



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is the point in the Summer Term that I would be expecting to write an end of year newsletter to celebrate all of the excellent events that have taken place in school and the achievements of our young people, during this school year.

However, as I seem to have said several times recently, this has been the strangest of school years. For me, in my first year as Head of School, it has been a rather large learning curve and I can only hope next year will be a little more normal!

To begin with, I would again like to pass on the thanks of all of our staff for your overwhelming support and understanding over the last few months. It has been very much appreciated. I am sure that in return, you would also like to thank the staff for the wonderful job they have done in continuing to provide a high-quality curriculum for our pupils, in unprecedented circumstances. Judging by the enormous quantities of work that parents and pupils are delivering into school at the moment, I can tell that most of our children have been working really hard!

There is also some key information I would like to give you before we close for the summer holidays on Friday, July 17th.

Firstly, school for Y6 will officially finish on Thursday, 16th July, at the usual time. Y6 have enjoyed being in school and hopefully it has brought back a sense of routine and normality for them.

On Friday, 17th July, our Y8s have been invited into school for the last morning to give them the opportunity to say goodbye to their classmates and teachers, and for them to be given their end of year awards. They will be leaving school at 12 noon. We have been very disappointed that their final year with us has been cut short in the way it has, but we wish them every success at their new high schools.

Key Workers' children and other specific groups who have been attending daily, will attend in the morning of Friday 17th as normal. However, school will be closing for them at 12.30pm. If your child usually uses school transport, then the bus will be picking them up from school at the earlier time.

School will be closed for the duration of the summer, although some staff may be available to contact via email after the third week.

In other news, two of our staff members, Mrs Daghish and Mrs Elliott have returned from maternity leave and we are pleased to see them back in school.

I also wanted to make you aware that we are saying good-bye to three members of staff next week. Mr Waterston, who has been covering the maternity leave of Mrs Mason, will be leaving us. Mrs Mason will be returning in September. In addition, Miss Grimshaw, who has been teaching in the PE department this year, will



also be leaving us. I would like to thank them for all their hard work at the school and wish them well for the future.

We will also be saying good-bye to Mrs Scott, who is retiring after 30+ years at Seaton Sluice Middle School. Mrs Scott has been an amazing member of staff and touched the lives of so many people in her time here. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best for a long and happy retirement.

Finally, Mr Barnes has sent you some information about the full reopening of school in September and I will be sending you a letter with the final details of this in late August. Please keep any questions you may have until after this letter has been sent out.

I would like to end by wishing you a very pleasant summer and we look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Karen McSparron

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