



21st July 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

Another very busy and exciting school year is reaching its end and everyone is looking forward to the summer break. The summer term has been action packed with numerous events including the aspiration day, a mini summer fair, sports day, a visit to Sherwood Pines, a moving visit to the Holocaust Centre for upper school, the Flying High Trust's Awards Event, the school's production of Porchester's Got Talent, an amazing recorder assembly and Governors' Awards presentation yesterday followed by the summer disco later this evening!

There is a mixture of excitement at the thought of a long, well-earned break, tinged with sadness at the prospect of farewells at the end of another school year.

Along with our Year 6 children we will say goodbye to three members of staff. Miss Smith and Miss Gossington are moving to pastures new and taking up a teaching posts at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy and Burntstump Seeley Church of England Primary School. We wish them both much success and thank them for their valued contributions to school life. Mr Martwich, our school caretaker, has been promoted to site manager at a much larger school and we too thank him for keeping the school pristine and making it a safe place for the pupils. Congratulations to Miss Moore who has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher at Porchester effective from 1st September. Magda Aleksanderek, chair of the Friends of Porchester Junior School, is standing down after three years of commitment and hard work. Magda has been instrumental in organising a whole raft of exciting activities which have not only provided much enjoyment to the pupils but also raised thousands of pounds.

Let's not forget Scott Walters and Helen Hubbard for their exceptional musical support and Miss Lawrence who has volunteered all year whilst training to be a teaching assistant, and to all the other parents, staff and governors who gave up their time to help too. Moreover, a big thank-you to Koala Klubs and Ian Robinson who both stepped in to offer high quality PE teaching and after school clubs following the collapse of The Gedling Primary Sports Partnership. And finally, to the Carlton Academy for helping to organise our sports day and who have worked hard to ensure we have a strong transition programme in place.

The Key Stage 2 SATs results were received the other week and I'm delighted to say that the children have made excellent progress. All the staff and the governors would like to offer the Year 6 our congratulations and thank them for contributing so much to the life and enjoyment of our school; we are very proud of them.

To all the staff, a huge thanks for your hard work this year. It has been a really successful year. We are really looking forward to September and have some exciting plans ahead. Thank you to all our parents for all your support throughout the year. Have an amazing summer – you deserve it.

Just in case you're unsure; the school closes at 3:15pm on Tuesday 25th July and re-opens on Thursday 7th September.

Best wishes
Yours sincerely

Graham Cullen
Headteacher