



Head Teacher: Trudie De La Haye
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Dear Parents,

"Change is here to stay, and without change there is no growth." Nelson Mandela.

Over time, St John's School has been very fortunate in retaining high quality staff. As a result, we have been able to consolidate our core values and breadth of learning. As a staff team, we have developed our school ethos and approach to teaching and learning and this has enabled our pupils to thrive and grow in confidence as learners, as well as engage in exciting learning opportunities.

There comes a time however, when it is right and appropriate, that things change and new approaches, ideas and thinking can be developed. The time for St. John's School is now,

As previously mentioned in the Christmas update, Mrs Loveless, who has been part of our school community and a valued member of staff for 19 years, will in April 2022, be moving to another school. It has not been an easy decision for Mrs Loveless to contemplate - leaving our school and venturing into a very different learning environment. However, having the opportunity to develop her teaching and leadership skills, is an exciting opportunity for her. She will be missed greatly at St John's. For the Summer Term, Miss Cross, who is known well to our school, will be working alongside Mrs Le Moignan. They will bring their skills and talents to Year 1. A permanent position for a Year 1 teacher will be advertised locally during the Summer Term.

Mrs Paul will be taking over the KS1 Lead position and Miss Walker will take on the role of school SENCo. Mrs Day will become Well-being Lead and Mrs Fairhead will lead Curriculum Development.

After nearly 40 years of teaching, I have decided that at the end of the Summer Term 2022, it will be time for me to leave this wonderful school and the teaching profession. I have loved my job; however, I am looking forward to finding time to pursue other interests and opportunities, including having more time to enjoy my grandchildren. I have committed many years of my teaching career to St John's, having been EYFS Lead, KS1 Lead, KS2 Lead, SENCo, Deputy Head, Acting Headteacher and for 12 years, Headteacher of the school. I have spent the last 5 years working as Headteacher for 3 days a week, as well as working in CYPES, as a Senior Adviser to schools. It has been a great privilege and honour to serve the Education Department and Jersey schools in this way. My heart, however, has always remained firmly committed to St John's and after 25 years, and with a great love for this community, it is time to pass the baton onto someone else. Covid has been very challenging, and the relentless impacting and all-consuming focus of the pandemic, has provided little downtime. Weekends and holidays have been consumed by Covid. I have remained determined to lead and support the school, staff, and pupils, through the Covid pandemic and the other challenging circumstances we have had to face as a school community.

I will enjoy to my final months in school and hope we see some normality returned. Just to be forewarned, there will be an advert advertised for the role of Headteacher at St John's School, appearing soon.

Kind regards, Trudie De La Haye.

