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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It's been a vibrant and rewarding time at school, filled with enriching activities and memorable moments. As always, we're looking ahead with excitement, preparations are already underway for even more fantastic opportunities in the weeks to come.

We also hope you've had a chance to follow your child's journey through our regularly updated class blogs, which are available on both our website and Facebook page. These blogs offer a wonderful window into the day-to-day life at St Giles, celebrating our pupils' achievements and capturing the spirit of our school community.

Staffing News

• Congratulations, Miss Hall!
We are thrilled to share the news that Miss Hall, our wonderful Class 2 teacher, is expecting her first child in October. We're all excited to welcome the newest addition to our St Giles family. Miss Hall will be leaving us towards the end of September for her maternity leave. We look forward to the baby cuddles when they visit!

• Congratulations, Mrs Scully!
Mrs Scully has been part of the St Giles team for the past 7 years in a variety of roles. Mrs Scully is qualified teacher who stepped back from full-time teaching to focus on raising her children. Now that her boys are reaching new milestones of their own, Mrs Scully is delighted to be returning to the classroom full time. She currently provides cover for PPA and ECT time and will be taking on the role of Class 3 teacher (Year 3 and 4) from September. This is fantastic news for both our staff and children, providing valuable continuity.

• Welcome, Miss Bridges!
We are delighted to announce that Miss Bridges will be joining St Giles in September as our new Year 1 and 2 Class teacher, as well as our SENCO. With 8 years of dedicated service at All Saints Infants, Miss Bridges brings a deep understanding of early years and Key Stage 1 education. She has also worked closely with Mrs. Arnold across our family of schools in her SENCO role, gaining valuable insight and experience in supporting children with additional needs. Her passion for inclusive education, combined with her wealth of

knowledge and enthusiasm, makes her a fantastic addition to our team. We look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly have on both our staff and pupils.

• Welcome, Mrs Jackson
We are excited to welcome Mrs Jackson to our wonderful team at St Giles. She will be providing PPA cover across the school, bringing with her a wealth of experience as a fantastic HLTA. In addition to her classroom expertise, Mrs Jackson is also a trained Forest School lead—an exciting opportunity that will enrich our outdoor learning provision and further support our pupils' development and well-being.

• Keep in Touch, Rev Delafield
We will be saying "goodbye for now" to Rev Delafield, who will be moving to teach at All Saints Juniors, another school in our family, starting in September. However, this isn't farewell — Rev Delafield will still be involved with St Giles, continuing his work as our subject lead for RE and supporting staff and children in this role. Thank you for your service at St Giles, your calmness around our school will be missed.

Class Structure for 2025 – 2026

Please find below details of our classes for the next academic year. We are delighted to share that, despite our small size, we are still able to maintain four classes across the school.

	Class 1	**Class 2**	**Class 3**	**Class 4**
	Nursery/ Reception	**Year 1 & 2**	**Year 3 & 4**	**Year 5 & 6**
Teacher(s)	Mrs. Taylor and Miss. Simpson	Miss. Bridges	Mrs. Scully	Mr. Williams
HLTA	Mrs. Rodgers (EYFS/KS1) and Mrs Jackson (KS2)			
Support staff	Mrs. Rodgers and Ms. Whithorn			
Inclusion Team	Miss. Bridges (SENCO), Mrs. Arnold (SENCO), Mrs. Lloyd (Deputy Inclusion Leader) and Mrs. Southall (Family Support Worker)			

Meet the teacher

We would like to invite all of our parents to come into school on **Wednesday 10th September**. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to visit your child's classroom, see where they sit and meet your child's teacher. During the session your child's teacher will share with you their daily routines and exciting arrangements throughout the school year.

School will be open from 4pm until 5:30pm for parents and carers to visit their child/ren's classroom where they will be greeted by their class teacher. This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. Each teacher will have a short power point which they will be sharing with parents and carers during the evening.

Class 1 – Miss Simpson and Mrs Taylor will share their power point at **4pm.**

Class 2 – Miss Bridges will share her power point at **4:15pm.**

Class 3 – Mrs Scully will share her power point at **4:30pm.**

Class 4 – Mr Williams will share his power point at **5pm.**

Moving Up Day

Children who will be changing classes in September will enjoy a fun-filled morning and afternoon with their new teachers on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 1st July** – Afternoon
- **Wednesday 9th July** – Morning

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children into their new classrooms and helping them feel comfortable and excited about the year ahead. We appreciate that some children may not be changing classrooms, but they may still have a new teacher in September. These sessions will be a valuable opportunity for all pupils to begin building relationships and feel confident about the transition.

Please note that the Moving Up morning and afternoon will not affect the usual drop-off and pick-up times. Children should be dropped off at the Early Years playground (black gates) as normal and will be dismissed at the end of the day in the usual way.

Job Vacancies

You may have seen that we currently have four live job postings on the Derbyshire County Council website. These are for the following roles:
2 x Teaching Assistants
1 x Afterschool Play Worker
1 x Midday Supervisor

Please find the links below and feel free to share the news far and wide to help us find the best people to join our team!

https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/JobDetails.aspx?msg=vqJ0ULpVCIqbcsxM4OQ2JurURjem9UZ1WtzX4kJssSI%3d

https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/JobDetails.aspx?msg=EbCut1Kmn52djtWfun4zy4fhWbxnDE1XMH%2fU9TJQJIU%3d

https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/JobDetails.aspx?msg=5GN6HR640Wuc186VgFFwG74z5%2bhDciVv%2f7wf%2bDLaiz4%3d

https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/JobDetails.aspx?msg=pz3pJurKHRvYQ7PEPwxiUe1qeZHcSBj%2fxehLQuhgyD4%3d

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards



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