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'Together in Faith and Learning'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we made it to the end of another school year. A year full of challenges, last minute changes, ups and downs.

On behalf of the staff team I would like to thank you all for your support over the past twelve months. We appreciate that the constant adaptations we have had to make in school to keep everyone safe, the switch to remote learning and the adjustments to normal school life have been difficult for families to juggle, particularly for working parents.

We very much appreciate your backing, encouragement and involvement.

I would like to also pay tribute to the children.

Throughout the past year, despite the many obstacles they have had to face, they have remained resilient and committed to all they undertake. It has been great to be able to mix outside the past couple of weeks and to see their friendship groups widen once more as they have enjoyed their time together. Their behaviour and attitude to school has been exemplary and we are all extremely proud of them.

As we break up for the summer holiday today we are saying goodbye to our Year Six children.

Sharing in their presentation evening and play last Tuesday evening gave us an occasion to celebrate all of their achievements during their time with us. They have grown into great young people and we wish them all much success and luck as they move on to the next stage in their life journey.

For some of our Year Six children we are also saying goodbye to their families as they come to the end of their association with our school. To those families, thank you for your support over the years.

Today marks the final day for two members of staff.

Miss Jackson, who has been providing some additional support at lunchtimes, leaves today. Miss Jackson is a former pupil of school and I would like to thank her for all of her help during her time here, we wish her every success as she moves on to university and for a bright future.

Mrs Roscoe also leaves school today. As I said in a previous newsletter, Mrs Roscoe has had a long association with our school, initially as a parent before becoming a volunteer and then a member of staff. Mrs Roscoe has made a dramatic difference to many children during her time in school. She has been an extremely valuable member of our staff team and we will miss her very much. We wish her and her family lots of luck in their exciting new adventure.

I am delighted to announce that we have two new members of the staff team joining us in September. Miss Orme and Mrs Ewins will be working in teaching assistant roles throughout school. Both are qualified teachers who, for differing reasons, have chosen to take a step back from teaching to work in a support role. They will add a great deal of strength to our staff team and we are all very much looking forward to working with them.

We have a staff wedding to celebrate over the summer holiday as Miss Armitage marries Mr Lowe. The pandemic has meant that this marriage is long awaited and we all send our congratulations and very best wishes for a lovely wedding day and very happy future to them both.

'Let your light shine in the world' (Matthew 5:16)

The Friends PTFA have worked tirelessly this past year, raising funds and providing some uplifting experiences for us all. Thank you to them for their commitment and huge efforts. The children really enjoyed the Summer Fun Day visit from Alldays Farm yesterday complete with ice cream and crisps courtesy of 'Tastebuds' and 'Fiddlers', it was a great way to end the year.

Our Governing Board has had to work very hard to oversee many difficult decisions this year and to support staff recruitment. All of these things have meant additional time and effort and we thank them all for their commitment and support to school.

Finally I would like to offer a huge thank you to our staff team.

Their hard work, dedication, professionalism and support has been unswerving, as has their love, care and kindness to the children, families and each other.

I am honoured to work with each and every one of them and wish them all the restful summer break they more than deserve.

As School closes at 2pm today for the summer holiday we look forward, with hope, to September.

We re-open on **Thursday 2nd September at 8:55am**. As things stand we will open in a more normal way with no class bubbles and hopefully being able to meet as a whole school once again. I will write towards the end of the summer break to advise you of full arrangements.

So for now I wish you all a healthy and happy summer holiday and look forward to either continuing to work with you in September or, if you are moving on, to hearing of your child's success in the future .



Yours sincerely

Mrs R H Elleray
Headteacher



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