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Dear parents/carers,

Wow – we have reached the end of the term and another school year.

What an amazing last few weeks we have had with all sorts of amazing activities and opportunities for the children. These have included;

- Sports days
- KS1 trip to Bestwood Park
- Make a Difference Champions visits to Arnold to spread happiness and joy
- Hathersage 3-night residential for children in Y6
- Colwick Park adventure and school sleepover for children in Y6
- Y6 leavers party thanks to the Parent Fundraisers for organising this
- The Foundation Festival on the Field
- Willow Tree Farm visit an alpaca, goats, lambs, and various reptiles and mini-beasts came to the field for the children to meet
- Y5&6 trip to the National Justice Museum
- Summer Fair
- Little Herons trip to the park
- The GREAT project for children in Y5&6
- DART (previously known as DARE) for children in Y6
- Class swaps/transition sessions for all children in school
- Y3&4 trip to Sherwood Pines
- Sports tournaments

All of these activities have taken place alongside normal day-to-day learning and I am hugely grateful to all of the staff team who have been involved in making these things happen for the children.

School has remained open through the hottest days ever recorded in British history, even though this meant rescheduling some events and activities – thank you for bearing with us while we made new arrangements for these things to happen.

As we reach the end of the term, we are sad but also excited to say goodbye to Mrs Taylor as she goes on to her maternity leave. We wish her and Mr Taylor all the best for the coming weeks as they wait for Baby-Taylor to arrive.

We also say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 children as they move on to their secondary schools in September. This group of children have done the school proud in everything that they have achieved. We are thrilled with the outcomes of the SATs assessments and are pleased to let you know that attainment in these is above the National Average. This is a fantastic achievement for the children and the school given that these are the first assessments to have taken place since the pandemic.



You will also be pleased to hear that our children in Year 1 and 2 have performed incredibly well in the Year 1 phonics check and Year 2 SATs.

I am sure that you all appreciate the hard work and effort that goes in to every aspect of school life. We take our responsibility to ensuring the best possible outcomes for each and every child very seriously. We strive for excellence in all we do.

We are ready for a break, to rest and recharge before we return to school for a new academic year.

School starts for children on Thursday 1st September. We break up for half term on Friday 14th October and return to school on Monday 31st October.

INSET days planned for next year happen on the following dates;

- Monday 3rd October 2022
- Friday 10th February
- Friday 30th June
- Monday 3rd July

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work this year in making our school a fantastic place for children and adults to be and to learn. Thanks also must go to you, for your ongoing support for the school.

Wishing you a happy summer.

Mrs Essex

