



ST PATRICK'S
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Amazing things happen here

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful half term.

I know I have only just written to you all before half term but I have some news that I want to share with you. My family and I decided before lockdown that we wanted to foster a baby with the view to adopting the baby into our family. For obvious reasons we put this off for a long time, mostly because I wanted to make sure I was fully focused on St Patrick's. I wanted to steer our school through the pandemic and made sure we recovered well.

I now feel the time is right to step back from my role as Headteacher for a time to look after a new baby. It is very much the same as a maternity leave. I do not know how long I will be off school as yet but I will keep parents informed. I hope that we, as a family, will foster the baby for a time and then adopt the baby so it always has a safe and loving environment to grow up in.

What does this mean for St Patrick's and for me child, you will be thinking? Ms O'Hagan, deputy Head, will take over as Acting Headteacher until I return to full duties. Ms O'Hagan is an excellent leader and has supported me so well over the past four years. I trust her to uphold the standards of St Patrick's and keep us moving forward.

I intend to come into school once per week to 'keep my hand in' and support Ms O'Hagan. I hope you all know that I take my role as the Headteacher of St Patrick's very seriously. I really do love being the Head of such a wonderful school. Even though I will be on leave I will be involved with all key decision-making. I will also be in to check our children are working hard and looking smart so I hope they don't think they are getting rid of my beady eye!

The governors and staff have been very supportive of my decision to foster a baby with the hope of extending my family. I hope parents understand my decision too.

Both Ms O'Hagan and I will be in touch with parents over the coming weeks to keep you fully informed.

Until then take care and wish me luck with the night feeds!

Mrs Byrne
Headteacher

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Headteacher: Mrs A Byrne

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