

Hi Everyone,

My final blog of the year! This academic year has really gone by so quickly and so much has been achieved throughout the year. The children have all made excellent progress over the course of the year, although the individual personal journey each child has made is perhaps even more profound. Over the past 190 days, I have observed each child, be they a Caterpillar or one walking around in a Leaver's Hoodie (despite the six week heat wave we have experienced), at some point dig deep inside themselves to overcome a challenge in their path. Watching them develop their sense of determination, resilience and sheer grit has been a privilege. I couldn't be prouder of the well-rounded children who leave us on Wednesday for the summer holidays with a real sense of self-worth and power of character.

As we close next Wednesday, please could I request that our families check over the weekend if they have any of our sports kit at home and return it to us on Monday before we break up.

Our PTA have developed their own Youtube channel called 'Willow Talk' where they are aiming to provide short and quick updates of all the activities the PTA are involved with, so please spend a few moments checking out their upcoming plans for the new academic year.

Of course, this time of year is the time of goodbyes. We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 on Wednesday. These children have travelled a phenomenal distance over their time with us here, achieving greatly both academically and personally. They leave us as wonderful young people ready for the next chapter in their lives. I would like on behalf of all the staff, to wish them the very best of luck with their next steps and they know they are always very welcome at Crossflatts Primary School.

As you are aware, we bid farewell to Mrs Evans, who has been part of our teaching team for many years, in the engine room of our school, our Nursery. Mrs Evans will be greatly missed by all the Crossflatts team. I would like on behalf of the entire school community to wish Mrs Evans all the happiness in the world with her very well deserved retirement. I know she has many exciting adventures planned! We will also be bidding a fond farewell to our one and only Mr Gregory on Wednesday. Mr Gregory arrived at school almost three years ago as a young Sports Coach and then became part of our staff. Mr Gregory has worked incredibly hard over his time with us at school and supported so many children, both in school and outside of the school day to achieve their sporting aspirations and more importantly encouraged our children to give something a go even when they are a bit scared. I am delighted Mr Gregory will be commencing his Teacher training in September and wish him every success. Mr Gregory... You and your hair will be sincerely missed!

On a personal note, I would like to say a huge heartfelt thank you to all the children, staff and parents for their endless positive energy, support and sheer hard work over the last year. Crossflatts Primary School is a family and without each and every one of you, it wouldn't be the magical place it is. It has been a year of significant highs but a year not without difficult times. I very much look forward to the next chapter in September and our next adventure which awaits us. I hope everyone has a fantastic summer with lots of fun, laughter and well-earned relaxation.

Happy Holidays

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

