



16 July 2021

Final letter of 2020-21

Dear parents and carers

It has been a very challenging year for the school community. However, as we looked back with the children in our final assemblies today, remembering events that they have shared and celebrating their achievements, it felt as though the children had been able to keep enjoying their learning despite the challenges.

Sadness for Year 6

Year 6 children were dealt an awful blow this week when they had to self-isolate due to a number of Covid cases in the year group. This meant that they missed this week's activities and their last school days together.

I am very pleased to say that the Year 6 team have planned an event for them together at the end of the school holiday. This means they get a fun day of their own, with a disco and sports thrown in as well. This will be a nice chance for them to say goodbye to each other before beginning their high school adventures. During their isolation this week, the teachers and children have continued to engage online and today I informed them of their award winners in their online assembly.

Extreme Fun Day

Using money they raised from their sponsored exercises with Olympian Montell Douglas, the school council planned an excellent Extreme Fun Day. The children enjoyed the many activities outside as well as some fun things to do inside. Our thanks go to Miss Perini and Mrs Whiting who made it happen and to their team of volunteers who helped it run so smoothly.



Sports Day

On Thursday, children took part in our postponed Sports Day, earning points for their houses. We were assisted by eight Year 7 sports leaders from Putteridge High School. They were all ex-Someries pupils and we were very proud to see the fine young people that they have become.

This year's Sports Day was enhanced by our new athletics track which enabled more races and relays.



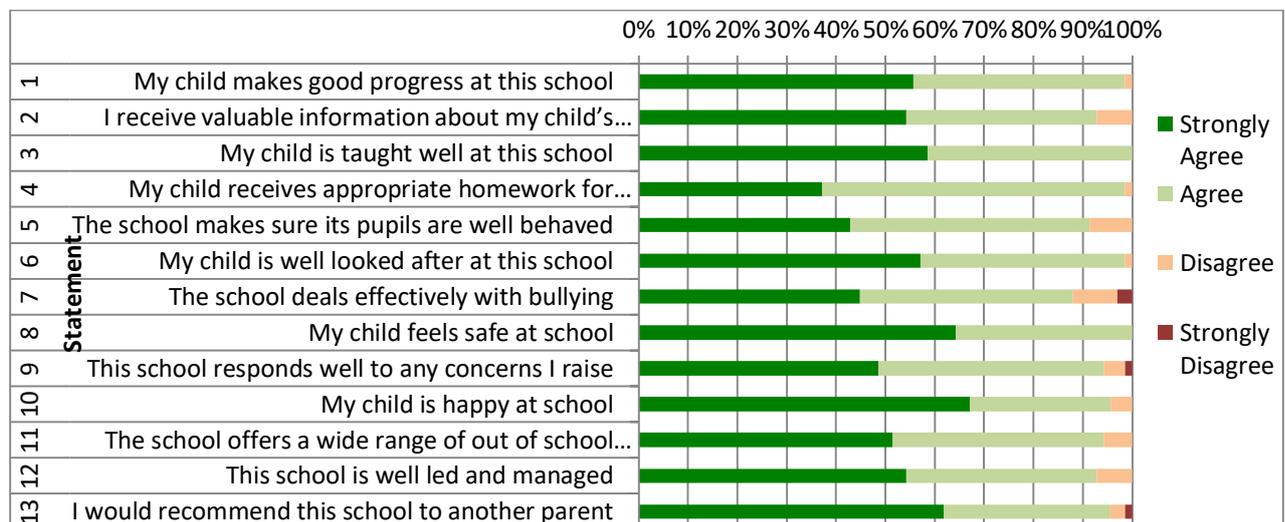
Final Assembly

Our final assembly today was like a scrapbook of memories of this year's events and activities, along with a range of awards and the results of the house championship for 2021-22. You can see the slides from our assembly at this link: <https://bit.ly/SJSfinal2021>



Parent and Carer Survey

Thank you to those of you who took part in our annual parent and carer survey this month. The results were overwhelmingly positive and I have passed many of your encouraging messages on to staff. It was good to see that 100% of the families who took part agreed that their child is taught well and feels safe at school.



There were some helpful suggestions for improvements and I will be looking at how we can implement further improvements. I will publish further results in the September newsletter.

A thank you to parents and carers

We believe in working collectively with families to help the children develop, and your support during this difficult year has been much appreciated. During lockdown and periods of self-isolation you have helped the children to remain positive and keep learning, and since they have been back at school, you have supported the activities that we have arranged for the children.

Thank you too for your practical help with our Covid measures. Because adults have worn face coverings on site and left the site promptly, we have all been much safer and the children have felt more at ease.

Back to school for after the summer holidays

Our term will restart, with full days from the onset, on **Monday 6th September**. Our parent and carer survey showed that most families prefer the staggered starts - as children felt much safer with a less crowded school site - so we will continue with something similar in September. I will email timings for each class the week before the start of term.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hunt