

All Saints CE (VC) First School and Busy Bees Pre-School

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Dear Parents, Governors, and Staff of All Saints,

End of Year Reflections

As another school year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to simply say thank you.

This has certainly been a year that I don't think any of us will forget in a hurry. Taking on the role of Interim Headteacher has been both the greatest privilege and the steepest learning curve of my career. There have been moments that have stretched me, moments that have challenged me, and more than a few occasions where a strong cup of tea has felt like the most important leadership outcome of the day!

Throughout it all, I have been incredibly grateful for the kindness, encouragement and support shown by our whole school community. Whether you're a member of staff who has gone above and beyond (time and time again), a governor who has offered appropriate support and challenge, a parent who has trusted us with your child's education, or one of the many people who champion our school from the sidelines, thank you. Schools simply do not thrive without people pulling together, and I have felt that support every step of the way.

This year has seen a number of positive developments across our school. We've strengthened the way we communicate with families, celebrated the wonderful things happening in our classrooms more than ever before, refreshed aspects of our curriculum, expanded opportunities for our children and continued to raise the profile of our wonderful little school within the wider community. One of the highlights of the year was undoubtedly our positive SIAMS inspection, which recognised the caring Christian ethos that makes All Saints such a special place. That success belongs to every member of our school family and is something we should all be incredibly proud of.

Of course, alongside those celebrations, this year also brought moments of great sadness. The loss of our much-loved caretaker, Mr Beardmore, touched us all deeply. He was a valued member of our school family whose kindness, humour and unwavering dedication to our children and community will never be forgotten. We miss him greatly, and I know many of us will continue to think of him with fondness whenever we walk through the school gates.

Like every school, we've also faced our share of challenges. Some have been expected, while others have tested us in ways we could never have anticipated. Yet what has stood out above everything else has been the resilience shown by our staff, our children and our wider community. Time and again, I've watched people support one another, adapt to change and continue to put children at the heart of every decision. That is something I couldn't be prouder of.



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The children, as always, continue to amaze me. They have embraced new opportunities with enthusiasm, represented our school brilliantly, shown compassion towards one another and reminded us daily why we all chose to work in education. From sporting events and performances to school trips, classroom achievements and countless acts of everyday kindness, they have created memories that will last a lifetime. They are a credit to their families, to our staff and to themselves.

On a personal note, this year has taught me more than I could ever have imagined. Leadership isn't about standing still; it's about listening, learning and continually striving to do better. We've introduced a number of changes this year, and I appreciate that change can sometimes feel uncomfortable. Not every decision will have suited everyone, and there have certainly been moments where I've reflected, adapted and learned valuable lessons along the way. I am incredibly grateful to our whole school community for placing their trust in me and embracing this journey together. Every decision has been made with one shared ambition: to ensure that All Saints continues to flourish as a school that honours its traditions whilst embracing the opportunities of the future. I truly believe we are building something very special together.

As we look ahead to September, we know another new chapter begins with our new class structure. Like any new beginning, it will bring opportunities as well as challenges, but I have every confidence in our talented and dedicated staff. Together, they will continue to ensure that every child is nurtured, challenged, encouraged and given every opportunity to flourish. Most importantly, they'll continue creating the happy memories, friendships and experiences that make All Saints such a special place to grow, learn and belong.

For now though, I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned summer break. Whether you're heading off on holiday, enjoying adventures a little closer to home or simply looking forward to not hearing the school alarm for six whole weeks, I hope you find time to rest, recharge and make wonderful memories with those you love.

Thank you once again for your support, your kindness and your belief in our school. It has been an honour to lead All Saints this year, and I feel incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together. I cannot wait to see what the next chapter holds.

Wishing you all a safe, restful and happy summer.

With warm regards,

David Elliott-Hancock
Interim Headteacher

