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Dear Parents and Carers

We have made it to the end of another school year and I would like to extend my thanks for the support you give to myself and the whole school community. The cards, gifts and kind words of thanks that we have received from many of you have been overwhelming and we are truly grateful.

The children have had a fantastic year. Visits from Magic Molly, Harold the Giraffe and Nancy, paramedics, authors, owls and Gemma's Farm have excited the children; visits to the beach, library, museums and country parks have enriched them; performances at the Palace Theatre, Infant Music Festival and our own concerts have developed confidence; mindfulness, yoga, flying start and dance workshops have increased self-esteem; and we celebrated King Charles III's Coronation. All of this in addition to the 12 National Curriculum Subjects we are required to teach. I bet when you ask your child what they've done in school, they say, 'nothing'!

As you will be aware, school attendance is a national issue and we are statutorily obliged to challenge parents when children do not attend school. I am delighted to let you know that 4 children in the school have achieved 100% attendance this year and today received a £10 Amazon voucher - well done to Jack, Charlotte, Max and Sean. In addition to these children, George in Year 2 has achieved 100% attendance for the 3 years he has attended this school. In recognition of this fantastic achievement, George received a £30 Amazon voucher. I hope all of these children enjoy spending their well-deserved reward.

It has been an emotional week. We have not only said goodbye to the Year 2 children, Mrs Eden and Miss Davies are leaving us to find new adventures in different settings and some of our Pebbles leavers are moving to new schools too. Wherever their learning journey takes them all, I wish them the very best of luck.

Although September seems a long way off, we are already preparing for the new school year. Your child may have told you that we have moved classrooms around so, before you rush out and buy your labels for uniform (hint, hint!) please see their new class details below.

Apologies if this causes any confusion, we have decided to create a new Year 1 garden area adjacent to the Early Years garden.

<b>Current Class</b>	<b>New Class</b>	<b>New Teacher</b>	<b>New LSA</b>
6	4	Mrs Todd	Mrs Dolby
5	3	Mrs Dearle & Mrs Gopee	Miss Cross
2	1	Mrs Price & Mrs Bowery	Mrs Sadler
1	2	Miss Bright	Mrs Tate

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Milne back to the team following her maternity leave and we will welcome new members of staff too: Mrs Coverley will start her new role as Nursery Practitioner, Miss Thoupos will join the Learning Support team and Mrs Bolden and Mrs Summers will join the MDA team.

So, that's it for this year! Wishing you and your family a happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

*Learning is a journey, not a destination*