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16th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As the last few days of the Summer Term approach, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support once again this year. It has been a big adjustment for me, juggling headship and being a new mum, but I wouldn’t have it any other way. I’ve enjoyed seeing the children thrive and continue to enjoy their learning. I’d also like to thank all of the staff who continue to work hard across the year to help to make Green Lane a really special place.

A big thank you to you all for your attendance and support for the school across the year but more recently at our Parents Evening, Sports Days, Year 6 Graduation, Year 11 Leavers Assembly, Prom and the College Ball. The winning team on Sports Day was the Yellow team. A big well done to them and all who participated. It is an absolute privilege to be able to organise these events for our children and young people and it’s great that parents can join in too.

Some of this term’s highlights for me have to be the Year 6 Graduation and the Year 11 Prom. It has been so lovely seeing the pupils getting ready for the next stage of their education. Transition is so important to all of our pupils, and it has been a pleasure to welcome some of the new children joining us in September for some transition sessions in school. All children in school and College have spent time with their class teams for September ‘24, which will hopefully ease the transition upon return in September.

The children have continued to enjoy trips and visits planned for them to enhance their learning and bring it to life. Your support for this is greatly appreciated. This term we have had visits to several places such as CAFT, Chester Zoo, Cheshire Ice-cream Farm, the local park and Disability Awareness Day to name just a few. The children report that they have had a great time.

Forest School and Outdoor Learning continues to be popular with our classes and I’d like to say a big thank you to our Forest School Leaders, Miss Robertson and Mrs Lothrop, for enabling this to benefit our children.

This term our children have taken part in their very own Green Lane’s Got Talent, which was a huge success. It was lovely to see our children performing to an audience with confidence. Well done everyone and a big thank you to all the staff for organising such a fabulous event.

We hope that you have enjoyed being part of your child’s learning and feel that you have been kept up to date with your child’s progress and experiences in school. Your child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP) has recently been evaluated and you will receive a new updated IEP in the Autumn Term. It was an absolute pleasure reading all of the children’s end of year reports. There have been lots of successes and I hope that you enjoyed reading your child’s as much as I did. If you have been unable to access your child’s end of year report on Evidence for Learning, please contact your child’s class teacher. The Staff have continued to share learning experiences via Evidence for Learning and the website class pages. Please also continue to take a look at our Facebook page for updated information. The school is in the process of updating the website to a new design. This will be launched in the Autumn Term.

It is with great pleasure that I would also like to announce that following our recruitment process, Mrs Delaney has been successfully appointed as the permanent Deputy Headteacher at Green Lane School; a very well-deserved appointment. Mrs Capewell has been appointed as the Acting Assistant Headteacher. She will continue into the new term. I look forward to our continued work together, along with the wider Leadership team, to ensure the best and highest standards for all of our staff, children and families.

I would also like to give a warm welcome to Mr Gannon, who has been appointed to support Mr Wilcock in his role as Site Manager. Mr Gannon will be on site from 2.30pm-6pm and will act as a Maintenance Officer. He will be on duty on the car park to assist with the traffic at the end of the day.

We also look forward to seeing some of our staff develop further in their careers. Mrs Van Rooy will be stepping up to Lead EYFS and Lower School whilst Mrs Owen is on Maternity Leave; we wish her well in her new role. Mrs Owen will be finishing on Friday 19th July to start her Maternity Leave. We thank her for her hard work this year and look forward to meeting the new addition. We also see Miss Urry, currently working as a Teaching Assistant in Rose class, moving into teaching. She will become the class teacher for Squirrel Class and will begin her Initial Teacher Training with us. Congratulations and good luck.

It is also the time of year when we say goodbye to some of our team. Mrs Clarke, who has worked at Green Lane School for a very long time, has decided it’s time to retire. She has been a valued member of the Green Lane team, working with many pupils and their families over the years, particularly in her role in Speech and Language. She has also been instrumental in training many colleagues across the North West in Makaton. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to the Green Lane family. She will be sadly missed but we wish her well in her retirement.

Mrs Friend, our Music Teacher, has also decided that now is the time that she wishes to retire. She has also worked at Green Lane School for a number of years and has developed Music, Big Sing and Tiny Sing across school. We are sorry to see Mrs Friend go but we know that she is looking forward to her retirement and spending time with her family. We wish her well and hope that she has a happy and healthy retirement.

We also say goodbye to Mr Jackson, our Fox Class Teacher, who has been with us a number of years. He has decided to take some time out of education and go travelling. We thank him for his valuable contribution to many of our pupils and their families. Good Luck Mr Jackson.

Two of our Teaching Assistants will also move on to further their careers in September ‘24. Miss Robertson and Miss Virdi will both be moving on. We thank them for their hard work and dedication over the years to many of our Green Lane children and we wish them well in the future.

We have a number of staff joining the Green Lane Team from September. Miss Blackley will be returning and has secured a permanent teaching post in school. We look forward to working with her again, and the children are very excited to see her back. Miss Shaw and Miss Rimmer have also been successful in their applications to become permanent teachers at Green Lane. Well done Miss Shaw and Miss Rimmer - welcome to the team! We welcome a new Music Teacher; Mr Higham will be delivering Music across the school. He comes with a wealth of experience of working in Special Educational Needs. I’d also like to welcome Miss Webster who will remain with us for another year and we welcome Mrs Smith, who will be our new Reception teacher in Dragonfly Class, and Miss Stappard, who will be in Daffodil Class until Miss Blinco returns from Maternity Leave. Welcome to the team. Any new staff have been working in school over the last few weeks to help with smooth transitions and to get to know pupils, routines and life at the school.

I would like to inform you that over the summer holidays the school will be undergoing some essential building work. Preparations for this will begin on Thursday 18th July and the work will commence on Mon 22nd July. We will be having a new roof following our successful bid to the Local Authority. We will also be having some internal work completed to create a new Reception classroom at the front of school. This classroom will be alongside the Ladybird Class and will be called the Dragonfly Class. Both reception classes will be assessment classes and pupils will filter into the pathways (Maple, Elm, Willow and Oak) as they begin Year 1. Following ongoing conversations with the Local Authority about improvements needed on the site car park, we are informed that work will also be done during the summer break. Please be assured that any holiday clubs have been informed of the planned works. I am assured that the internal works and the car park should be completed before pupils return on Tuesday 3rd September. The roof work is a longer project and if all goes as planned may run two weeks into the new term. Please be reassured that Health and Safety is of our upmost priority. I will update you should there be any changes.

A reminder that school finishes for the summer break tomorrow, Wednesday 17th July, at the usual time. School will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 3rd September, again at the usual time.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer. The team and I look forward to seeing you all, along with our new children and families, in September.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs J Mullineux

Headteacher