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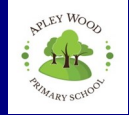
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the close of another school year, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to you for your continued support. We have made fantastic progress again and it has been wonderful to receive so many positive comments from parents, carers and the local and wider community.

Inevitably, in a large school, there are a few staff changes for next year. This has been compounded by our need to make voluntary redundancies within our teaching assistant staff. As with most primary schools across England this has been due to a real terms cut in the amount of money received from the government into the school's budget (another reason why we've not gone ahead and purchased a minibus for sporting events that would be so useful and much requested by our parents).

Mrs Bentley, Mrs Storey, Mrs Rebecca Smith, Mrs Hide, Mrs Cheshire-Williams and Mrs Marshall will all be leaving at the end of the term. Mrs Vale will also be finishing her fixed term contract with us. We would like to say a very big thank you to them all for their commitment to the school and to the children and for their relentless focus on making sure your children have the very best education.

Mrs Bentley has been at the school since it was formed on the 3rd January 1990 and deserves special recognition for her long service and the dedication she has given to us all during her time here. They will all be greatly missed.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Georgia Morris who has covered Miss Smith's maternity leave within reception and is off to continue her teaching career in another school. They are very lucky to be having her.

We wish all the very best to the staff leaving us and thank them for their commitment to the school.

We are also excited to welcome some new staff in September - Mrs Hannah Templar (Reception teacher maternity cover until November), Mrs Stephanie Parrish (Reception maternity cover) and Miss Heather Scott (Pupil support assistant).

I would also like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped to support the school in so many different ways throughout the year, particularly our governors and FAWS (ably led by Mrs Angell) and to our new caretaker, Mr Murphy, who has thrown himself into the life of the school and is an amazing addition to the team. A special mention as always goes to our office staff who are so welcoming and helpful in every situation.

We also wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for a bright and successful future - we hope they look back at their time at Apley with fondness and happy memories. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last year but also had a fantastic time. They worked hard in their SATs and we have maintained the high standards set over the last few years. The children enjoyed their visit to Arthog, the amazing 'Rock Bottom' production (which was the best one yet!), numerous sporting events and much, much more. We want them now to *Go out into the world and show everyone what you've learnt!* We are very proud of you.

We have been lucky to have built up some capital funding which we will be using to refurbish the children's toilets and to carry out some much needed repairs over the summer holiday so I'm hoping that when the children return things will feel brand new and sparkly for them.

For those returning in September, I will see you all as school starts at **8.45 am on Wednesday 4th September 2019**. I look forward to seeing our pupils in their smart Apley Wood Primary School uniform, ready for the challenges of a new academic year.

I am so proud and privileged to lead this school. The teamwork and dedication of staff, no matter what their role, in making sure your child is thriving educationally, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually is second to none and I look forward to returning for one final term in the Autumn.

On behalf of all Apley staff and pupils, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

Mrs Allyson Brown - Headteacher

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Amazing Amelie
 A big well done to Amelie who attended a Computing conference led by [@amazingict](#). Amelia won a competition that we set in school to design an e-safety mascot for Mr Smith. She shared her fantastic design amongst teachers and professional.



DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 4th September	Pupils Return To School
Monday 16th September	Great Apley Bake Off Competition
Tuesday 17th September	Parents Arthog Meeting 3.20pm in Base 11
Monday 7th October	Year 5 London Trip Meeting for Parents—3.20pm in Base 11
Friday 25th October	Pupils Break Up For Half Term
Monday 4th November	Pupils Return to School
Thursday 7th November	Year 5 Trip To London
Friday 8th November	Year 5 return at approximately 5.30pm

Apley Leavers 2019

At Prom the year 6 children enjoyed a fabulous night of limo's, sparkly dresses and dapper suits. The girls all looked amazing and the boys were all so handsome. There were songs, dancing and games and most of all some fabulous memories made with friends. We wish all of our leavers a smooth start to year 7 and all the very best for the future from everyone here at Apley Wood. **Good Luck!**

