

The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary

Bexhill-on-Sea

St Mary Magdalene's, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

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3rd April 2020

Mrs Siobhan Andrews, St Mary Magdalene Primary School

Dear Siobhan,

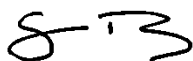
Re: With immense gratitude

As the term to Easter officially draws to end, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and holy Easter. Thank you, as ever, for your leadership of the Catholic community at St Mary Magdalene Primary School. As always, you have demonstrated your love for the school and the children entrusted to your care and the parish is so grateful to you and the staff for remaining open in support of key workers. In Magdalene Road last night there was a tremendous round of applause for key workers, to which the team at St Mary Magdalene Primary School, along with those at St Richard's Catholic College, are most certainly included.

On behalf of the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea, I wish to express our sincere thanks for your tenure as Interim Headteacher of St Mary Magdalene Primary School and to wish you every blessing and good wish as you move on to your new appointment. As Parish Priest, I am so grateful for your welcome every time I come into the school and for your support of the Catholic ethos and teaching, which always comes across so evidently. In particular, I note how you recently guided the school to a very successful OFSTED inspection, laying and securing the solid foundation for the education of our Catholic children in Bexhill.

I know that your presence in the school we be missed greatly by the Governors, Staff, Parents but especially by the children. The experience you have gained working in the Catholic system will translate to your new educational setting and I know that those children too will grow in gospel values. I know that we had hoped to have a more public celebration of thanksgiving but in this time COVID-19 this has proved impossible. Please know that I will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your intentions as my own personal tribute to you.

Yours sincerely,



Fr Simon Dray, Parish Priest

CC: Chair of Governors, Head of the Diocesan Schools Service.

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20th April 2020

Mr Damien McKeever, St Mary Magdalene Primary School

Dear Damien,

Re: Welcome

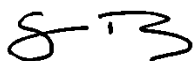
As you come to the end of your first formal day in the school, on behalf of the parish, I would like to welcome you to St Mary Magdalene Primary School. I know that you have already spent time in the school ensuring a smooth handover with Mrs Andrews, so I hope you already feel somewhat at home.

I am sure you never expected to take the lead in the school under such unusual circumstances, and the parishioners, especially those who are key workers, are immensely proud and grateful that the school remains open. Recently, I wrote to Mrs Siobhan Andrews to thank her for her leadership of the school and for her dedication to the children. The Thursday evening applause for key workers certainly includes our school communities.

We had planned to formally welcome and induct you as Headteacher at the 6pm Sunday evening Mass on 5th Sunday of Easter, 10th May 2020. Even if the strict lockdown is eased on Thursday 7th May, it is extremely likely that the suspension of public liturgies in the parish church will continue for some while after that. This is a good moment to remember that we are in the Easter Season and in celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we know that darkness always gives way to light, and so, we may still rejoice and sing our Alleluia to the Lord!

The parish clergy look forward to the day when we can resume ministry at St Mary Magdalene Primary School, and although the academic year does not appear to formally resume any time soon, we can be rightly proud of everything the school has achieved this year, and we are excited to see and experience all the good things that you will undoubtedly bring to the community. Wishing you every blessing.

Yours sincerely,



Fr Simon Dray, Parish Priest

CC: Chair of Governors