



St. Mark's Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

How time flies! I can't believe this is my last piece in the school newsletter. I have been in post for 13 years and thoroughly enjoyed my role as head teacher, getting to know everyone and being part of the education of so many astonishingly talented children. It has been a privilege to be part of the journey of such a successful school and work with many talented teaching professionals along the way.

However the world of education is very different now and we must move with the changes. There are greater demands from standards, and school finance is always an issue, so change is inevitable but also means greater success if we plan it properly. Our standards continue to rise, so we are getting a lot of things right!

I am not leaving, of course. I will take up a full time role as CEO and executive head teacher from September so I will still be around school but perhaps less often as my duties increase across the trust.

I am incredibly proud to leave our school in the hands of Mrs Hindson, with whom I have worked closely for the last 9 years. She is as committed to the success of children as I am and has the same set of inclusive values and beliefs as I do, so is very well placed to take the school to new heights.

I am also delighted to be taking Mrs Dacombe to Pentland Primary School as head of another one of our trust schools. She has enthusiasm and skills that are ideal for Pentland and I look forward to seeing her make a success of her new role.

There are other new leaders, particularly Mrs Carr and Mrs Connor, who will work with Mrs Kidd to create a superb whole school leadership team.

I hope everyone has a happy healthy summer and returns in September to some exciting learning challenges and opportunities.

Best wishes to everyone,

Valerie Hall

Head Teacher and CEO

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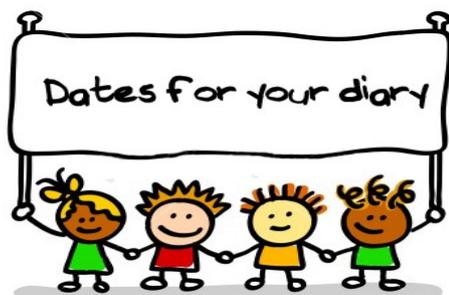
As you will all know by now, I am leaving St Mark's to begin a new role, as Head of School, at Pentland Primary School.

I can honestly say I am so sad to leave but take many, many happy memories with me. Your children are amazing and have made my time here so memorable.

I would also like to thank every parent, carer or associate of St Mark's. I have never been made to feel so welcome and at home at a school as I have here. This is down to you and the family you have helped create here.

So, to sum up, thank you for four great years. Thank you lending me your children and the amazing times I've had with them. But, most of all thank you for being part of an outstanding school that has left a mark on my heart that will stay with me forever.

Mrs Dacombe



17th July KS1 Celebration of achievement, parents/carers of BB&KM classes 9:15 am, NJ & HH classes 2:00pm

18th July 2pm Y6 Leavers' Service - parents/carers invited

July 22nd & 23rd 2019 PD Day

Sept 2nd PD Day

20th Dec PD Day

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Jan 6th PD Day

1st June PD Day

20th July PD Day