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Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on some of the many highlights and achievements from across the school.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on a truly fantastic year. They have been an exceptional cohort, demonstrating kindness, determination and maturity throughout their time at Walsh. We are incredibly proud of their excellent SATs results, which are a testament to both their hard work and the dedication of our staff. Their end-of-year production was absolutely wonderful, showcasing their talent, confidence and sense of humour, whilst their leavers' assembly was a real tear-jerker and a fitting celebration of their journey with us. We will miss them very much, but we know they are more than ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that await them at secondary school.

Well done also to our Year 2 pupils, who enjoyed a lovely graduation ceremony to mark the end of their time in the infants. It was a wonderful occasion and highlighted just how much they have grown and developed. They move on as confident, enthusiastic learners and are clearly ready for the exciting transition to Year 3.

At this time of year, we also say farewell to some valued members of staff. We would like to thank Mrs MacVean for her contribution to the school and wish her every success and happiness for the future. Mrs Campbell-Cane is also leaving her role as a lunchtime supervisor, we thank her for all of her work with the children.

A special congratulations goes to Mrs Buckley, who is retiring after an extraordinary 25 years of service at Walsh. Since joining the school in 2000, Mrs Buckley has shown unwavering commitment to the children, families and wider community. Her care, dedication and professionalism have made a lasting impact on countless pupils over the years. We thank her sincerely for everything she has done for the school and wish her many happy and fulfilling years in retirement.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our recent events, including the Summer Fair and Sports Days.

The Summer Fair was a tremendous success and was enjoyed by children and families alike. We are incredibly grateful to the PTFA for the enormous amount of time and effort they put into organising the event. Please do take a look at their newsletter for details of the prize winners and the impressive total amount raised for the school.



'Flourishing together, with God as our firm foundation'

Our Sports Days were another highlight of the term. Moving them to the mornings proved to be the right decision, although it was still rather toasty! With that in mind, next year's Sports Days will take place in June - we shall see whether that proves any cooler! The atmosphere, sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown by all pupils were fantastic throughout. Congratulations to **Horse Chestnut House**, who were the overall Sports Day champions, accumulating the highest number of points across the school from EYFS right through to Year 6. A tremendous achievement!

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our staff, governors, volunteers and families for their support and commitment. Together, we have achieved so much this year and created wonderful opportunities for our children to learn, grow and flourish.

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Walsh.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Bailey', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr P Bailey
Headteacher