



## End of Year Newsletter – July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has not been the way I would have liked to have ended any academic year. COVID-19 has challenged us all in every possible manner and altered our everyday lives in ways we never could have imagined. But amidst it all, we have managed and adhered to what we must do to keep both ourselves and families safe.

To all the Year 6 pupils, I apologise for not being able to provide you with a celebratory exit; I'm sure with your understanding of what has happened and is going on, you'll understand. I sincerely wish you all the very best for the future ahead.

I list below, some information I have for you:

### Staffing Changes

1. Miss Thomas leaves us for a term, to take up an interim Headship at Leys Farm Junior School. We are very proud of this recognition and achievement and know with conviction, that she will do a superb job; she is well equipped to lead any school. Miss Thomas and I have worked together since 2008, and together we have achieved a considerable amount in moving this school forward.

Many of you have had association with Miss Thomas in one form or another and I know you'll join me, the pupils, staff and Governors, in wishing her all the best of luck. In her absence, I will be supported by a very capable Senior Leadership Team consisting of Mrs Sands, Mrs Knowles, Mrs Fanthorpe, Mrs Cooper, Ms Chowdhury, Mrs Fisher and Miss Mawson. My immediate subordinates will be:

- o Mrs Fisher and Miss Mawson – Assistant Headteachers
  - o Mrs Fanthorpe – SEN-D Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Lead. All that Miss Thomas has been doing in this area will now be handled by Mrs Fanthorpe.
2. Mrs Rosser, Year 2 teacher, leaves us after four years here. She has got a position nearer to home which is such a benefit, especially in reducing the commute to and from work thereby enhancing work/life balance. We are grateful for her time with us, especially with the leadership of French, which is very much enjoyed by all our Key Stage 2 pupils. We wish her all the very best of luck in her new school.
  3. We say farewell to the following Learning Assistants: Mrs Dawson, Mrs Graves, Mrs Moody, Mr Whittingham and Mr Lings. Each and everyone of them has added an extra, supportive dimension to our pupils learning. We thank them for all their input here and wish them all the very best in their next steps.

### September Arrangements

Supplementary information has been sent out with the children's reports; these will also be placed on our website's main page: blue area titled 'Autumn Term Opening'.

As I end this letter, I do so with a very heavy heart! The laughter and everyday antics that children bring to a school environment has been lost and missed since March 20<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to the day we are all able to congregate once again and pick up from where we left off. May this summer bring with it great weather and many well cherished moments for you and all you family.

With very best wishes,  
Mrs Thorpe