

Monday 22nd July

Dear Parents and Carers,

My goodness me how time flies! The end of the year always seems to creep up on us and it is wonderful to just take a minute to reflect on the incredible things that have been achieved this year. We have had so many trips and residentials that I have lost count (!), performances, sports days and some great events organised by the PTFA. Your children have accomplished great things both in their learning and personally – they have shown kindness, compassion and understanding towards others and have been a credit to you all.

We are equally proud of the numerous sports events which our children have taken part in – winning some closely fought tournaments as well as showing teamwork and perseverance. Our after school clubs have been a real success and have not only nurtured talents but also built long lasting friendships and memories.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, TAs and wider staff team. They work incredibly hard throughout the year to keep your children happy, safe and learning – I know you will join me in a huge thank you to every single one of them.

As you know we have staff who will be leaving us tomorrow. Mrs Debby Ward is retiring from teaching. She has been a valued member of the teaching team here at Bowhill for 32 years and will be greatly missed. We thank her for everything she has done for the hundreds of children and families she has worked with and wish her a full and fabulous retirement. Also retiring is Mr Adam Wardnott. Mr Wardnott has kept our IT systems up and running for many years alongside teaching computing to children. Again, we wish him a restful and relaxing retirement.

Mrs Becca Hogg, Mrs Paula O'Reilly and Mrs Hannah Fenton are also moving on. We thank them for their contribution to the school and incredible care they show to children and wish them all the best in their future ventures.

We also say goodbye to Mr Bond, who has worked with us as part of Saints Southwest. He has supported the teaching of PE to children across the whole school and will be missed by all of the staff and the children.

All that is left for me to say is that I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you on the gates on the 5th of September!

My kindest regards – and warmest thanks for welcoming me to your community this year,

Anna Lopez
Headteacher

Key dates – please mark in your diary

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of term

Thursday 5th September – First day of term

Reminders from the office:

Asthma Inhalers – If your child has one of these in school, it will come home with them tomorrow. Please can we ask that they are returned on the first day of term in September and that you complete a new green medical form (from the office). Finally please check that the inhaler is still in date in September.

Booking Lunches From September we are asking parents to book all lunches two weeks in advance – more information about this will be sent home shortly.

Debt Balances Please can we ask that any outstanding balances you may have on School Gateway for lunches, clubs or trips are cleared by Friday this week. Many thanks.

Lost property

All lost property will be removed from the school site over the summer holiday – please make sure everything that belongs to your children – including bikes and scooters are taken home tomorrow.

School Uniform

In September we will be having a big push on everyone wearing the correct school uniform. Please make sure you look at the website and follow the information given.