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Dear Parent / Carer

As we draw the academic year to a close, I would like to begin by thanking everyone in our school community for the part they have played in making this year such a success. It has without doubt been an unusual and at times very challenging year for us all, but one on reflection, that we have all risen to and overcome.

The children have been amazing this year. Their resilience, adaptability and acceptance of the situations they have faced has at times astounded me. It is easy to forget the changes in school that the children have had to adapt to since we returned last September:

- Reception began a new school which they had never even had the opportunity to visit, yet took everything in their stride.
- Other year groups had to deal with restrictive bubbles, new dining arrangements, specific areas where they could and could not play, toilets that they couldn't enter if being used by another bubble, friendships that were affected by bubble restrictions etc.
- dealing with online remote learning
- lockdown
- restricted out of school activities and opportunities to meet up with friends and family.

Despite all of these changes the children have never complained and have accepted the situation for what it was and made the best of it.

I would also like to thank parents, carers and grandparents who have all supported school through this difficult year. Your continued positivity and flexibility as situations and arrangements have been continually changed has been greatly appreciated. We know how challenging home schooling and remote learning has been over the last 18 months, yet the parental support we received was amazing - thank you.

None of this would have been possible without such a great team working in school. We truly do have an amazing set of staff who have worked tirelessly and positively throughout some really challenging and worrying situations. Thank you to everyone for all of their support and team spirit this year. It is a privilege and a pleasure to lead and work with such an amazing team.

Year 6 leavers

Today we have said goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next exciting stage of their education. It has been a leavers' assembly with a difference, as it was delivered remotely to all of year 6 isolating at home. Year 6 have been an absolute pleasure throughout their time

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at Red Rose and have been great role models for the rest of the children in school. On behalf of us all we would like to wish you good luck and every success as you continue on your journey.

Good luck

We are delighted to announce that Miss Bradley is finally able to go ahead with her wedding over the summer. We hope she has an amazing day and look forward to Mrs Appleby's return.

New arrival

Congratulations to Mrs Patterson on the safe arrival of her baby boy - Rory. Mum and baby are all doing well and we look forward to meeting Rory soon.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff onto our team in September. Mrs Jackson is joining us as our new School Business Manager and Miss Thorp who will be teaching in Year 1. We look forward to welcoming them onto our team.

From September Mr Ross will be teaching the computing curriculum across school.

School Uniform

A reminder that school uniform should be worn at all times unless it is your child's PE day. On PE days children can wear their PE uniform. All children should wear their school uniform on return to school.

Uniform should be as follows:

School Uniform:

Grey / black skirt or trousers
White / red polo shirt or white blouse/shirt
Bright red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
Red checked dress in summer
Plain black leather or leather style shoes which can be polished.
Trainers should not be worn as part of school uniform.

PE Kit:

Plain white T-Shirt,
Plain black or navy shorts **(no logo)**.
Plain black / navy long bottoms,
Red sweatshirt / cardigan or grey Red Rose PE hoodie
Trainers

Haircuts: Can I remind parents that hair colour and lines in hair are not allowed. Hair should not be cut shorter than a grade 1.

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White Rose Maths

We follow the White Rose Maths scheme in school. White Rose have teamed up with Morrisons to provide free White Rose resources over the summer holiday. All parents have to do is go along to their local store and pick up the workbooks.

Reading Books

Your child has been issued with 2 reading books to read over the summer holidays. Could we please ask that these are returned as soon as possible in September.

COVID restrictions

Currently, from September there will be no COVID restrictions in school. Entry and exit to school will no longer be via a one way system.

As you are aware we have ongoing difficulties with parking around the school site. My priority outside the school gates is the safety of our children. I am currently working with the Highways Department on this ongoing issue and my ongoing concerns about the amount of traffic around the school site.

We ask that parents revert to using the gate at Beverley Garden for those children arriving / leaving the school site on foot or by scooter / bike and that you **do not use this area as a potentially easier place to park**. Thank you in advance for respecting this.

The school day will start as per pre-COVID times. Doors will be open between 8:45-8:55am and end at 3:15pm for all pupils.

Reading raffle

The winners of this terms reading raffle were:

Lena - EYFS

Lucas - Rainbow

Woody - Moonlight

Archie - Starlight

Mark - Galaxy

William - Armstrong

Aroosh - Apollo

Lauren - Nasa

Kate - Lunar

Grace - Year 6

The children were all presented with a book of their choice in assembly today. We hope you enjoy your holiday reading.

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William M in Armstrong has also achieved an amazing feat this year, reading over 2 million words. We felt this was such an incredible achievement that we wanted to present him with a Waterstones book token. Well done William!

Benjamin H was also presented with a Waterstones voucher today for setting himself his very own 100 challenge. Benjamin chose to set himself the challenge of getting 100 books donated to school to celebrate our centenary. Benjamin achieved this challenge in record time and to celebrate his achievement and to show our gratitude, we have awarded him with his own book token to spend on a book of his choice. Great work Benjamin - you have certainly displayed lots of our school values.

This just leaves me to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. I hope that you all get the opportunity to enjoy some quality time as a family. We look forward to seeing you when the children return on 2nd September.

Best wishes to you all

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A Brinton".

Mrs A Brinton
Headteacher

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