

## **Happy Summer!**

### **Uniform Policy**

I hope you saw the email earlier in the week about phased adjustments to the uniform policy.

We have since realised there was an omission which was the option of gingham shorts. Some children have been wearing these and they should have been included in the policy. I apologise for any confusion.

### **Leavers**

I have just emerged from the Year 6 Leavers' assembly where this amazing group of children entertained us for over an hour with a blend of music, comedy, dance, magic and sport. Not only did their individual talents shine through but what was clear throughout was the humour, friendship and spirit that have made them such a special part of our school. We will miss them all individually and collectively and know they have bright futures ahead of them.

As I have shared in recent newsletters, today we are also saying goodbye to several members of staff who are leaving us to relocate and/or begin exciting new chapters. I have written previously about how loved these people are and how missed they will be, and I know you will join me in wishing Mr Millard, Mr Goddard and Miss O'Connor lots of love and luck as they head off for new adventures. They have been a joy to work with and they have inspired and nurtured hundreds of children between them.

This year we have also had several members of staff who joined us via agencies and ended up staying for the duration! Two of these are Miss Thompson (Year 1 and 2) and Miss Cummings (Preschool) who quickly became part of the team but are today leaving us to secure positions nearer to their respective homes. I would like to thank Miss Thompson and Miss Cummings for their tremendous commitment and care for the school and wish them well for their future careers.

### **Transition**

This year we have relooked at how we support the children with the transition to their new year group and have made changes intended to help you feel more connected with the process and to help the children to feel that early connection to their teacher.

In addition to the shuffle up morning and transition Inset day, this year we introduced transition books which you should have received by weduc/ email last week. These provide information which your child may forget or worry about over the holiday such as where to line up in the morning, where to go at the end of the day, what the staff look like and where they will hang their coats.

Alongside this, Mr Potter (with help from our resident graphic designer Mrs French) has created an All About Me sheet which you should have received yesterday. We would love for you to print and complete this with your child before they return in September to give to their new class teacher. It is hoped this will provide your child with an opportunity to share a little about themselves as a person and a learner which will enable their new teacher to establish that all-important connection straight away. Many thanks in advance for your help with this.



## All about me...



Please spend a bit of time sitting with somebody at home to complete this sheet. It will help your new teacher to learn all the great things about you when you start in September.

What makes me special?

What are my superpowers?

What makes me feel safe?

**Name:**
**Class:**

What do I find difficult in school?

Would any of these help me in class? Please tick!

Topic word mat

Sensory resources

Practical maths resources

Standing desk

I have another idea...

How can someone help me if I get stuck?

My best joke!

### Green Flag Award

It has been lovely to see the growth of the Eco Club this year and with it see the garden at Merrywood and Orchard at Myrtle re-open and provide so much pleasure and inspiration to the children. I am so grateful to the team of parent helpers whose energy and vision created the club and have ensured it goes from strength to strength. It has resulted in a fantastic ending to the year, as we have been awarded Green Flag Status!

Over to the children to tell you more about the final club of the year...

*In our final session of the year, we got badges and cake to celebrate our hard work this year. We planted a plum tree, kindly donated by Riverside Garden Centre, and raised a green flag to mark the school's new green flag status. A big thank you to all the helpers and volunteers who have made the Eco Club sessions so fun and inspiring this year.*



### **Summer Food Bank**

Once again, Mrs Mathias has co-ordinated our summer foodbank with over 20 parcels being delivered this week. To the parents/carers and staff who supported, whether financially, with food donations, with transport or with their time, THANK YOU. This just could not happen without your help.

And of course thank you to the legend that is Mrs Mathias for co-ordinating this valuable project.



### **Year 2 School Meals**

Just a reminder for our current Year 2 parents that from September school meals will need to be pre-ordered and pre-paid via Parentmail as they will no longer be funded. If you have any questions about this please do contact the team in the school office and they will be able to help.

### **New Books from Scholastic**

As you may be aware, when you buy books from the Scholastic Book Fair we receive a percentage to spend on books for school. This has been a great opportunity for us to choose books which reflect and celebrate the diversity within our community and this week they arrived! We are really looking forward to sharing these with the children next year.

