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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your children are all enjoying term 6 so far even though the weather hasn't been as kind as we may have wished so far.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to join us for a quick cup of coffee on Tuesday afternoon, it was as always helpful to hear from you and in particular, learn where things are going well. We know that Miss Brown has written to you this week detailing the class organisation for September and we very much hope that the children are all excited about their new teachers.

Of course, we were sad to hear that Miss Smith and Miss Riddell have decided to take the next steps in their careers but understand their reasons for moving on from St Mary's; we look forward to celebrating their contribution to the school nearer the end of term. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Brewer back from maternity leave next month and, of course, are excited by the new additions to the St Mary's team for September and seeing what new opportunities they bring for our children.

Whilst writing about personnel changes, we are very sad to inform you that Paul Moorhouse will not be returning to the Interim Governing Board at St Mary's. We would both like to extend our thanks to him, on behalf of the school community, for the contribution he made to St Mary's in the short time he was able to work with us. As previously advised we will both continue to co-chair the Interim Governing Board for the foreseeable future.

And finally for this message, we would like to invite you all to attend an **Information Session on Academies** on **10 July at 6.00pm**. During previous meetings and conversations with some of you it has become clear that you wish to know more about what it means to be an academy and why the Governors have taken the decision to take the school forward this way. Alongside your governors and senior leaders we will have Suzanne McDonald from the Diocese of Bath and Wells and Tish Bourke from the Office of the Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West in attendance, so that we can share information and answer any questions you may have by all of the organisations involved in the process. We hope that the notice period given will enable those who wish to attend to make the necessary arrangements, and apologise if this time is not possible for some members of the community; if this is the case please do submit your questions either by emailing CoG@st-marystimsbury.bathnes.sch.uk or by handing them into the office and we will ensure they are answered.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

With kind regards

Ruth Balch and Claire Hudson