

July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems only a short time ago that I was writing to you all to wish you a Happy Easter, and now here we are in the final week of yet another school year and looking forward once again to the summer holidays.

The end of a school year gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect, consider and then to plan ahead.

We can reflect on a successful year where the whole of the school community has worked hard to ensure our children stayed safe and had access to a broad and balanced curriculum, with many incredible opportunities offered that enriched their lives. The Local Governing Body is always aware of the need to keep up the good work and search out any areas for improvement necessary to take the school forward and have been reflecting on these things with the Head Teacher. But at this time, we governors acknowledge the immense work done by the Head Teacher and all the staff, the wonderful achievements of all our children and the tremendous support that you as parents and carer's continue to give to the school.

Luckily, since Easter, we have had a period of time when our pupils have been able to be in school, learning and mixing with their friends and being able to take part in some of the normal events that mark the end of a school year. So on behalf of the Local Governing Body I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to Mrs. Brown and all the Staff, both teaching and non-teaching, the Office team along with the Site Manager and the Catering and Dinner team at St Francis, for all their hard work, commitment and support given this academic year; it is very much appreciated by myself and all members of the Local Governing Body.

Sadly the end of the summer term is also a time when we have to say some goodbyes.

Firstly we say goodbye to three members of staff; Miss Wolfe, who taught in Year 1, Miss Lovegrove, who taught in EYFS and Mrs. Hill, one of our Learning Support Assistant. We thank them for their hard work and care and wish them well in their new posts.

In addition, we will be saying goodbye to one of our Governors. After many years as Head Teacher at St. Francis and then as a governor of the school since 2003, Sister Thomas More is retiring from the Local Governor Body. We can not thank her enough for all her commitment to the school, the staff, pupils and families. We will miss her very much but are sure that she will always take a very active interest in the work and success of the school.

Finally we are also bidding farewell and good luck to all our Year 6 children. They have been a credit to themselves, their parents and the school, and it has been a delight to watched them grow and mature into young adults, ready to take on the challenges of secondary school. Our best wishes go with them all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say farewell to all the parents who will be leaving the family of St. Francis for the last time this week. Thank you for all the support and commitment that *you* have given to the school during your time with us, it has been very much appreciated.

If travelling – keep safe, and I wish you all a restful, healthy, and hopefully sunny summer break, that will ensure we are rested and ready for what the next school year may bring.

Best Wishes,



[Chair of LGB]