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Dear Parents,

We wish to inform you all that Mrs Coppin will be taking early retirement at half term. Mrs Coppin has dedicated 23 years of her life to service at St Mary's as a teaching assistant and has been instrumental in the support that she has provided to teachers and indeed the pupils under her care. Mrs Coppin has worn many hats, supporting the smooth running of lunchtimes, supported in all classes and also worked closely with pupils with special needs. She has a passion for supporting young pupils in giving them an excellent start to early years education.

Mrs Coppin has enjoyed being the 'class baker' making many biscuits for tea parties and hundreds of Easter nests. She has always thrown herself into 'dress up' days like she had just walked out of an amateur dramatics set. She has rescued many animals on our wonderful grounds such as rabbits and hedgehogs and even spotted foxes!

Mrs Coppin has been a huge part of driving forwards our new vision since September 2019. With a colleague, she had the very important role of designing our vision story so that pupils fully understand it. Her creation will be a legacy that will be shared with many pupils for many years to come.

The Governing Body, Miss Edey and all staff will be wishing Mrs Coppin a blessed and peaceful retirement internally on Thursday.

We would also like to inform parents that we have successfully recruited Mrs Breckon for this role. Mrs Breckon already knows the children in our school and will be an asset to our Teaching Assistant team. We are delighted that Mrs Breckon is taking on this role.

We are sure all of our St Mary's families will join us in wishing Mrs Coppin a very happy, relaxing retirement.

Yours sincerely

Miss V Edey

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Andrew Watkin
Chair of Governors

'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Loving with God'