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### **Summer holidays are here again!**

The summer break is fast approaching, hopefully bringing with it some more settled weather and lots of opportunities to get out in the fresh air and reconnect with nature and one another.

As the school year winds down, we do have to say some goodbyes. Our Year 6s are off on new and exciting adventures at their secondary schools after a year of incredibly hard work and some big hurdles. Many of you will be aware of the press coverage of the recent SATs – considered to be very hard this year – but our Year 6s showed resilience and maturity in the way they approached these exams, and we are extremely proud of their conduct. We wish them and their parents all the very best and hope that they remember their time at Overstone with fondness.

We are sorry to say goodbye to several staff, as well. Mrs Clarke and Mrs Miller both served as governors during their time with us and have provided various year groups with a wealth of knowledge and opportunities to grow. Mrs Tramsak worked in pre-school, nurturing our youngest children. We wish all three the best of luck in the future and thank them for their service for the school.

Finally, two of our governors, Kirsty Berry and Emma Seabourne, are sadly stepping down at the end of the school year. Both have acted as Vice Chair during their terms of office and have provided expertise on a range of subjects, such as safeguarding, quality of education, finance and resources. Kirsty has been on the Governing Board for five years, starting in 2018, and Emma for a term of four years from 2019. As such, they have provided an invaluable service to the school during some very tricky times that included COVID-19 restrictions and leadership changes, and we wish to thank them for everything they have done for the school. From September, we will be looking to fill the vacancies.

During the summer term, we've come together as a community for several celebrations and events. The King's Coronation saw a wonderful display of the children's art laid out in the school hall for parents to enjoy. It was also lovely to see so many of you at our summer fete, enjoying the stalls, games and sun, and our sports days were a great opportunity to celebrate competition. We wish to thank the PTA for their support with these events and throughout the year – whether selling ice creams or providing new books, they offer their time on a voluntary basis to help raise funds and enrich the lives of the children with us.

We'd like to thank both the children and the staff for their hard work this year and for modelling our school values so well – kindness, respect, effort and listening. We are grateful to our headteacher, Mrs Eales, and the senior team for continuing to develop the curriculum and improve opportunities for all. Yet, there is plenty that we can all do to help our children achieve the best outcomes possible. Ensuring children have good attendance and are on time, reading with them whenever and wherever we can, and engaging with as much of what the school has to offer as possible will all help to nurture them and support the school.

We wish you all wonderful break. Whether holidaying, making the most of the various free activities locally, or simply enjoying a picnic, good book or movie, we hope you feel refreshed and raring to go in September!

Warmest wishes,  
The Governing Board

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