

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

Headteacher: Elizabeth Burton



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and coping!

We had the announcement yesterday that restrictions would ease from Monday 19 July although it is a 'proceed with caution' message. I also had some advice from the Local Authority this morning. I am sorry if any of you or your families have fallen prey to the virus or are needing to self – isolate. It has been a truly exhausting time for everyone.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

I was waiting for yesterday's announcement before making a final decision on the Leavers' Assembly. We will now go ahead with a Leavers' Assembly for our year 6 and for staff who are leaving on **THURSDAY 22 JULY at 9.30**. The original plan was for Tuesday 20 July but we know some of our families will be celebrating Eid on that day. We can invite year 6 parents and carers to this assembly and keep the numbers manageable in our well-ventilated hall. We will say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6, who have coped admirably this year, and to Beth Gibson, Sam Coleman, Dominic Banham, Hannah Cline and Oscar Idle who are also leaving and who have all made significant contributions to our school community. Priya Bountra, who has worked in years 1 and 2, will have her goodbye and thank you in an assembly led by Jane Godby in the small hall. We will not be inviting parents and carers to this as the children are not leaving us yet!

Sports Events

We had two successful Sports Days last week and it was a delight to welcome parents and carers onto our field again. Unfortunately, the Year 3/4 event was postponed due to Covid related absences. This is now scheduled for **MONDAY 19 JULY at 1.30**

Goodbye to Mrs Burton!

There is a goodbye planned for me – outside – on the afternoon of **Wednesday 21 July**. I am not organising this (obviously!) but I have agreed that children can come to school **out of uniform** on that day. This was in response to a discussion on school uniform with a couple of year 5 children who had gathered many signatures requesting the wearing of colourful jumpers, 'non-school uniform jumpers! I explained that any big uniform change would need to go through a consultation process with the new headteacher as there is not enough time in this academic year.

I find it hard to believe that I am reaching my last two weeks here. I am not doing any sorting or clearing until August as I am still so involved with everything and everyone! This is not my last newsletter.

Early end of term

The end of term is **THURSDAY 22 JULY** at the earlier time of **1.00**. There will be school lunch on that day.

My very best wishes to you and your families,

Liz Burton