

Romans 15 v13

‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the holy spirit’

Dear Colleagues

I hope you all had some opportunity to rest and relax over half term. I’ve no doubt that you will all face a busy and hectic time but I hope that this year you will have the sense of being able to give your children a more balanced closure to the end of the year. We will be thinking and praying for those moving onto new places but it is also an important time of transition for those remaining in school and progressing into new year groups. I have no doubt that there will be some return to the usual end of year activities and my prayer is that these will be rewarding and fulfilling times for your pupils, families and staff.

I am sorry to announce that Rose Wisdom has decided to retire at the end of August. Whilst we all fully appreciate that this is a new opportunity and phase in Rose’s life her work as our lead officer in school governance will be greatly missed. Many of you have benefitted from her calm, wise and extremely competent service. Within the team she is a source of considerable support and advice for us all and she will be greatly missed. The time for farewells will come in due course but I wanted to give you advanced notice of Rose’s departure. Her role is being advertised this week. You can find it on [our website](#) and through [this link](#). We are very keen to search far and wide for the best replacement we can get so feel free to circulate it. It is a challenging but very rewarding role, and the right candidate will be in a very strong position to make a significant difference to the work of all our school leaders.

We are progressing with our online leavers celebrations and contributions are soon to be put together into one coherent piece of work. We expect to send the link out to you on 30 June so that you can use it between then and the end of term as you feel appropriate. The butterfly installation at the Cathedral will be up from 30 June for two weeks. Do pop in and see it if you are able. We have booked in a number of special visits from linked clergy and bishops and we hope that this build a sense of cohesion for those that have requested it. It is our intention to return to the usual format next year and work has already begun on this process.

Our Growing Partnerships initiative continues with pleasing momentum we hold out second webinar on Wednesday 9 June at 19.00, **there is still time for you to [sign up here](#)**. The attendance has been very good and the response from participants has been very positive. We do hope that you will continue to see this as a supportive resource that will enable you to develop your own thinking.

As a quick reminder our Headteachers Conference takes place on 7 July and we are still anticipating this will go ahead but obviously we await final confirmation in line with government guidelines. We are looking into contingency options but we will keep you informed. If you would like to enquire about a place, please contact [Yasmin Heasman](#).

I wish you well for the coming months and I pray that you will be given the energy and joy that makes this half term of the year so special.

Yours sincerely

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