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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

10th June 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

It is never quiet here at St John Vianney, and this term it is even more exciting; we have entered into Phase One of the new school building project. The initial building work has started, on the field, and it all seems to be moving ahead at a good rate; please keep all the staff and our builders in your prayers!

Staffing update for 2024-2025

I know many of you are very keen to know which teacher your child will have next year. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Langford has recently been promoted to Assistant Head Teacher. Miss Campbell, currently teaches part-time in school, she has agreed to take on a full-time class teacher from September 2024.

New Year Group 2024- 2025	New class teacher 2024-2025	Current class teacher 2023-2024
Rainbow Nursery	Mrs Kingston	n/a
Sunshine Nursery	Mrs McLean	n/a
Reception	Mrs Duffy	Mixed nursery and new starters, info given out at the parent meeting
Reception	Miss Rice	Mixed nursery and new starters, info given out at the parent meeting
Year One	Mrs O' Neil	Mrs Duffy's class
Year One	Miss Dean	Miss Rice's class
Year Two	Mrs Langford (AHT)	Mrs O'Neil's class



Year Two	Miss Campbell	Miss Dean's class
Year Three	Mrs Bowden	Miss Prayle/Mr Robinson's class
Year Three	Miss Cherry (AHT)	Mrs Langford's class
Year Four	Mr Bonnar	Miss Cherry's class
Year Four	Mr Peacock	Mrs Bowden's class
Year Five	Mrs Spencer (AHT)	Mr Bonnar's class
Year Five	Miss Dolphin	Mr Peacock's class
Year Six	Mr Exley	Miss Dolphin's class
Year Six	Mrs Meldrum (DHT) and Mrs Black	Miss Young's class

Staff leaving

You will see that several staff names are not on the list, as some staff are leaving us to take up promotions, full-time teaching roles in other schools or leaving us to enjoy their retirement.

- Mrs Watanabe is leaving us. She has been promoted to Deputy Head Teacher, at another local Catholic Primary School, our loss is very much their gain and they are very lucky to have her start with them in September 2024.
- Mrs Robertson (Miss Prayle) got married during the May 2024 half-term. I know that you will all offer her your sincere congratulations. She will be leaving us for pastures new, including having much more time to focus on her family.
- Mr Robinson, is moving to a non-Catholic school in Gateshead, where he has been appointed as a full-time Year 3 teacher. I know that he will make a great success of this new role and we wish him well.
- Miss Young, has been successfully appointed as a Year 2 full-time class teacher at another local Catholic primary school. We are sure she will be happy there and I know they are delighted to have appointed her.
- Miss Lancaster and Mrs Taite are both leaving in the summer to enjoy a very well-earned retirement. We will miss them, but hopefully they will think of us as they plan all their term time holidays!

I know that you will join me in wishing them every success and enjoyment in their new roles. I would like to thank each and every one of them for all their dedicated hard work and service they have given to our school. They will all be missed, they have helped shape St John Vianney Catholic Primary into the wonderful learning community that it is today.

Mrs Watanabe remains with us until the end of this academic year. She will be contacting families, as appropriate, to inform parents of the Teaching Assistant who will be supporting your child, if they have an EHCP or significant SEN needs. Until a new SENDCo has been appointed, from September 2024, please email relevant SEN communications to the office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org and mark your email for my attention.

The summer term is flying by, and the parent liturgies have already started. It has been a pleasure to see so many families able to come and we look forward to welcoming others over the coming days. I know that the Year 6 teaching team are working hard with the pupils on productions, end of term mass, school visits, Holy Island etc etc. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 6 teaching team.

As always, we keep all of our families and school community in our joint prayers.

Kind regards,

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