



Dear Parents and Carers,
Phew! We made it to the end of term! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support during the year. It really is a privilege to work with such a fantastic staff team and such hardworking, lovely children. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your generous gifts and kind words.

Goodbye and Good luck

Today we said goodbye to our super Year 6 Leavers – they have been such a lovely year group, and we will really miss them. They have worked so hard, both academically and in their contribution to school life, and we know that we are sending them off with a fantastic set of SATs results, and a clear understanding of our mission to serve God and others. We wish them all the very best in their new schools, and look forward to hearing how they are getting on in the future! We had a lovely Leavers' Mass for the children and their parents at the Annunciation on Monday. On Wednesday, we had a lovely retreat day at Edmund Campion church, starting with Mass with the parish in the morning, and then prayer stations in the hall (after a pizza lunch!) In the evening, the children enjoyed a disco (many thanks to our fab crew of helpers). This morning we had a Leavers' assembly in school, where the children had the chance to say goodbye to one another.



Hot School Meals Ordering

Booking for hot school meals for the Autumn term will be open from next Tuesday 22nd July, on the Forerunner Portal – **please ensure that you order your child's meals over the holidays**. The deadline to order for the first week back is midnight on Monday 25th August. If you do not order by that deadline, please make sure you send your child in to school with a packed lunch.

Gates

It may be that when your child returns to school in September they are coming onto a different playground or in through a different gate – so this is just a reminder! Reception children will go in and out of their own gates, on Malvern Rd.

Year 1 and Year 2 children will come in through the KS1 playground gates, and should be collected from the KS1 playground – Year 1 come out from their classrooms through their outdoor area (the brightly coloured fence) and Year 2 come out of the white door with their class teacher.

From September, we will only be opening the large gate on the KS2 playground in the morning, so all KS2 children should come that way. Please can I remind you that your child should not be arriving at school before 8.25, as this is the time the gates are open, and queues cause congestion, particularly where the pavements are narrow on Malvern Rd.

At the end of the day, children with Walkers' passes come out of the smaller gate, and if you are collecting your child from KS2, you should come on to the playground through the big gate. If you haven't applied for a new Walkers' Pass and want your child to have one, please do so as soon as possible. We will be issuing passes on the first day back.

Before school

In September, we will be trialling the children coming straight into class in the mornings, rather than putting their things away and coming back out to play. We hope that this will be a calmer start and increase the learning time available. The gates will still be open from 8.25 to 8.40, so you can drop your child at the gate between those times – just remember to say goodbye to them then! We will review this after a few weeks, and see how it is working for children (and staff!)

Meet the Team

On Wednesday 10th September we would like to invite you to pop into school to meet your child's teacher and TA – it's not a formal meeting, just a chance to put a face to the name!

Medication

We are sending home any medication that we hold in school, including epipens and asthma inhalers, so that you can check the use by date. Please ensure that you send any medication back into school with your child in September – unless there is a change to dosage you will not need to complete a medication form again, as we will pass those up to the next class.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform when they return to school in September – they can wear either summer or winter uniform. Trainers should only be worn on PE days, and children should wear navy or black shoes. Many thanks.

While we're on the subject of uniform – many, many thanks to Mrs Arthur and her fantastic team of pre-loved uniform sellers – they made £152.00 for school funds at the sale on Tuesday.

PSA Fundraising

We also raised £363 from our ice lolly sales. Thanks to the PSA for organising this – it was a lovely treat in the warm weather!

Reading challenge

Yesterday morning we had a visit from the team from Charminster library to tell us about this summer's reading challenge. There are lots of fab free activities availability – it's definitely worth a visit.

DON'T FORGET – SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR CHILDREN ON MONDAY 21st JULY, TUESDAY 22nd JULY, AND WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER AS WE HAVE TRAINING FOR STAFF.

Well done to our Stars of the Week

Super Role Model: RJ: Jack; RP: Bruno; 1JC: Yuvaan; 1WH: Amelija; 2NW: Ivy; 2MS: Bethel; 3NL: Antonia; 3DB: Lola; 4DC: Lola; 4PM: Elsie; 5RH: Joshua; 5JC: Luke; 6KB: Klaudia C; 6HT: Megan.

Learning Champion: RJ: Layla; RP: Caleb; 1JC: Mila; 1WH: Lilly W; 2NW: Zara; 2MS: Rafa; 3NL: Harley; 3DB: Anthony; 4DC: Alex; 4PM: Harrison; 5RH: Oscar; 5JC: Jared; 6KB: Ollie; 6HT: Filip.

Wishing you a lovely break with your families.

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