

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Dear parents/carers,

We are coming towards the end of the school year and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the summer holidays. It has been another unpredictable year in school but the pupils have adapted so well to all of the necessary changes that were put into place. As always, we have appreciated the support from parents throughout the year with changing procedures and with supporting your children with their learning.

We know that the children have missed out on trips and events over the past 16 months but the staff have worked tirelessly to ensure your children still have exciting opportunities and a varied curriculum within the parameters of the restrictions. Children have continued to receive specialist teaching in Spanish, P.E, Art and Poetry. I would again like to acknowledge and thank the staff at John Keats for their commitment over the past 16 months and I know that the Communitas Trustees, our CEO, Nick Tildesley, and our Chair of Governors, Maurice East, are very grateful to everyone involved in the school.

Staff leavers

Sadly, we say goodbye to Jenni Evans, our speech and language therapist, who leaves on maternity. Jenni has supported so many of our children and their families, we will have a replacement therapist join us but we look forward to Jenni's eventual return. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing Jenni well over the next year. Our play therapist, Anja, and teaching assistant, Miss Maresca, will also be leaving for pastures new. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work and wish them well on their forward journey.

Welcomes

As a growing school, we continue to add capacity to our teaching staff. We welcome Miss Lewis who will be our new Blue Reception teacher and Miss Myers who will begin her teacher training with Miss Barnes in Green Reception. We also welcome Miss Verhey who will be our new Green One teacher and Miss Kershaw who will welcome Blue Three as our first Key Stage Two class. We know you will join us in making them feel welcomed and part of our wonderful school community. We have also welcomed a number of new child starters over the past few weeks. Many of these have been through recommendations from current parents, please continue to spread the word of our ever growing school, pupil numbers are crucial to the continued growth.

The school year ends on Friday 23rd July at 1 pm. Children return to school on Monday 6th September at 8.50 am.

September

We will be continuing with the soft start and finish to the day. Gates will open for drop-off at 8:50am and close at 9:10am and then reopen for collection between 15:00 – 15:15.

Please continue to read regularly with your child throughout the summer and talk to them about the experiences that they are having. This will really help them when we return in September.

We are hopeful that the 2021 - 2022 academic year will reflect a more normal school year with school trips, school journey, buddy reading, assemblies and events but will continue to follow the Government guidance and adapt accordingly. If any arrangements change through guidance provided to us in the summer holidays then we will be in touch by email to update you.

If you are travelling abroad with your family during the summer holiday then please make sure that you follow the Government guidance relating to testing, isolating and quarantining. Please make sure that you have allowed time to enable your child to return to school on **Monday 6th September**.

Thank you for all of your continued support. We all hope that you have an enjoyable summer holiday. Stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Rose', written in a cursive style.

Matt Rose
Headteacher