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End of Year Newsletter July 2019

End of Year

This year has sped by and it has once again been a really busy one!

Last week's performance of Goodbye my Friend by year 6 had us all laughing, even though the ending song caused a few tears. It was so lovely to see our talented, funny children in a play that suited their natural strengths – and the singing was great too!

We are always sorry to see our children go, but we hand them up to their new schools confident that they are ready to move on to the next stage of their journey and very proud of all they have achieved. As well as their expertise in arts, drama and sport, once again this year's set of Year 6 results were excellent; the children scored above national levels in all subjects, we are delighted for them that all their hard work paid off! We wish them well in their new schools.

Staffing News - Farewells

We will say a sad goodbye to Mrs Povey this week, as she is starting her career in Special Needs Education at Addington School.

Farewell too to our lovely Mrs Shawcross, who is moving on to a new career in September, which is an exciting opportunity for her.

Mr Powell is also leaving us, and whilst we will miss him greatly, we are delighted for him that he has achieved his long-held ambition of joining the police force.

Our school is a close and supportive community and we are always sorry to see people move on as they have been such an important part of caring for and educating your children. We wish them all the best in their new careers.

School Security

We have assigned funding to improve site safety over the next academic year. At present, we do not have a 'secure line' of fencing around the school and people driving into the car park remain a real danger to the children. This was highlighted as a serious issue in a recent health and safety report from Wokingham Council. Until the new fencing and gates are installed, please help to keep the children safe by walking to school or, if you have no choice but to drive, parking in the Waterside car park and using the back gate into school. Only blue-badge holders are permitted to park on site.

Sadly, many local residents report that their drives or garages are blocked by inconsiderate parking and some have been verbally abused when they have asked people to move their cars. Please consider our local community and park without impacting on our neighbours.

School News and communication

We will continue to communicate school news and updates via the school app, which is called 'School News' and can be found on both Apple and Android app stores.

Please ensure you have this app and notifications enabled to ensure you don't miss any updates. As an eco-aware school, we are trying to limit the amount of paper we send out.



Phonics and Reading

Our main project from September will be on improving children's fluency and love for reading. We will start with a faster teaching of phonics in Early Years and then move to specific teaching of reading fluency higher up the school. We will be running a reading workshop for parents in the Spring term and recommending some great books to read with the children at home.

Over the Summer, Wokingham libraries are running their Summer reading scheme: more details are available on their website <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/reading-schemes-for-children-and-adults/>

Welcome Meetings

The dates for welcome meetings for the new classes are as follows:

Monday 9th September – Year 1

Tuesday 10th September – Year 2

Wednesday 11th September – Year 3

Monday 16th September – Year 4

Tuesday 17th September – Year 5

Thursday 19th September – Year 6

All meetings are in the classrooms at 3.00 p.m.

Term Dates for Autumn:

Tuesday 3rd September – school closed for INSET

Wednesday 4th September – term starts

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – half term break

Monday 4th November – school closed for INSET

Tuesday 5th November – back to school

End of Term

Term finishes at 2.00 pm on Friday 19th July and starts again for the children on Wednesday 4th September.

Have a lovely Summer, see you in September!

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