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To our wonderful Red Hall family,

Well, this is it. The end of the whole academic year. What a way to end – with the highest temperatures on record! The summer holidays couldn't have come at a better time! We hope that we have done enough to support your child(ren) - and you as parents, during this period of hot weather.

This newsletter draws the whole academic year to a close.

### Year 6

Today we say our final goodbyes to our year 6 children. We wish them lots of luck in the future and hope they continue to make us proud, as they continue onto Secondary School.

A special thank you to Miss Waters, for stepping up and taking the children on full time. You have been amazing!

### Staffing

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Wade, Miss Browning and Mr Norgrove, and wish them all the luck in the world as they begin on their journeys as teachers and teaching assistants in their new schools - they are incredibly lucky to have you, thank you for your hard work and dedication during your time here.

Mr Nelson has also finished working with us today, as he has finished his teacher training and now moves onto completing his Masters Degree.

We also say goodbye to Miss Priestley, who has been a cleaner at Red Hall and who has volunteered in Year 5. Thank you for your help and hard work during your time at Red Hall, the children have loved being given the opportunity to work with you!

### Change to school times

From September, there has been a change to the length of the school day.

All children will be required to be in school and be registered by 8:45 am. All children will end their day at 3:15 pm.

This means breakfast club will now begin at 8:15 am, and doors will open for children at 8:35-8:40am.

### Attendance and late marks

This year, attendance has been challenging. We recognise the impact that chickenpox, Covid, and every day "children's" bugs can have on children and their attendance. We appreciate you working with us on this and ensuring children are not sent back too soon, meaning more children become infected - thank you.

From next academic year, Miss Akers will continue to challenge parents of children, who are classed as persistent absentees. We are determined to reduce the number of persistent absentees we have at Red Hall, as currently it has never been as high. Once your child's attendance is flagged as being a concern, you will be



called into a meeting with Miss Akers, then you will be called back to a meeting 6 weeks later, when we hope to see the improvement in attendance. All attendance meeting notes will be given to you within 48 hours of the meeting being held. All attendance meetings will now be in person they will be made at a time that best suits you. If there is no improvement in attendance, this will then be escalated to Miss Snowdon and Ms Davidson, then on to the Local Authority.

### **99%+ Attendance**

This academic year we had 17 children who had 99%+ attendance for the whole academic year. We are exceptionally proud of every single one of these pupils who have worked hard and tried their best to be in school every day! Well done! As a reward, they have each received a goody bag, extra time on the bouncy castles and a pizza lunch today!

We will be doing more in September to promote 100% attendance, this will include deciding on reward trips and reward events with pupils.

### **Packed lunches**

We have had a high number of packed lunches, which have been asked for by parents for school trips, however parents have then sent their child in with a packed lunch. Meaning the school one is wasted.

From September, if you select a packed lunch option, your child will be given this packed lunch and will come home with the one you have provided. This means no food is wasted. We hope you will support us with this.

### **Achievements**

- Fundraising - we have raised £1740 this academic year, in fundraising events, discos, cake sales etc. Every single penny of this has gone back to the children- resources in school, free trips, transport, treats, visits from coaches, residential trips etc.
- Opportunities for the children - we continue to provide an amazing wellbeing offer for our children (we are one of the only schools who pay a school counsellor for 3 days a week, and 2 members of staff who are released every afternoon to work with children), we offer a huge amount of free trips, so no child misses out.
- Staffing - We have the best bunch of staff IN THE WORLD, who are simply amazing! Staff who have trained with us are snapped up by other schools - which is a credit to us as a school, and the number of staff we have leaving is few and far between. This is something we are very proud of. Teaching is the best and most challenging job in the world and people do this and give so much time to Red Hall as well as have their own problems, worries and families outside of work. Staff- thank you for everything you have done. You are incredible xx

### **Finally...**

Will we always get it right? No. Will we always please everyone? No. Do we try our best? Yes. Do we have our children's best interests at heart? Yes. I promise you we do.

Thank you for another great year. Filled with smiles, laughs, tears, pride, worry and soooo much more. We will miss your children massively, over the summer. Parents- hang on in there! You can do this!

Have an amazing summer! Make memories! See you all in 47 days (Monday 5th September).

Lots of love,  
Your Red Hall Family xx