



13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear George Eliot Families

I hope that you are all well. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding regarding the hot water and heating system malfunction and repair. As you will see, if you visit the website, we have reorganised activities that needed to be postponed and there is also news about additional activities this week. We have also sent the information out in paper form via pupil post.

The end of terms at schools inevitably involves saying goodbye to members of the team and welcoming new ones. We shall be sad to be saying goodbye to some valued colleagues but I know that you will welcome new and returning members to the team.

Natalie, our Nursery teacher, is relocating with her partner to Australia. We welcome Khadija to the Nursery team.

Hannah, our Year 5 teacher, has been offered a job with an education charity which has always been her aspiration. We welcome Jenny Assistant Head back from maternity leave. She will be teaching this class.

Megan, our Year 4 teacher, will be relocating back to Australia part way through January. Megan, Assistant Head, will be teaching this class.

Carlene, a Learning Mentor, is starting a job nearer to her home.

We also say goodbye to Beverley, Jane, Shianne, Azita, Nermine and Lucy.

We have appointed a full time SENDCo (special needs coordinator) She will be taking up post in the Spring Team. In the interim period I will be having an overview of SEND in the school.

I would like to thank everyone who we are saying goodbye to for their hard work and dedication.

George Eliot is a very special place. It is full of wonderful children, a dedicated, skilled and hardworking staff team and eager and kind parents and carers. It has mountains of potential. Already, this term we have achieved so much to ensure that George Eliot is a high functioning, happy school that enables all of its pupils to reach their full potential.

I would like to thank everyone that has made me feel welcome since my arrival at George Eliot. I can honestly say, that I have never worked harder! I know the reward will be amazing when each and every child succeeds and is the best that they can be.

I wish everyone happy and safe times over the holidays. I wish Happy Christmas and Happy Chanukah to the families that celebrate those festivals.

Have fun and don't forget to have a little read each day during the holidays!

I just know that 2017 will be amazing year for our wonderful school.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school for learning on **Wednesday 4th January** at 8:50am.

With best wishes

Naomi Leaver – Head teacher