



West Malling

CE Primary School & The McGinty SRP

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we finish the school year, I would like to write to you all to thank you for the past year. Today we are saying goodbye to a very special group of children as they take the next step on their journey of life. I hope that they will take the lessons they have learned here with them as they embark on their next chapter. Similarly, we have said goodbye to Mrs Reeves, Mrs Harris and Mr White, all of whom we wish the very best for the future. The rest of us, you will see again in September!

Those of you that know me, know that I firmly believe that by focussing on an ambitious curriculum, high quality teaching and varied opportunities, good results follow. We do not work backwards from the results to narrow what we offer. This approach has been proved right again this year as the current Year 6 have achieved wonderfully well – both as individuals and a collective. Our end-of-KS2 results are in line with the emerging national average in all subjects, and quite significantly above when directly comparing the main school data to other mainstream schools. This backs up our assertion that we are fiercely ambitious for all pupils.

As we finish the year, all the children are tired – and most of the adults too! Maintaining a focus on those values of love, trust, compassion, forgiveness, hope and perseverance is tiring business. But it is our business and will remain so with a deep commitment – both personally and collectively. The message we try to teach children is that the values are not just for school, but for the outside world as well, and for the remainder of their lives. That was the focus of today's final worship of the year – which I built around the growth of the band 'The Arctic Monkeys'!!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for all your support over the year and to wish everyone a very happy and relaxing summer. I sincerely hope you get to spend some quality time together as families and look forward to seeing you all again when the gates open once more at **8:35am on Tuesday 1st September**. Make sure you remember that earlier start time in September!

Very best wishes,

Mr Rye