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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all so much to those of you who were able to join Mrs Jones and myself this morning for our meeting. For those of you who were unable to join us, we completely understand your commitments.

On Friday December 20th, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jones. Mrs Jones started The Good Shepherd in September 2019 as a Year 5 teacher and not long after, we went into lockdown. Throughout lockdown, I think parents could see how focused she was on supporting the children to achieve their full potential. This continued and Mrs Jones has been in year 6 ever since.

Past pupils remember the hard work but also the fun residentials, their walkathon and summer celebrations.

Mrs Jones has been offered a wonderful opportunity to relocate and teach in Dubai. She will be starting her new role, after the Christmas holidays. We understand that as parents, you may be concerned about mid-year changes however as I explained to the parents this morning, we have secured support from Mrs Curry with whom I worked with previously at St Marys Catholic Primary School. Mrs Curry will be teaching the children Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Curry is a highly experienced year 6 teacher. The rest of the week will be covered by myself, focusing on English and Mr Ali, focusing on Maths. The children will continue to have Miss Sharon teach Forest School and PHSE.

We are extremely grateful to Mrs Jones for all the parent workshops and cultural experiences she has given the children and we wish her every success in her new role. Mrs Jones is keen to continue to support the children, with a Saturday Morning online session. More details to follow.

Mrs Jones, will speak to the children this afternoon and we know they will be excited for her but sad to lose her and we ask for your support with this transition. We look forward to hearing all about Mrs Jones adventures and her new life in Dubai over the weeks and months ahead.

Very best wishes,

Mrs C Dodds

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