

Thursday 20th July 2017

Pathways Parents Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of a very busy and challenging year at Pathways and an hectic first half-term for me as the new headteacher. I would like to thank staff, parents and children for the support and good wishes I received upon my appointment.

I'd like to thank all my colleagues for their hard work, dedication and commitment. I am extremely lucky to work with such a talented team of people. I am also extremely proud of our children who never cease to amaze me with their talents, abilities and confidence. Finally, I would like to thank you, the parents, for all your help and support over the last few months. It's only by working together, with your support, that our school can become a magical place that nurtures both academic and creative talent.

Year 6 Leavers Events

Year 5/6 Production

As you know it is at this time of year we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to High School. On Wednesday we had our Year 6 production of "Annie". What can I say? It was fantastic! Parents and staff were all full of praise for the performance. Events like that confirm what I already know, that standards are only half the story in Pathways and many other primary schools. Hard work is combined with a great deal of fun and enjoyment that allows all children to find out where their talent lies.

Leavers' Party

Tuesday evening was our Year 6 "Awards Night". I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who made it such a memorable experience for our leavers. A special thanks must go to Mrs Smith who ensured that the evening ran smoothly.

Leavers' Celebration Assembly

Tomorrow we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next stage of their educational adventure. To mark their leaving, we are having a wonderful leavers' celebration tomorrow morning.

Sad Goodbyes

Unfortunately there are lots of staff leaving us tomorrow and moving on to pastures new. These are:

Amanda Smith who is going off to be the headteacher at Ballifield Primary School

Sarah Webb who is moving to be assistant headteacher at Anns Grove Primary School

Melissa Barwick who has secured a position at Whiteways Primary School

Karen Swales who is moving to Pye Bank CE Primary School

Jenny Knight who is going travelling

Sophie Leeland who is also travelling

Matthew Gawler who is moving to Bents Green Specialist Secondary School

Emma Chadaway who is going to university to undertake teacher training

Katharine Moore who is moving on to a new challenge

Emily Beatson who is getting married.

I'm sure you'll all join with me, and the rest of the staff, in wishing them good luck in their new ventures.

September!

As we reach the last days of the school year my thoughts have already turned to September. This year school will reopen on:

School reopens on Wednesday 6th September 2017

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will also reopen on: **Wednesday 6th September 2017**

School Uniform

Just a reminder, our school uniform comprises of: White shirt, blouse or polo shirt.

Purple sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece.

Grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt

Black flat shoes/plain black trainers.

Leggings are not part of our uniform and therefore shouldn't be worn for school.

Safeguarding Concerns

After a recent safeguarding audit we have been informed that the current system of allowing parents into school on a morning puts the school in a very vulnerable position if any sort of incident were to happen. As a result from September, unfortunately, parents will not be able to come into main school at the start of the day as this has been judged as a major safeguarding issue.

As Year 1 pupils will be new into main school in September parents will be able to accompany them into school for the first week.

And Finally

I do hope you will all have a wonderful break with your children and I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well after the summer break. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me (in September!)

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher