



SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Diocese of Shrewsbury

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

Acting Executive Headteacher: Mrs Kerrie Lewis BEd Hons NPQH

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and looking forward to the summer holidays.

It has been a busy and successful year for everyone at Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School. There is so much to celebrate and give thanks for.

Firstly, I would want to say thank you to all our Year 6 pupils for their participation and example in the life of school. We wish them well as they move to their secondary schools, I am sure they will be in our prayers as they make that transition. In addition to our Year 6 pupils, I also want to pay tribute to all your children, one of the compliments we regularly receive is about the children's behaviour and the atmosphere in the school. So thank you to all our pupils and to you, their parents and carers.

My second thanks has to go to our staff, without whom a school could not function let alone achieve all that we have. We have an incredibly hardworking staff, both those in the classroom and those who work 'behind the scenes' and each member of staff's hard work is vital to the life of the school as it is real team effort. So on behalf of the Governors and you as parents and carers I would like to say thank you to our staff and have a well deserved holiday.

There are some important changes to the staff at Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School. Firstly, Mrs Lewis our acting headteacher will be leaving us this summer. We have said our farewells as a Governing Body and Staff, but we cannot thank Mrs Lewis enough for her generosity, her skills, and her hard work in leading our school over the last 18 months. During this period Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School has progressed from 'Requiring Improvement' to a really solid 'Good' according to our Ofsted inspector. I also need to thank the Governing Body of Condover C.E. Primary School for sharing their outstanding head teacher with us.

As Mrs Lewis leaves us, it is my pleasure to welcome Mrs Price as our new, substantive headteacher. Mrs Price comes to us from her current role as Deputy Head at St Patrick's, Wellington. We look forward to working with Mrs Price over the years to come and getting to know her as part of school family.

This summer we are also saying a temporary farewell to Miss Staniforth, as she has been headhunted for a year's secondment to support Ss. Peter & Paul's Newport. Again we need to thank Miss Staniforth for all her hard work, especially during the last 18 months, both as our Deputy Head, but also as our RE Coordinator. The fruits of Miss Staniforth's leadership in this area of the life of the school (with the hard work of Mrs Lewis, all the Staff and Governors) can be found in our Section 48 (RE) Inspection Report attached to this letter. Because of Miss Staniforth's secondment we welcome Mr Higgins into a new role as our acting Deputy Headteacher. I am sure that Miss Staniforth and Mr Higgins can count on our support and best wishes in their new roles.

We also welcome Miss Young and Mrs Prophet as new members of staff, looking after Year 4 and on a job share teaching Year 6 (respectively). This means that as a school we now have single year classes across the school. Something that both Governors and parents have desired for a while.

Looking ahead to the new academic year, when we return to school in September, Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School will have an age range of 2-11 years. After some thought and all due diligence, I am pleased to inform you that the Cathedral Catholic Nursery will be absorbed into Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School. All the current Nursery staff will join the school staff and we will become one entity. For many years both the Nursery and School have been working together, and this year has been an opportune time to formalise that partnership. I would like to thank all involved for their generosity and commitment to our school and nursery.

Finally, I would also like to thank my fellow governors for their generosity and support of the school. We have a very professional, experienced and talented Governing Body. On our behalf I want them for donating their time and energy to the governance of Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School.

We have a lot to be thankful for, a lot to celebrate and a lot to look forward to in the new academic year. I pray that the Summer holidays will bring us all many blessings, time with family and friends, and some well-earned rest.

With my prayers and best wishes,



Canon Jonathan Mitchell
Chair of Governors