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How quickly the last year has gone by!

It has been wonderful to get back to a normal way of working again after so much disruption and we have much to celebrate as we end the year. Our children are making great progress with their learning and catching up after all that they have missed out on.

Our Year 1 children did exceptionally well with the Phonics Screening Check results. —Our Year 4 children made excellent progress through the year with their timestables and performed so well in the Multiplication Tables Check and our Year 2 and 6 children worked with determination to prepare for the KS1 and KS2 tests after having missed out on so much learning during the last few years. Through the year they made excellent progress and should be rightly proud of what they have achieved. Thank you to parents for the support and encouragement that you gave to the children.

However, academic achievement is only part of the story—we have so much more to be proud of. Our children make us proud every day by demonstrating their confidence, resilience and positive attitudes to learning. They also go above and beyond in the ways that they contribute to our school community—they are absolute superstars! We are very excited for next year and all that awaits our school community.

At our Leavers' Mass yesterday, we said goodbye and thank you to pupils and staff who are moving on. Our Year 6 pupils move on to secondary school in September—we wish them every success for the future. We know that they will take with them all that they have learned at Our Lady and that they will continue to work hard and *flourish in God's image* wherever they go. We also say goodbye to Mr Quinn who is moving on to a teaching post at another school. We thank him for his contribution to our school and wish him every success for the future—his new students are very lucky to have him as their teacher!

It is with great sadness that we also bid a fond farewell to Miss Askew and Mrs Merrington who are retiring to enjoy a well earned rest—their contribution to our school community over the years is immeasurable. They have had such a huge impact on the lives of children, families and staff during their many years at our school. They will be greatly missed but we know that we cannot be selfish and keep them forever!

To all who are leaving—until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Thank you to everyone who helps to make our school the wonderful place that it is—the clergy and parish who pray for, and support, us; our governors who give their time and talents to help us; to our incredible staff team for their dedication and hard work; to parents, grandparents and friends who support our children and all that we do; and finally, to the children, our reason for being—it is a pleasure and a privilege to be part of their journey and play a part in helping them to grow into the people that God has chosen them to be.

I would like to thank the staff, children and parents for the warm welcome that you have given me since I took up post earlier this term. I wish all children, families and staff a relaxing, happy and safe summer holiday. See you in September, best wishes

J McGill

GENTLE REMINDERS



Next year, we will be focusing closely on **punctuality** and **attendance** so please make a positive start in September. The children are so much more settled when they arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

Earrings are NOT ALLOWED in school so if you plan to have your child's ears pierced, please do so as soon as possible. Parents will be asked to come to school and remove them if your child is unable to.

Children may only be collected early if they have a medial or dental appointment. Office staff will need to see evidence of the appointment in advance.

Dogs are NOT permitted on the school grounds for health and safety reasons.

As always, if you have any problems or queries please get in touch so that we can try to help.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

