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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you don't mind that the newsletter is arriving on Monday - I took a little time over the weekend to absorb the events of Friday and read through your wonderful cards. On behalf of all my colleagues, can I express our gratitude for all your generous gifts and thoughtful messages at the end of the school year.

Goodbye & Hello!

On Friday we said goodbye to Mr. Hancock, Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Carillo. Mr. Hancock is starting a new job in Watford in September and Mrs. Chandler is beginning an interior design course. Mrs. Carillo's news came late in the term; she is now able to move to Germany to join her husband, where he has been working for many months. I know you will join me in thanking them for their contributions to school and wish them well in the future.

We are joined by Miss Murray and Miss Holmes in September. They have been into school, getting to know the children and are excited about working with them. Please make them feel welcome. Miss Cannon will be Acting Head from September. Those of you fortunate enough to have met her as a class teacher will know that she brings sunshine and energy into all she does. She will be leading the same amazing staff team – please support them all.

The builders have started!

The nursery classroom, toilets and staffroom are now in a skip! There will be new pupil toilets, extensive plumbing and heating works as well as a refurbished staffroom and toilet. I can't tell you how excited we all are about the improvements and the impact these will have on your children – we have needed to do this for so long!

It took three years for our grant application for roof/drains to be approved; about 50% of these applications were granted last year for works totaling £12 million across the Diocese. The pot is getting smaller and schools submitting bids were in genuine need. Our governors are using governors fund contributions to pay for this essential Nursery refurbishment work so your money is having a direct impact on pupils – sincerest thanks on their behalf. Our fund will be pretty empty at the end of the project and governors will write to you next academic year to explain further planned projects and maintenance. Please give what you can.

And from me..

I have loved working in this school and have benefitted from its nurturing environment as much as any pupil. I have been blessed with dedicated and hard-working colleagues, supportive parents and the most inspiring and genuinely wonderful children. I will always be grateful for the opportunities I have been given here and will remember you, your families and the school in my prayers. Every blessing to you and those you love this summer and always.

Kindest regards

Bernadette Dempsey

