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Message from Mrs Crossley

Summer break!

We've finally made it to the end of the summer term and the holidays begin tomorrow! We're so very grateful that we haven't been hit by a late bubble closure so thank goodness that no children will have to isolate into the holidays. I want to thank you all for your support and patience through a year of changes, many of which have had to happen with very little notice. Your kind words of support have carried many of us in school through challenging times when we have felt our resilience dip. The true heroes of this year have been our wonderful Aberford children who have continued working day after day, whether in school or learning remotely and have done it all with a smile on their face and a determination to learn. We look forward seeing you in September and remind you that school starts on **Tuesday 7th September**.

House Point Trophy

Whilst we have celebrated weekly housepoint totals separately in key stages throughout the year, due to our bubbles, we have kept a running total for the whole school and delighted to announce the winning house as **Lotherton!** Well done Lotherton and well done to all the other houses. It has been a close competition all year and so many children have earned housepoints for their teams through their hard work in class.

Year 6 Leavers

Today, we say farewell to our year 6 pupils who are moving on to Garforth Academy, Tadcaster Grammar and Wetherby High. Their Leavers' Assembly was very moving as they reflected back on their time here at Aberford. We are so very proud of them all and wish them all the best for the next stage of their education.

Staffing Updates

I am sure you will all join me in saying a fond farewell-for-now to Miss Brown as she starts her maternity leave. In September we will welcome Miss Patterson will join our teaching team in September and Mrs Sadler will join our support staff in Key Stage 1.



Breakfast Club

Thank you to the people who returned their questionnaires and indicated an interest in attending a breakfast club here at Aberford. Our aspirational vision for the school would be to be able to run a thriving breakfast club and after school provision so that we could offer parents a full wrap around service. As we mentioned in previous correspondence, the school budget would not allow us to run either service at a loss so we need to be able to guarantee a minimum amount of children in order to make this a viable project. Some parents did express an interest so we have decided to trial a breakfast club only from September to Christmas, then to reassess the financial position to determine whether it can continue into January and beyond. We will send out booking forms the first week back with a view to start on Monday 20th September. Information about how to book and pay will be sent as soon as we return in September.

Family Hamper Raffle

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Family Hamper Raffle today. We raised £152 for school funds! The hamper was won by Lone in class 3! Well done Lone. We hope you and your family enjoy the treats inside the hamper during your summer break.

Arabian Horse Quiz

The Arabian Horse Pub are running a What Three Words quiz on August Bank Holiday weekend. The proceeds made are being donated to school funds. If you want to take part in this exciting, fun event, watch out for more information on the Aberford Village Community Forum on Facebook this summer.

Staff Shout Outs

Some of you may know that throughout the school year, I nominate a member of staff each week for a staff shout out (referred to by some as teacher's pet award – you know who you are!) when someone has gone over and above or helped out their colleagues or generally just been amazing. We've shared these in our briefings each week but today, I would like to share some shout outs with you all. The Aberford staff team are all stars. They work so hard and always put our children first. I am very proud to be part of their team and look forward to another successful school year in September.

Staff Shout-Out

Mrs Teale,

Thank you for all your hard work setting up our intervention logging system this year. It's running really smoothly and is a massive help in us documenting our support to pupils throughout school. Thank you also for always stepping in when needed!

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Staff Shout-Out

Mr Thomas,

Thank you for being such a fantastic support for class 1 and 2 this year. You have covered at a moment's notice and have kept stability in classrooms at times when staffing in school was very stretched.

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Staff Shout-Out

Mrs Warner,

Thank you for everything this year. You have been a tower of strength for me and you've also revamped the teaching of reading and writing throughout our school, along with taking a lead role in managing the changes to our whole curriculum.

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Staff Shout-Out

Miss Brown,

Thank you so much for working so hard to raise the profile of maths being taught throughout school. You have implemented new ways of teaching and were brilliant in our deep dive from the Local Authority and represented the school so well.

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Michaela,

Thank you for all your support in school this year, both in teaching fantastic PE lessons to all our children and also more recently for supporting our younger children in school. Thank you also for organising and running our two Sports Days this year.

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Staff Shout-Out

Mrs Jones,

Thank you for so many projects which you have completed this year. You have re-mapped all our RE units to ensure all the teaching of RE reflects our ethos and have worked so hard to ensure our Phonics teaching is well planned and resourced.

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Staff Shout-Out

Mrs Shaw,

Thank you for all your hard work this year, promoting British Values and Geography in school and for making sure that our youngest children have felt secure and supported during a turbulent year. They have been lucky to have you.

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Staff Shout-Out

Mrs O'Neill,

Thank you for all you've done this year to help children across the school. Not only have you competed our Artsmark application but you've also mapped and written planning for Art and DT for a two-year programme throughout school.

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Staff Shout-Out

Mrs Goddard,

Thank you for everything this year. You are always ready to drop everything to solve a problem. Working in the office, you have borne the brunt of many extra systems given to us because of Covid and you have done everything carefully and diligently throughout.

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I hope you all have a wonder and well deserved summer break. We all, in school, look forward to more normal times in September and I am confident it will be another fantastic year.

Mrs Crossley