



Head of Academy Update Summer Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the last day of term I wanted to say a few 'thank yous' and firstly I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to you, our families, for your continued support and partnership over the past year - and what a year it has been!

Thank you and well done to our 'Home Heroes' who have had to stay at home, valiantly continuing with home learning (and the parents that have been encouraging them!). Thank you to the children who were in school and stayed safe in their bubbles and were calm, patient and smiling as they came into school - you have also been heroes!

Thank you to our amazing staff who have never wavered at putting our children first, whether that was caring for them in school or supporting from afar with phone calls, letters and home learning projects that they hoped would inspire and engage them.

We have spent the last couple of days saying goodbye to our Year 6 children with socially distanced presentations in the playground (videoed so we can share with their parents) and virtual assemblies where all the children have shared songs, poems and wishes to send them off to secondary school. We are immensely proud of our oldest children as they make their way in the world and we hope that the time they spent at ASM has created lifelong foundations from which they will grow. Even though some of the usual end of year arrangements had to change we hope they will have fond memories of their last few weeks in Primary school.

Thank you to the Rotary Club for presenting dictionaries to every Year 6 child and thank you to our amazing PTFA who gave the Year 6 children a gift of a goodie bag with equipment for secondary school. Thank you to Mrs Webber for coordinating and putting together the fantastic Year Book with photos and messages that the children will treasure forever. Thank you again to Mrs Mee for the generous gift of the Year 6 hoodies that the children have loved wearing in the last few weeks in school!



We have said thank you and bye for now to Miss Cross, Mrs Gray and Mrs Gribble as they move onto new adventures in September - they have all had such a positive impact on our school, we will miss them but they have promised to keep in touch!



We have been welcoming our new Reception children for September either with Zoom or Whatsapp video calls or socially distanced visits to the school. Miss Robertson is looking forward to welcoming them and has been busy phoning to check that they are ok as we have been unable to do our usual transition visits. The children are all very excited to start and we can't wait to have more families joining our school family in September - I know you will all make them feel welcome (even from socially distanced lining up and the beginning and end of the school day!)

Over the Summer holidays we will be having a brand new conservatory that will modernise the front of the school with a new entrance. This will complete the work that saw new fire doors through the whole school that both made the school look fabulous and keeps us safe! Thank you to the Trust Estates team for making this happen - we can't wait to see it in September!

I am delighted that I am able to continue to lead this wonderful school in September and continue to work together to keep our children safe as we navigate these uncharted waters! The way in which the whole school community has rallied together makes me immensely proud.



So it just leaves me to wish you a wonderful Summer, I hope the good weather stays with us and we can all get some time to explore beautiful Devon and all it has to offer. Have some wonderful time together and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Friday 4th September** and hearing all about your adventures!

Very best wishes

Mrs Edwards

