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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this memorable academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our fantastic school community for the support you have given both to your child and to the school in the face of the challenging circumstances that we have been presented with. It does not seem that long ago that I was writing to you in September, looking forward to the exciting journey that lay ahead for our school community. Little did we know what the second half of this school year would have in store for us all!

Goodbye and Good Luck!



As is customary at this time of year, we sadly have to bid a very sad farewell to different members of our team. As mentioned last week, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bunnage, who joined the school back in 2018 to take up a new role at St. Philip Howard. We wish Miss Bunnage the very best in her new role and thank her for all of the hard work and dedication she has given our school over the past three years.

We are also incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Lee, who has worked tirelessly in her role as a trainee teacher this academic year in our Reception class. The year has provided us all with so many challenging situations and we are so incredibly grateful to Miss Lee, who has been a talented, capable and dedicated member of the Early Years team throughout. I would like to thank her for being so professional this year and for bringing so many wonderful and exciting ideas to the Reception classroom. The children returned to school after the lockdown very settled and progressed well in the summer term, which was due to the hard work of Miss Lee and the rest of the Early Years team. She will be much missed, but we are excited for her as she takes this next step in her career at St. Paul's Primary school in Kings Langley. Miss Lee has helped to give the children a wonderful start at our school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and commitment as she moves on to pastures new.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Tayler, our wonderful PE teacher, who is leaving us at the end of this academic year. Miss Tayler has worked at our school for the past 7 years delivering high-quality and engaging PE lessons to children in all year groups (alongside running a number of highly successful after school sporting clubs). Miss Tayler has also been instrumental in the school's sporting success across Hertfordshire, bring home trophies in netball, athletics and dance over the past few years. We are incredibly sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Tayler, but wish her the very best of luck in her future career.

We are also saying goodbye to Victor from our Year 2 class and the Zatica family, who are sadly moving out of the area. We wish the Zatica family the very best of luck with their move and hope that they settle into their new lives very quickly. It has been a pleasure knowing you, Victor, and we hope you come back to visit us soon!



I would like to thank all of our wonderful children for their hard work, determination, flexibility and perseverance throughout this year and for being such great ambassadors for our school. It has been a privilege to see our children adapting to the challenges that they have been faced with. Each and every child has contributed to the school's recovery journey by putting their very best into all that they do and they should feel very proud of their fine achievements – especially after the spring term lockdown.

A huge gratitude of thanks also goes out to our parents and carers. We are so lucky to have such a supportive group of parents and carers at our school, who have adapted to the new routines, procedures and remote learning. It has not been easy and we have been so touched by the positive messages that have been coming in from so many of you throughout the summer term. You have all been an essential part of our improvement journey and we are truly grateful to you for this.

I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the children of the school during this year. Our dedicated team have put so much into making this school what it is – and for providing the very best education for each and every child in the school community in a safe and secure environment – whether that is at school or at home. The dedication and commitment of every member of the staff team throughout this year has been nothing short of inspirational! We are all so incredibly grateful to you!

Goodbye Year 6!



Last, but by no means least, we are also bidding farewell and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 children. You have all been such a credit to the school and it is with joy and delight that we have watched you grow and mature into young adults, ready to take on the challenges of secondary school. We will miss you all – but want you to know that you will always be a part of the Our Lady's family. We look forward to hearing stories of your future successes at secondary school. Good luck!

It is clear that we have a wonderful community here at Our Lady and, by working together as one community, inspiring and fostering a love of learning and endeavouring to follow our gospel values, we look forward to seeing our children flourish once again next year - academically, spiritually and morally. This, in turn, will enable us all to face the future with a renewed sense of spirit and confidence.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Thursday 2nd September, 2021.**

On behalf of all the governors and staff at Our Lady's, I would like to wish you a happy and healthy summer holiday – whatever it may bring for you and your loved ones. May God bless all of you.

With very best wishes,

Richard Curry