school team, embracing and deepening our school mission, prayer life and values. We wish her all the very best for the future and look forward to hearing about her future success.

Finally, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Jocelyn Gillard who has secured a permanent Teaching position in a Primary School in Bath. We of course wish her well and thank for her support during the Autumn term. We are advertising for a maternity cover Teacher from Term 3 onwards and will secure experienced long-term supply Teacher from January to early February.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Kim O'Rourke
Headteacher