



Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers.

As we reach the end of the school year and a long and busy summer term, I would like to whole-heartedly thank both staff and parents for their unstinting support and dedication through thick and thin! We have achieved our best set of external results in the school for several years, and that has not only been down to the hard work of children and staff, but also to the investment of parents and carers in what we are trying to achieve. I am also very pleased that our whole-school data matched our external results extremely closely, demonstrating our accurate and thorough assessment of the children's strengths and areas for improvement.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the staff for the extra-curricular activities they have tirelessly delivered throughout the year- maths, phonics, cooking, drama, art, choir, ICT, board games, table tennis, and construction club to name but a few. The team from Dellar Sports Coaching have also worked hard to really enhance our sporting provision, and I am greatly looking forward to continuing to work with them next year, and expanding our services to include our Catkins After-school club beginning in the Autumn term.

Our focus on offering a wide and varied curriculum with many interesting events and stimuli to engage and interest the children is really bearing fruition, evidenced by the fantastic day enjoyed by the whole school on Friday at Clare Country Park, and the many trips and events that have taken place throughout just this term: the Year 6 debate attended by an MP, the Year 4 trip to the Royal Gunpowder Mills, the lower school visit to Colchester Zoo, as well as visits to and from Stour valley, walks around Clare, theatre productions, and the Year 5/6 performances.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, who have achieved so much this year. Their confidence is palpable, and they are so very ready for secondary school. We are extremely proud of the young adults they are becoming, and we know that they will continue to do the best they can, make the right choices and reach for those stars.

We also say goodbye to two members of staff, Sam Bareham, our trainee teacher, and Amy Walker, a Teaching Assistant. Sam has been at the school for the last two years, and I know many of your children have blossomed under his tutelage. He has the makings of an outstanding classroom teacher, and has also contributed so much to the wider life of the school: coaching the football team, tidying up the outside areas and creating our outdoor classroom. Amy Walker has worked at the school for five years, and has recently achieved a distinction in her Psychology degree. She has been offered a job where she can utilise this qualification, liaising with families in the Bury area. Amy, like Sam, has given so much more than her job description in her service to the school. We will miss her greatly, but I am looking forward to hearing of how her career develops.

We have a few children now at the school who suffer from a severe nut allergy. May I remind you that no products containing nuts should be brought into school. If in doubt, please check first with the school office.

Our holiday clubs are running for two days during the summer holidays: 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of August at the bargain price of £5 a session, bookable by Parentpay. These are heavily subsidised by our PE Premium Grant with the purpose of getting as many children to attend as possible. Please support these if you can; there has been great feedback from the children attending at Easter and half-term. Although there is a strong active element, there is also a variety of other non-PE activities on offer also, and they are run extremely competently and professionally by Dellar Sports.

Last but not least, you will be pleased to hear that we have approved the final logo for the new school uniform today, and the uniform will be orderable from the end of this week via the link on our school website or by ordering directly from [www.goodies.co.uk](http://www.goodies.co.uk). **Orders must be made by 31st July for collection in September.** These will then be delivered to school by the two PD days at the beginning of September, so that you can pick



them up before school begins for pupils on the Wednesday. Today, children in Year 2 and KS2 will receive their free tie which we have already named in preparation for September.

Please may I remind you to send your signed data sheets back to the office with two emergency contact numbers, even if there are no changes.

All that remains for me to do is to wish you all a relaxing, safe and fun summer holiday with your families and friends, and thank you and your families once more for an amazing year. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and well in September, and raring to go again!

Yours sincerely,

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