



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 Lyall, Mrs Excell and Mrs Colley, all of whom we wish the very best for the future. The rest of us, you will see again in September!

As always in the summer, we have the opportunity to develop the school premises in ways that are more difficult with lots of children present. This year it is the turn of Willow and Ash classrooms to be completely repainted, along with a further section of corridor in school. The pond area behind Chestnut Class is also being worked on to make it a safe and useable learning resource for the school. With the lining having been completed and the area already cleared, the summer will see significant ground work to level the area surrounding the pond, pave round the outside and ensure the fencing is secure. Many of you know that last summer saw significant building work in school with the creation of a single, large, open-plan learning space in the heart of the school. There have unfortunately been delays to the furnishing of this space, but I am excited to say that this will begin in mid-September, partly through the use of funds raised by all of you through the PTFA.

In church on Wednesday, we said goodbye to a number of Year 6 parents whose association with school now comes to the end. While PTFA events are always well-attended and parents often volunteer their support, the Committee itself has found it challenging this year to have enough members at meetings to co-ordinate the planning of events. As such, together with Jess and Carly, we have made the decision to scale back the PTFA from September. We shall maintain a small number of events, co-ordinated by the school, for which I am sure we shall still require volunteers, so look out!

Once we are back up and running, and the new Chestnut Class have settled into the routines of school, along with a new cohort of parents, we may well look to re-launch the PTFA in the hope that we can put together a new, larger Committee. Again, look out for further communication on this after the end of Term 1.

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 8:45am on Wednesday 3rd September.

Very best wishes,

Mr Rye

Our Term 6 Learners of the Term are:

Year R - Keira
Year 1 - Luke
Year 2 – Raffery & Kayden
Year 3 - Edwin
Year 4 - Aine
Year 5 – Dontae & Lexi
Year 6 – Pippa & Tommy C