

Tuesday 6th December 2022

A sad goodbye

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with real sadness that I'm writing to let you know that we will be saying goodbye to Claire Brindley at the end of this term. She has decided to take things a bit easier after devoting 27 years to St Paul's!

She first joined the school in 1989 as a teacher of English as an Additional Language working with the Local Authority; which she did for 18 years. She loved it so much that she came back again in 2013 when she was employed directly by school. She has utilised her skills and expertise in making school accessible to all and enabling children to thrive and flourish in her roles as Inclusion Lead and Assistant Headteacher.

Throughout her time at St Paul's she has worked with many children and families to ensure that they feel welcomed and valued and get the best possible deal to achieve good outcomes whilst they are with us.

Claire is passionate and committed to making life better for everyone she meets and she has been an inspiration to many people during her time here. She truly embodies what it means to 'Make a Difference to Everyone'. She is a friend, a mentor, a reassuring presence and genuinely cares for others, with a smile that lights up a room!

We will all miss her positive, exuberant attitude, her sunny disposition and caring nature. (And her many fancy dress costumes!)

There will be a big 'Mrs Brindley hole' at St Paul's next term and she will be sorely missed by so many; but I am sure you will join us in wishing her lots of luck and love in her exciting next chapter.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Mrs Brindley, please pop it into the office by next Tuesday 13th December. We will be officially saying goodbye to Claire at our Church Service next Monday the 12th but she will be with us until Thursday 15th December and we are sure she will appreciate your good wishes if you see her on the school gate.

With kind regards,

Jayne Bevan
Co Headteacher

Steph Matthews
Headteacher