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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Baines passed away during the last week of the summer holidays after a long illness. Mrs Baines was a beloved member of our school family and came to us as an answer to our prayers during a difficult period for St. Joseph's School. She served with us as Head Teacher from 2010 until 2012, and subsequently as a much loved Chair of Governors until the present day. She dedicated her life to Catholic education, working as a teacher and Head Teacher in Birmingham Catholic schools for her entire career. She also served the Diocese as an RE Inspector and Advisor and has helped to turn around a number of schools. During her time with us, Mrs Baines gave so much to ensuring that St. Joseph's became the successful and happy community that it is today and always remained committed to the school, which she loved, even when she was feeling very poorly. We will always be grateful for the legacy that she has left us.

Mrs Baines will be very sadly missed by everyone in school who was so fond of her. We remember her family and friends especially at this time and pray that they find comfort from their memories and the good wishes of people around them.

Please note that the school office will be closed tomorrow afternoon from 12.00pm to allow members of staff to attend Mrs Baines' funeral. School is open as normal and the children can be collected at the usual time of 3.15pm.

We have not yet formally given this sad news to the children, so please speak to them at home this evening in the best way that you feel they will understand. If you would like any support with this please come in and see me. We will have a condolence book available in school from Monday in the entrance area, which you are very welcome to come into school to sign and leave a message of sympathy for Mrs Baines' family.

Thank you for your support at this time, which is obviously a very sad one for all of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Treadwell
Head Teacher

*Jesus light our way on our faith journey.
Be our guide, our joy and our hope, as we learn, live, love and pray together*

