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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a lovely, if short, week at Longsands as we have celebrated Christmas with a Christmas Lunch prepared by our fantastic catering team yesterday, and Christmas jumper day today.

It is the time of year again when we welcome new staff who are joining the school and say goodbye to staff who are moving to new challenges. I am really pleased to announce that after an extensive recruitment process, we have appointed the following staff:

- Ms Bennett is joining us as Vice Principal, with oversight for Sixth Form
- Mr Milne, has been promoted to Assistant Principal
- Ms Lovegrove is joining us as Head of Year 8
- Ms Smith has been promoted to Head of English
- Mrs O’Riordan has been promoted to Head of Geography
- Mr Trinca is joining us as a Media and English teacher
- Ms O’Hara is joining the English Department
- Mrs Bodede is joining the Maths Department
- Mr Long is joining the PE Department
- Mr Ellingham is joining the PE Department
- Miss Dabson is joining the PE Department
- Miss Taverna is joining the PD Department

I would like to wish the following staff all the best in their future endeavours: Mr Walker, Mr Owen, Mr Dickerson, Miss Bobbett, Miss Bingham, Miss Remfry, Ms Zoylinos, Mrs Starling, Miss Parker and finally Mrs Kay who we wish well on her retirement.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Friday 5 January 2024, when we will issue them with new timetables due to some staffing and set changes.

We are currently developing an exciting new opportunity for parents/carers to engage more with the school and also have input into new policies and protocols. We will be sending information out about this in the new year.

Finally, I came across this poem from Brian Bilston which made me smile so I thought I would share it, if any of you like me are suffering from pine needles in the socks!

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Best wishes

Dr C Cusick
Principal

Needles

I
wrote
a poem
in the shape
of a Christmas
tree but then forgot
to water it and only a few
days
later

there

were all over
the carpet
words