



12th July 2017

Dear Parents

I am writing to you on the last day of what has been a wonderful term and indeed a magnificent academic year. Thank you all so much for the lovely comments that you have made on the Report Slips and for the generous cards and gifts that mean so much to us all. You are extremely kind. During the final weeks we have seen two tremendous Sports Days and I would like to thank Mrs Pryor and Miss Kate Rendall for all their hard work and energy to ensure that once again, these were two memorable days of competitive fun. The children enjoyed every moment and what a wonderfully supportive crowd you made, even participating yourselves in the evening event!



We were also honoured to have Mr Chris Grayling MP here on Friday to celebrate the extraordinary work of the whole school community led by The School Council and ultimately Mrs Lizzie Russell with the MERU fundraising initiative. Mr Martin Barrett who had kindly promised to match fund the amount raised was also present to watch two cheques totalling £11,123.96 being handed over to Mrs Sue Pressey representing MERU. She informed us that we have helped 5 young disabled children by buying 4 new wheelchairs and refurbishing another. It was a magical assembly and the press were there to capture it. That total has already risen thanks to the generosity of you at our Summer Fair with your entry donations totalling £218.20. Thank you all.

The PTA's Summer Fair was a joyful event in warm sunshine. So many of you gave up your time to set up or clear away stalls and we were very pleased to see so many children enjoying the delightful components of a classic afternoon fair with 'hook a duck', face painting, sporting and art challenges and a magic show to name but a few. I was delighted to see our Country Dancing Club in spectacular form and thank all the children for their delightful dance display. Special thanks to the PTA headed by Mrs Miriam Cuddihy who we thanked on Saturday and she now hands over the title of PTA Chair to Mrs Elizabeth Hibbert who will be introducing next year's initiatives in the Autumn term. Thanks also go to Mr and Mrs Davoli for their very generous donation of 24 bottles of prosecco to the Sports Day Bar.



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Winning the final Housepoint challenge was **Ahlberg** House with an impressive total of 1,321 Housepoints. Congratulations to all the children in **Ahlberg** House. We have all been so busy this term and now it is time to stop. May I wish you and your families a wonderful, restful and safe summer holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all on the 6th September refreshed and ready for another successful School Year!

Mrs Annie Thackray

Headteacher