

Monday 18th March 2024

Willow class - change of teacher

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that Miss Malleson has taken the difficult decision to resign from teaching at Sandford St Martin's (after 8 years with us!) and will be leaving us at Easter. She will be telling the children in her class at the end of the day today. This has been a difficult decision for her, but one she feels is right personally and professionally for her at this time.

In Miss Malleson's words for you all:

""Willow Class, I've got some news which will probably cause you to have some mixed emotions. I've made a very difficult decision and I can promise you it has been very difficult. My decision is that I won't be teaching at this school after Easter, so you won't have me as your teacher anymore. Next Wednesday (27th) will be my last day with you.

My family live in London and we had very tough time last year. I need to be near to them so that we can help each other out.

I care very much about every single one of you and have loved teaching you, with all your unique personalities. I will miss coming here every day and I'm very sad to be leaving you.

I hope that you can understand why I'm leaving and that we can enjoy our last few days together.

Tomorrow, you'll be helping Mr Beveridge find your new teacher and then you'll be able to start to get to know him or her before Easter arrives. I'll tell them lots about you all, including anything I've been helping you each with, things you find tricky and all the amazing talents and skills you have."

As Miss Malleson has said above, we are interviewing 3 candidates tomorrow (with the children's help) to select a new teacher for the Summer Term. I will write to you again with more details about this once we have someone in place.

We wish Miss Malleson all the very best and know you will all wish her well too.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Beveridge Headteacher