

15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a chance to read the **letter from Ofsted**, which essentially states that we will have a full two-day inspection within the next two years to determine if we are an outstanding school as the one-day inspection on 28<sup>th</sup> June indicated that this may be the case. Regardless of *their* view, staff and governors are determined to continue our efforts to ensure that your child receives the best education possible at our academy.

**Pupil outcomes** for all year groups **continue to be high**, in many instances well **above the national average**. I will publish the pupil performances on the school website within the next few weeks. Congratulations to our children for continuing to make good progress in their learning.

The **Global Festival** last Tuesday was well attended and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Mrs Williams and her team for the organisation and running of this culturally rich occasion.

It was wonderful to witness the Year 2 and Year 6 **end of year productions** last week. What talented children we have!

**Sports days** for reception and Year 6 were also great events for all, albeit I found the space hopper somewhat of a challenge. The children who participated in **District Sports** last Wednesday were simply amazing, trying their very best at each event. My thanks to Miss Conybeare and Mr Lozano for coaching the children. Well done all.

I am sure you share my appreciation to the members of the **PTFA** who have raised money throughout the year for our pupils, totalling well over three thousand pounds. The **Summer Fayre and Co-op** ventures being very successful indeed.

#### **Folkestone Junior Chess Club**

Please note the following opportunity for your child to enjoy the game of chess this summer:  
<https://folkestone-chess.wixsite.com/folkestonechessclub>

We are open over the summer.

For more info visit the website or email: [mcussens@gmail.com](mailto:mcussens@gmail.com)

This week we continue our sporting fixtures with **Whirl around the World (WAW)** events on Monday and Tuesday, culminating in a Hakka showdown at the closing ceremony on Tuesday. I hope you are able to join us at this time.

Our **Leavers Service** at Holy Trinity Church is on Wednesday, beginning at 9.30 am (ish). This provides us with the best possible venue and opportunity to say goodbye and best wishes to our year 6 children.

Following on from this note of **farewell** and **good luck**, there will be a few staff departures at the end of this week:

- Miss Katherine Button, a newly trained teacher will take up a teaching position at the Folkestone Academy.
- Mrs Pat Fuller, a midday supervisor who has been with us for over 10 years is retiring.
- Mrs Julie Williams, our EAL (English as an Additional Language) coordinator is also retiring.
- Mrs Nicola Clarke, our Deputy Head Teacher for Learning, will take up the headship of a primary school in Maidstone in September.

These staff have collectively made a huge contribution to our academy and will be deeply missed. I am sure you share my best wishes for their future endeavours.

On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July is our final **wellbeing** day of this school year. It will be a tag day, and children are asked to make a 50p contribution to a local charity.

Finally, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July is our final day of the term. We host **Christ Church Has Talent** in the morning, with the children departing at the earlier time of 1.30 pm. We begin the 2019/2020 school year on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a great summer ahead; with pleasant weather and a diversity of exciting family fun filled days ahead. Remember the **Summer Reading Challenge!**

Yours sincerely,

Jim Kreiselmeier  
Head Teacher