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Dear Parents/ Carers,

FINAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Many, many thanks for **everything** you have done to support our children in 2022 2023. They are so very fortunate to have your support for so many school initiatives. I think of the attendance at The Authors Book mornings in Year 1 2, the tremendous Y3 4 home projects which were presented by the Engineers, the steadfast support for the Architects in a very important year for so many with SAT boosters, good attendance and trips. The inventors' parents in Nursery and Reception have supported Tapestry and Reading so well, underlining the importance of the home school partnership. Thanks to all parents who have supported the phonics and reading clubs.

Our Year 6 children have worked so hard this year and we wish them a smooth and very successful transition to their various secondary schools. They have strong personal qualities and great resilience and I am confident that they will make new friendships quickly and progress well.

I would like to thank our leaving staff for all they have done over their time with us. Mrs Sue Blackwell has kindly extended her time with us for the month of September so her retirement celebration will be next term. Thanks so much Mrs Blackwell for going the extra mile in the interests of our school community. Miss Sharrock and Mrs Farrell have together committed twelve years' service to our children and community and we wish them every success in a new chapter in their professional development. Mrs Davies, Mrs Fox and Mr Parslew have also given a number of years commitment and service to our school in a variety of support roles and we would like to thank them for all the interest and support which extend beyond their substantive roles. We wish them the best of luck with their future plans.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work over 2022/23. I am mindful of the difficulties which many schools have experienced in recruiting staff for many roles (locally and nationally) and this post pandemic phenomenon leads us to value the commitment of those who enjoy and are committed to working in schools even more.

Staffing Update

Mrs Greaney will be Key Stage 1 leader (y1 and 2) from September 2022 and Mrs Metcalfe will be Upper Key stage 2 leader (Y5 6) for two terms. I wish both staff every success in their new roles.

The reading strategy in school has met with great success this year and we have seen children make great strides; particularly, where home and school have worked so closely. Thank you to everyone who has made this happen. When children make gains in their reading ability, their approach to learning and attitude can be both transformational and dramatic. Please continue to do **everything** you can to support them. The school has received very positive feedback from visiting schools with regard to its approach to reading and Ms Pritchard and the staff team have been highly committed to its success!

We would also like to thank parents for all their support and assistance in sport tournaments such as cross country which depend on volunteer assistance to make the events such a success!

Next year there will be new targets for attendance, new pressures on schools and in turn new pressures on everyone to promote good attendance. As you may be aware, national attendance levels have not really recovered since pre-pandemic levels. We are very committed to increasing our school attendance rates, quite simply, for the benefit of all children.

The pupils return on **Monday 5th September 2022** and the school will keep the policy regarding children wearing PE kits on arrival for school on their PE day. We will inform your children in September of their allocated day.

In the meantime, we look forward to the next generation of children coming through Reception class doors in September and wish you and your families a restful summer. Hopefully with a few more sunny days!

Yours sincerely



K A Loftus Headteacher

