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Dear Parents and Carers

This past summer term has allowed us to experience much of the normality of school life, albeit, many of the activities we associate with the summer term, have been impacted by the restrictions that have remained in place. What we feel, we have been able to do over this past term is re-establish school routines, and through many of our themed weeks, continue to develop pupils enjoyment and stamina for learning. Most recently in our 'Olympic Week' we combined our learning in maths, together with traditional sports day activities, as well as taking part in a range of sporting challenges delivered by external providers. The children really enjoyed taking part and working as part of a team, demonstrating great pride in theirs and the achievements of others.

We come to the close of yet another academic year that has been disrupted, as a result of Covid. We would like to congratulate all our pupils for their resilience and the overall positive attitude that has remained throughout. We also thank you, Parents and Carers, for your continued support with your child's learning as well as working together with us to maintain a safe school environment. We are only too well aware of the challenges that you have also faced, probably the most obvious, planning your working life around Remote Learning. Again, we thank you for your support and the positive impact you had.

This experience challenged all schools to respond quickly and creatively. Google Classroom was introduced just prior to going into lockdown, now it is very much a feature of school life. We continue to use it as part of our teaching and learning both in the classroom and for homework.

Oak Academy, although not used exclusively, was most certainly a valued resource during Remote Learning, particularly where learning required a more practical input. The activities are tailored to particular year groups and subjects and are led by a class teacher. We would like to make you aware that they are also providing a summer school. While we know it is very important for the children to have a break and for you to spend valuable family time together, we did want to make you aware that it is available as a resource. You will know from your child's report the targets they have been set and particular areas of the curriculum they might find more challenging. Accessing this resource would help to direct a more focused support, particularly as the lessons are sequential. You can log in as a parent, select the subject and suggested activities. As it is led by a class teacher, most children should be able to complete the lessons independently.

Reading is a fundamental part of the curriculum, as a school we have noticed that the stamina for reading has declined. Not only do we want our children to read, but to read for pleasure. You will have already received these details, however, we strongly encourage you to take part in the reading challenge, hosted by our local libraries.

<https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenges-homepage>





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Thinking ahead to the autumn term, although measures have now eased, we are keen to maintain the increased hygiene and ventilation, as we feel it has served us well. We will also continue to ask children to wear the PE kits on their allocated PE day. However, we will only confirm our arrangements for the start and end of the school day when we have received further guidance in mid-August.

As we say goodbye to our pupils in year six, we wish them all the very best for the future. We are in no doubt they will make a positive contribution at their new schools and will have successful futures ahead. The leavers' assembly was live streamed this morning for parents and all members of our school community to enjoy. Although sadly, we were unable to end the term with a whole school mass, Father James came into school especially to give all the year six pupils a blessing.

Sadly we are also saying goodbye to two members of staff, Mrs Vaughan and Miss McVeigh. Mrs Vaughan has worked at St. Luke's for sixteen years and throughout those years has always brought kindness, care and commitment to the pupils of St. Luke's, as well as, always being willing to offer support where needed. We are very sorry to see her go, however, are pleased that this new chapter will allow her to spend more time with her family.

Miss McVeigh will be leaving to take up a part time teaching post. Following the birth of her little boy, she too wants to take this time to spend with her family. I know that Miss McVeigh will be sadly missed by all pupils and staff. However, we won't be saying goodbye completely, as Miss McVeigh has agreed to do supply cover for us. Coincidentally, the current year six were Miss McVeigh's first class.

We would like to extend our gratitude to both members of staff for all they have contributed to the school over the years, and to let them know they will always remain very much part to the St. Luke's family.

I wish all our families a very enjoyable summer break, I hope that you all remain safe and well. I am sure you will join me in thanking all members of staff, teaching and non-teaching, for all their endeavours during this academic year, most importantly for their continued hard work and commitment to the children of St Luke's. We hope that they will have an enjoyable summer break, time to spend with their families, and to rest and relax after this challenging year.

Please stay safe and well this summer. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Thursday 2nd September**, we will send further communication once all details have been confirmed.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

