



**ST JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
Part of the Edmund Rice Family

30<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are having a lovely summer break.

I thought that I would write and update you on some of the things that have been happening during the holidays in readiness for when the new term begins on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

During the summer Mrs Moore has taken the decision retire rather than continuing on a part time basis. Pre Prep1 and Prep 2 Literacy will be taught by Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Hutchinson; with Mrs Macdonald PP2 class teacher on Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Hutchinson on Thursday and Friday. We have operated a similar system before and it has worked well.

We will have an opportunity to officially say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Moore during the first week back at school.

During the summer Governors have undertaken a restructure, in line with other local schools; as a consequence, we have reduced numbers amongst the support staff. Changes made do not affect the teaching staff.

The first three days of term will be 'off timetable' to allow pupils to settle into their new class after the holidays and to become familiar with their new timetables and expectations. This term our theme is 'The Wind in the Willows', which is the Christmas production at the New Vic Theatre this year, which we will be visiting on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Teachers will be looking at various themes in the book as they teach the curriculum.

The assembly theme for the term is 'Awe and Wonder' based on Chapter 7 in 'The Wind in the Willows'.

This year we will be using the swimming pool at Trentham Academy, we will inform you of swimming arrangements once term begins.

I hope that you enjoy the last days of your holiday.

The staff are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and undertaking the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

*S. D. Hutchinson .*

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**Headteacher**