



4th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children in years 1 - 6 back to school following the summer break. I hope you have all had a restful and refreshing break. The children have returned with smiles on their faces, eager to learn and looking very smart in their uniforms.

As we start this new year, I am very sorry to have to inform you that at the start of the holidays, Mrs Killeen, Teaching Assistant in the Ark, passed away following a long and brave fight against cancer. As well as working in the Ark, Mrs Killeen also worked with children in the main school and led the library with Mrs Swanston. She will be sorely missed by us all and I know you would wish to join me in sharing our condolences and continued prayers with her husband and two sons at this most difficult time. We are planning to remember Mrs Killeen at a special event later in the term. Once details are confirmed I will share further with parents and carers.

In addition, sadly Mrs Merrick has broken her arm and therefore several different staff will be running Bagel Club during her absence. Please bear with us - Mrs Merrick is a hard act to follow! I know you will want me to pass on your best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Although some sad events have taken place since we were all together, we look forward to an exciting term and hope that you will join us at the different events taking place this term (further details to follow).

Yours sincerely,

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