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Dear Families

I hope you are all well.

Paul Goddard

I'm sorry to start this letter with such sad news, and some of you may have already heard that Paul Goddard has sadly passed away. Paul was previously Chair of Governors at All Saints and a long-standing and much-loved member of our parish community.

His funeral will take place at All Saints on Thursday 24th September at 11:30am. I know that some of our parents, grandparents and friends will have known Paul and may wish to attend the funeral to pay their respects and celebrate his life.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul's family and loved ones at this very sad time.

Our Catholic Schools Inspection

Attached is the report from our recent Catholic Schools Inspection, which took place on the penultimate Wednesday and Thursday of the summer term. As you will see, the report recognises very many of the significant strengths of Catholic life at All Saints' and the way our faith is lived out every day.

The report is full of exceptionally positive comments about our school. Inspectors found that our Catholic mission is "lived out every day", with a strong sense of belonging, family and community. They praised our excellent pastoral care, our support for families and vulnerable people, our charitable work and the many opportunities for our children to put their faith into action.

Catholic Life and Mission was judged Outstanding (Grade 1), as was the Leadership and Governance of Catholic Life. Inspectors described our Catholic mission as being "at the heart of All Saints'" and said that the school continues to flourish as a "beacon of faith in action within the community."

Our Religious Education was also judged Outstanding (Grade 1) across all three areas - pupil outcomes, provision and leadership. Inspectors highlighted our children's excellent progress, their enjoyment of RE, their thoughtful questioning and their ability to connect their faith with their everyday lives. Our teachers were described as "highly skilled practitioners", and our RE leadership as "inspirational."

Of the nine areas inspected, seven were judged Outstanding (Grade 1). We are extremely proud of this recognition and of the hard work of our children, staff, families and governors which lies behind it.

However, we are also extremely saddened and very disappointed that, despite this overwhelmingly strong outcome, the overall judgement for Collective Worship was Grade 2. We feel very strongly that this judgement does not fully reflect the richness, commitment and lived experience of prayer and worship across our school every single day.

Importantly, the report itself is overwhelmingly positive about the prayer life of our school. Inspectors found our children to be respectful, prayerful and fully engaged, stating that "Prayer is very much part of everyday life." They praised our comprehensive programme of prayer and liturgy, our creative approaches, our strong parish partnership and the opportunities provided for families. Leadership of Collective Worship was itself graded Outstanding (Grade 1).

The two areas identified for development are very specific areas for refinement: strengthening the wording and consistency of our Prayer and Liturgy Policy, and ensuring that formative assessment and feedback are consistently used to inform future planning. These are refinements to existing practice, rather than weaknesses, and sit alongside the extensive praise in the report for the quality of our Catholic life, prayer and worship.

While we respect the inspection process, we remain disappointed that the overall Grade 2 for Collective Worship does not, in our view, fully reflect the evidence contained within the report itself. The report describes our Catholic mission as "lived out every day", our school as a "beacon of faith in action", our teachers as "highly skilled practitioners" and our RE leadership as "inspirational." As you know well, at All Saints', Outstanding is not something that just happens for an inspection; it is something we strive to live every day. Our faith is woven through the life of our school – in the way we pray, care for others, support our families, serve our community and help our children to grow as compassionate, courageous and faithful young people.

We are incredibly proud of the recognition given to the faith, kindness, commitment and hard work of our children, staff, families and governors. The report repeatedly uses words such as "excellent", "passionate", "inspirational", "highly skilled", "excellent progress" and "flourish" - words which reflect so much of what we know and experience at All Saints every single day.

Most importantly, the report confirms what we see every day: faith is at the heart of life at our school and our children are flourishing spiritually, emotionally and academically.

We would like to thank our brilliantly wonderful school community for the part each of you plays in making All Saints such a special place to belong.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please don't forget about our very special Macmillan Coffee Morning, taking place on Wednesday 23rd September, starting at 9:15am. We've brought the time forward slightly in the hope that this will make it easier for parents and carers who are dropping children off at school to join us.

Donations of shop-bought cakes would be very gratefully received. We know that many of you love to bake and would normally be happy to bring along your homemade treats. However, to help us keep everyone safe and ensure that we have clear and accurate information about ingredients, particularly for those with allergies, we can only accept shop-bought cakes. We really appreciate your understanding and support with this.

Our Mini Vinnies are very excited about organising the event and welcoming you all. They would really appreciate a few parent or grandparent helpers to support them on the morning, if you are able to spare the time please let your child's teacher, or the school office know. Any help would be very gratefully received!

We hope to see lots of you there for a lovely morning together, while supporting such an important cause.

As always, if you ever have any questions, worries or queries, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat with us. Our door is always open, and we are more than happy to listen, help and support in any way we can.

Tomorrow's Friends of All Saints' Autumn Family Fun Day promises to be a very exciting and enjoyable event! We hope that as many families as possible are able to attend, to join in the fun and support the wonderful work and fundraising that the FOAS team take on tirelessly, with such enthusiasm, energy and huge effort!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and very much look forward to seeing you soon.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fagan'.

Mrs Anita Fagan
Headteacher

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things" Mother Teresa