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## Happy holidays!

The holidays are upon us! As we finish the term, we say goodbye to our Year 6s who are heading off to pastures exciting and new. They have had a rollercoaster of a year; from the hard work and maturity they have shown in their schoolwork and SATs, to the creativity and perseverance with which they approached their enterprise week, they have made some fabulous and lasting memories. Their final play didn't leave a dry eye in the house either! We are incredibly proud of how they have embraced our school values – kindness, respect, listening and effort – and we wish them every success in the future.

Also leaving us are two of our long-standing governors, Cathryn Siddall and Steve Gates. They have both served the school for many years, Steve as Co-chair and Health and Safety governor, and Cathryn providing support to SEND and Pupil Premium. They have provided invaluable contributions to a range of operations, including finance, safeguarding, vision-setting and development. We will miss their insight and thank them for everything they have done for the school.

We are always looking for new governors to join our team, so please do get in touch if you want to know more or would like to get involved: <a href="mailto:governors@overstone-wing.org">governors@overstone-wing.org</a>

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone within our school community for their commitment this year. Our staff and leadership team have shown dedication in developing our curriculum and giving our children opportunities to grow and learn in a nurturing environment. Our children have modelled our school values both inside and outside the school gates, and we have watched them achieve both academically and personally this year. Our parents have supported the day-to-day life of school with reading, homework and attendance, and also been there for the many celebrations our children have been involved with. It has been wonderful to welcome parents into the school for Numeracy Day, Beacons of Peace and Sports Days, among other things. We also recognise the support they provide outside of school with events such as Young Voices, football and district sports, which add an important extra dimension to the education of our children.

Finally, we'd like to thank our PTA who have organised events, raised invaluable funds, and created plenty of fun memories for the school, providing their time on a voluntary basis to enrich the lives of the children. We are disappointed that Wing Fest could not go ahead this term, but we are looking forward to getting covered in colour in the autumn! We hope you will join us for a fun day on 21 September 2024.

Our PTA are always looking for new helpers to raise funds and make new friends at the same time, so please do get in touch if you would like to get involved: <a href="mailto:pta@overstone-wing.org">pta@overstone-wing.org</a>

This year, we have also been working towards our vision of being a hub in the local community by making connections and collaborating with organisations such as the Church, Wing Tennis Club and Wing Singers who have generously donated funds for a singing subscription to enable us to access music and lyrics online. It was a joy to hear them sing last week for parents and they had a great time on stage!

During the school break, you might be going on holiday or enjoying downtime at home, but the school will still be busy. Our holiday clubs run through summer to help working parents, and we also take the opportunity of there being less people on site to do important updating works. This year, we are concentrating on making our Early Years outdoor setting the best it can be for supporting the curriculum, and we are also starting work on decommissioning the swimming pool, which has been out of operation and in disrepair for some time. We will keep you posted on what will be happening in the new space in the new school year. In the meantime, we wish you all a lovely break!

Warmest wishes, The Governing Board

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