



Before we close off a very busy term, we wanted to acknowledge some key updates from this year and extend a sincere Thank you to our supportive School community.



It's been wonderful to see so much support for the recent sports days and coronation celebrations and it was a pleasure to see the children compete in such a positive manner, demonstrating great team spirit and athletic prowess!

Sport is a key part of our school life and it was brilliant to see KS2 children taking part in the recent swimming competitions, as well as fantastic performance from the swim squad in their recent competition /gala. The sporting prowess continues, with success seen across Football, Cricket, and Tennis this year - Well done to all involved!



As a Church of England School, we have been working closely with the diocese, and Reverend Hannah Smith, who is an active governor, on the School's Christian Vision and how the values embed across school. We are looking forward to building this further next year.

Behind the scenes, we have also been working closely with the School, Local Authority and the Diocese, ensuring the longer-term priorities and budget allocations for the school are aligned, and provide all our children with the optimum provision and opportunity for success.

We were delighted to be able to share with you a few weeks ago, the appointment of our new Headteacher, Caroline Butterworth, and that she will be joining us from September, along with several new members of staff.



On behalf of Pupils, Staff and Governors, we'd like to take the opportunity to acknowledge Moira Hunt, who stepped into the role of Interim Headteacher over a year ago, for what was expected to be a term cover- and thank her for the continuity she had provided the school during a period of change and disruption.

Our joint chair of governors, Alan Richards will also finish his term in role, with our thanks and appreciation for the dedication and guidance he has provided.

We'd also like to share our gratitude and fond farewells to those members of staff who are leaving us this term, wishing them all the best in their next roles and every happiness in the future.



This fond goodbye also applies to our Year 6 children. They gave a stunning end of year performance of The Lion King this week and should feel really proud. We know they'll be great ambassadors of the school and we hope they leave with happy memories of their time at Sandal castle.



We know that many of you are keen to be more involved and support the school, and based on your feedback, we are planning to set up a group (friends of /association). It's really important this group is representative of the local community, and we would like to offer anyone interested the opportunity to join.

-Please get in contact with the School Business Manager, Mrs Bartholomew.

As a school community we look forward to the focus on providing a positive, stable and aspirational environment for our children as the school moves forward...

Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Summer!

Best Wishes,
Rowena White, Alan Richards & the Governing body

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Together we **Grow**: Together we **Give***