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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the last day of the Autumn term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and for ensuring that your child is fully prepared for every school day. I would also like to thank the incredible team of staff at the school who work incredibly hard to ensure children have excellent learning opportunities.

School will finish for the holidays at the usual time on Thursday 21st December.

Staffing News

On Thursday we will say goodbye to several members of staff who have made a significant contribution over the years.

Mrs Upton will be retiring at the end of the term after over 20 years of service to the school. I know you will join with me in wishing her a long, happy and healthy retirement and thank her for everything she has done to support the children and school over the years. Lynn started at Waterloo as a parent helper and then moved into the role of Teaching Assistant. She helped to develop the IT capability of the school and has also supported pupils with English as an additional language. She will be greatly missed by all of us – but know she will enjoy spending quality time with her family – in particular her grandchild.

Mrs Palmer will be leaving school after spending a significant number of years as a Teaching Assistant and working effectively across the school. She has been an asset to our team, working with great efficiency, knowledge and skill. We all wish her the very best of luck in her new role, working for the Home Office.

Mrs Grady is also leaving school at the end of this term. She has been working as a Teaching Assistant across the school and has supported the children with dedication and care. She is also moving to work for the Home Office. We wish her every success in her new role.

We also say goodbye to Mrs McCarthy who has been our School Business Manager for the last 18 months. I would like to thank her for her support during this time. She has led several building projects in the school alongside our premises staff including the development of the Green Wall, the



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Staffroom and the Nursery remodelling. Lindsay has decided to return to work within Further Education at Edge Hill.

Mrs Esmaeili, one of our much respected and long standing Midday Welfare staff, has decided to leave her lunchtime post at the end of the term for family reasons. She has been an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the lunchtime team over the years. Those of us who have worked alongside her at lunchtime have been so impressed with the care she shows to every child. She will be greatly missed. I am delighted to say that she will continue to come back to school on supply whenever she can.

We also say goodbye to our cover caretaker, Mr Smith. Bob had already retired when he accepted the role of casual caretaker to ensure that the building remains secure during sickness or holiday absence of our full time premises staff. He has now taken the decision to fully retire and we all wish him well for the future and thank him for his good humour and reliability.

We are looking to recruit another casual caretaker. If anyone is interested in providing this cover can you let me know

Over the past few weeks we have been recruiting new members of staff to join the team and we look forward to welcoming Mr Woolvine, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Wolfswinkel who will be working as Teaching Assistants and Welfare staff in the new year. We will also welcome Mrs Carr, who will be joining our staff as an administrator in our office.

Building Works

I would like to thank the whole school community for their patience whilst the continued building improvements to the school take place.

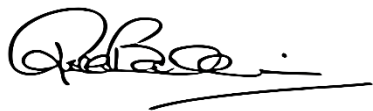
The Reception play space is now complete. We can all see the positive impact this is having on our children – with access to a covered learning environment and quality equipment.

Our new downstairs toilets are currently being built. There will be access to these toilets from the playground with a new doorway off the playground. These should be completed in the first part of 2024 together with our new ASD Resource Base which is also currently being developed.

We are also having the next phase of LED lighting fitted to some corridors as part of our continued energy efficiency savings.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Baldwin', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Mrs R Baldwin

Headteacher