



23 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you

We have come to the end of another fantastic year. Thank you for your support throughout this year be it supporting the various good causes that the school supports, helping the PTA, providing junk modelling for class projects, attending school events, helping out on school trips or ensuring your child arrives at school on time. Everything you do helps to support our school community as a whole and make it a happy, thriving place to be.

Thank you also for all the lovely gifts you have given to the staff at Old Bexley. Your kind and thoughtful gestures have been much appreciated.

Goodbye

We will sadly be saying goodbye to a few members of staff today: Mrs Evans, Mrs Monksfield, Miss Morley and Miss Beckley are continuing their teaching careers outside of Old Bexley and we wish them every luck in their new roles. Mrs Crundwell, Mrs Myatt and Mrs Walford will be retiring and enjoying a more relaxed pace of life. Finally, Mr Pask will be leaving Old Bexley. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their tireless hard work and dedication to Old Bexley.

Today we also say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. They have enjoyed lots of different activities over the summer term visiting Rochester Cathedral, Chessington, Hall Place and St Mary's church for a leaver service. This is in addition to their class plays and leaver assemblies. There were tears (mostly from the parents!) but also moments of reflection as they realised how far they have come since starting at Old Bexley in Reception. We wish our Year 6 children all the best as they move on to their chosen secondary schools and start the next chapter of their lives.

A Musical Adventure

On Wednesday evening last week Mrs Kibby led a magical music concert entitled "Wherever I Wander" with pieces drawn from stage and screen. It was a feast of beautiful singing from the KS2 Choir, amazing musical pieces from the orchestra along with solo performances from some of our Year 6 musicians. The drumming children provided us with some very catchy beats, the Staff Choir gave us a memorable rendition of So Long, Farewell from The Sound of Music and there were some beautiful readings from the pupils. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Kibby as once again she spread her musical magic making the evening a huge success.

PTA

Thank you to all of you who have supported the many PTA events this year. I would like to say a special thank you to all the PTA members for their tireless hard work and commitment to raising money for the children of Old Bexley, it really is much appreciated. As a result of the PTA's fund raising, they have been able to provide financial support to all year groups for an educational trip this academic year:

- Nursery children had an animal visit
- Reception went to Godstone Farm
- Year 1 visited Howletts Zoo
- Year 2 travelled to London to visit the Florence Nightingale Museum
- Years 3 and 4 visited Creekside at the start of the school year
- Year 5 participated in two Mayan Workshops
- Year 6 visited Rochester Cathedral.



School Reports

Please remember to download your child's school report from Google Classroom if you wish to keep it or refer to it at a later date. The reports should be available on Google Classroom to download until 30 August 2024.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 37 children in the school who achieved 100% attendance this school year. These children will be coming home with a celebratory certificate. A special mention goes to Evie, Ozkar, Jacob and Jessica whose names were drawn to win a prize.

5AC and 2RW won the award for best class attendance (per key stage) of the year.

Summer Reading Challenge

Bexley Library's Summer Reading Challenge has now started and runs until 7 September. This year's theme is Marvellous Makers and is a celebration of the creative arts. The Challenge will run in all Bexley libraries and is open to children of all ages and reading abilities. Children are encouraged to read six books over the summer and will collect cards and other rewards along the way, plus receive a medal and certificate when they complete the challenge.

School Crossing

Bexley Council have confirmed that work on the new zebra crossing will start on 29 July. It should take 2 weeks so if all goes to plan it will be in place ready for when we return in September.

Please note that the school office will close at 2pm today and will be shut throughout the school holidays. Therefore, should you need to contact the school by email during this period, please do not expect a reply until the start of the new term.

Finally, if you go to the park after school today, please remember to tidy up after yourself and not to leave any litter.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 3 September**.

Take care

Mrs J Ivil
Head Teacher