



End of Year letter from the Head of School

Thursday 20th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

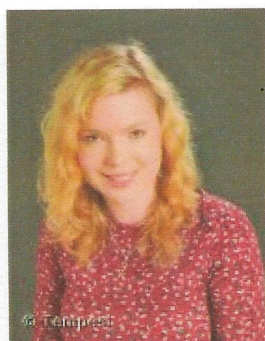
We have had another fantastic year at Orchard Vale and have shared so many experiences and special times. The Ofsted inspection was a welcome visit and we enjoyed all the positive feedback they gave us. We have continued to work on their recommended actions to improve the school further. The children have enjoyed some fantastic residential visits to Bude and Paignton Zoo as well as lots of educational visits and enrichment activities across the year in all age groups to support a broad and balanced curriculum across the school.

We wish our fantastic year 6 well as they leave us to start the next stage in their education and we congratulate them on the great exam results and thank them for their contributions to the whole school community during their time at Orchard Vale.

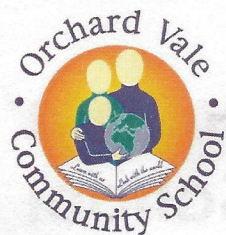
As usual at this time of year we must say goodbye to a few members of staff and welcome some new ones too. We will be wishing Mrs Allin a fond farewell as she returns to Wales after being at Orchard Vale for 15 years. We wish her and the boys the very best of luck.

Another long-standing teacher to be leaving us is Mrs Stapley. We will miss her and all the family and I am sure they will enjoy the new adventures ahead of them. Miss Barriball is moving to be closer to home and I am sure she will not miss the long drive to work although we will miss her greatly.

We have a few teaching assistants embarking on new adventures at the end of this term too. Miss Wooldridge has completed her degree and is taking some time to travel and teach abroad and Miss Robinson is starting her degree and we wish both of our former staff members and pupils the very best of luck.



We welcome back Mrs Rana from maternity leave and baby Emilia into Little Seeds. She is delighted to be back teaching in the reception class joining Miss Boundy for the new intake next year. Mr Whapham has been working with us recently and will now be teaching full time in Year 5/6 next year replacing Mrs Johnson who will be moving to support Mrs Grimwood in year 3/4 until she leaves us to have her baby later in the year.



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We are delighted that Mrs Oldfield has completed her Schools Direct training and is now a newly qualified teacher. This has been an enormously successful journey for her and I know she has worked extremely hard and was an outstanding student. There have been many members of staff furthering their education and lifelong learning and have successfully completed apprenticeships, NVQs, middle leadership training and masters' degrees. We have many staff undertaking further training next year such as foundation degrees, leadership qualifications and working as specialist leaders in education.

We are very proud of the professional development of the staff at Orchard Vale and are delighted that Mrs Lowrey has been appointed as our new Deputy Head starting in September. Although this will take her out of the reception class it will allow her to spend time working with all classes across the school and will strengthen the leadership team further.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support over the course of the school year and wish you a pleasant summer break. I look forward to seeing you all again on 5th September for the start of the new school year and another exciting adventure at Orchard Vale.



Kind regards,

Fiona Pearce
Head of School

