



## End of the summer term letter

Dear parents and carers

What a year this has been! The last few months have been difficult for many of us and school just hasn't felt the same. Teachers have desperately missed their children, and we all feel sad that we didn't get to hold all the exciting events we had planned for the summer term.

With the reduction in the number of coronavirus cases and the relaxing of government guidelines, we are looking forward to being able to welcome all children back to school in the autumn term. Of course, we will still be putting protective measures in place, (please see the separate letter for protective measures we will be implementing in school from September), but guidance on social distancing in schools will not be as stringent in the autumn term.

We have had many changes in the staffing over the past 4 months as colleagues retire and move on to new jobs. Firstly, we say goodbye to Miss Icely, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Smith who have been at the school for a number of years; we wish them well in the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs O'Brien and Miss Lawrence who are retiring – we hope they have a very long and happy retirement filled with the things they enjoy doing. We also say goodbye to Mr Sharples who has secured a promoted teaching position at Bleasdale School and we wish him luck in his new venture. Miss Culkin, who has been here on a temporary basis as Deputy Head, is now returning to her position at a local school. We thank her for her hard work and dedication while she has been at the school, and wish her all the best in her future career.

For the autumn term we will be welcoming a new teacher, Mrs Cowan, who will be teaching in Year 4, and we are pleased that Miss Bloomfield will also be staying with us in the autumn term, teaching Year 5.

Many of you will remember that school will be converting to an academy in the near future. The Regional Schools Commissioner who links schools with academy trusts, has identified a local Trust as a potential sponsor for our school. Over the next few months, the Trust will be carrying out a series of legal and financial checks. If all goes well during this process, we will then join the Trust's family of schools.

Although school will be closed to all children during the summer holidays, we will be having work done inside the building. Hopefully the children will come back to some freshly decorated areas and improved surroundings, and be keen to resume their learning.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming everybody back in September, but until then, we wish all of our families a safe and happy summer holiday!

Best wishes