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Dear All

As we draw to the close of another busy school year the time has come to reflect on the changes and challenges we have embraced and overcome as we have adapted to life in a pandemic. Tragically, many of us have been directly or indirectly affected by coronavirus. However, I choose to focus on the positive experiences.

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge thank to the parents and family members that have supported the children with their remote learning – a totally new concept to us all. You have shared some wonderful videos of the children completing their work, from making a boat that floats when full of toys to participating in PE challenges and everything else in between.

The children's uniqueness, determination and commitment were evidenced throughout the year with the manner in which they adapted to life in a pandemic. Sport's day took on a new format but kept the fun, laughter and comradery. Coaching sessions in cheerleading, basketball, quidditch, cricket and bikeability have helped to develop our sporting prowess and teamwork. The end of the year online panto was thoroughly interactive and it was lovely to hear classes shouting out as the story unfolded on screen.

The wildlife garden is certainly looking wild! It now houses Buginham Palace and other bespoke habitats, including a pond built by Terry Poole our site supervisor. We are very excited about bringing this area into use next year to support our curriculum development and to provide a place of calm.

Turning our thoughts to Y6 as we send them off on the next part of their journey is always an emotional time. For me, this is a particularly poignant farewell because this year's cohort were my first reception class when I joined Carr Head back in 2014. Watching them grow in confidence and show us that they are ready to embrace the exciting new challenges ahead is a real privilege. Our Y6 pupils marked the end of their primary years with a celebration featuring a fabulous enterprise carnival, a teddy-bear's picnic, a wet and colourful games morning and an informal presentation. There was plenty of time to reminisce looking at photographs of their younger selves and seeing how much they have grown. It is always a real joy to watch them grow and mature into the confident young people that are ready for the challenges of secondary school. They are the embodiment of our school mission statement and should be proud of all their achievements.

Mr Malcolm Raynor will also be leaving us at the end of this year. Malcolm will be known to many of you as a member of our governing board. Malcolm has worked closely with our Y6 cohort and has been a regular visitor to school under many guises: listening to readers, accompanying school trips, visiting speaker, friendly ear during parent's evenings and regular supporter at celebration assemblies, to name but a few. Malcolm will be sorely missed by the school community and I am sure you will join me in expressing our thanks for all he has contributed. However, I suspect and hope that we will still see Malcolm at PTFA events in future. We send our best wishes to everyone not returning to Carr Head in September and extend a warm welcome to everyone joining us for the first time.



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Looking ahead to Thursday 2nd September 2021, none of us know what the guidance will be concerning COVID, schools and everyday life. I have a duty of care to all members of our school community to ensure that measures are in place to keep us all safe. With this in mind we will be keeping many of the routines in place that have been so successful this year. Timings of the school day will be staggered to begin with and further details of this will be sent separately. Lunchtimes and playtimes will also remain staggered, reducing numbers of children using the yard at any one time. This allows more space to play and we have recorded fewer accidents with reduced numbers on the yard.

The new year brings a few staff changes and we warmly welcome back Mrs Nelligan to KS1 and newly welcome Mrs Haley to Y2. Mr Clements will remain in Y5 with Mrs Haines. We say a fond farewell to Miss Six and Mr Coultas and wish them every success for the future.

The classroom staff profile for the coming year is as follows:

- Oak – Miss Murphy, Mrs Jones and Mrs Nelligan.
- Y1 – Miss Kentish, Mrs Howarth and Mrs Spencer.
- Y2 – Mrs Haley, Mrs Seed, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Nelligan
- Y3 – Mrs Cooper, Mrs Swarbrick and Mrs Hargreaves
- Y4 – Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Hargreaves and Mrs Swarbrick
- Y5 – Mrs Haines, Mr Clements, Mrs Lupton and Mrs Hutchinson
- Y6 – Mr Cartridge, Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Lupton

Mrs Curran and Mrs Houlton will be providing specific support mainly in Oak class.  
Roseann will continue to lead our pastoral team.  
Mrs Nicholson will not be class based.

Full uniform must be worn, including appropriate footwear and PE kit. Please be reminded that earrings are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn in school. If your child wishes to have their ears pierced, please can you ensure this is done during the first few days of the summer holiday in order for the piercing to heal before the start of term. With regards to hair, please ensure that any designs or patterns that are shaved in for the holidays have grown out for the start of term and that long hair is tied back using plain bobbles in school colours. With the exception of a lunchbox, water bottle and a reading book no other items should be routinely brought in to school. All children are expected to use the smallest size bag possible to carry items to and from school. We recommend a satchel-style book bag with reflective piping in KS2 and a simple book bag with reflective piping in KS1.

I am sure you will join me in extending a huge thank you to the volunteers and staff for their hard work and commitment to making Carr Head such a wonderful school. We are on a journey together and remain dedicated to providing the best possible opportunities for your children.

I would like to express my thanks to you for all the kind words, cards and gifts I have received. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in the autumn.

With warmest wishes,



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