



# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## END OF THE YEAR PARENT/CARER UPDATE

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#### End of the Year Update for Parents/Carers

Friday 14th July 2023

Dear parents/carers.

As this academic year draws to its conclusion, on behalf of our dedicated Governing Body and amazing staff team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our brilliant parents and carers, for your unwavering support this year. I am so proud to say that I am Headteacher of our fabulous school. It's the best school in the country in my opinion (but of course I am going to say that) and I have been delighted to witness it continue to grow from strength to strength. Florence Melly is a very special place and that is because of your phenomenal children! They are an absolute credit to you and the jewels in our crown!

My team have worked incredibly hard this year and I am delighted with the progress each and every child has made! It really has been a challenging year but, yet again, I think that my staff have managed to engage, enthral and excite the children - creating memorable experiences that will be cherished for a long, long time! They are an amazing group of people, who love and care deeply about your children and I am very grateful to have such a dedicated team.

Tomorrow, we will be wishing the fondest of farewells to several members of our Flo Melly family as they set off for pastures new. Mrs Cotter, Mr Grayson, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Speers, Mrs Kane and Mr Shekarchi will all be leaving us as and it is going to be incredibly difficult to find the replacement skills and experience to fill the gaps that their departures will bring. I would like to thank them all for everything they have brought to our school and for helping to shape the lives of every child they have had the privilege of supporting. Miss Taylor will also be leaving us as she starts her maternity leave. Enjoy every second Miss Taylor and we cannot wait to meet your new bundle of joy when they arrive.

Despite all of the unforgettable experiences, outstanding work, results and provision, it is perhaps the darkest of clouds that cast their shadow over this year. The tragic loss of Charlie Lowe will forever remain impossible to comprehend or express adequately in words. This year we lost one of our own - a much valued and loved member of our Flo Melly family and that rocked us to our core! In light of such tragedy, you, our whole-school community came together and wrapped your arms around us when we needed it most. There are literally no words that I can use to describe our gratitude or admiration of you all for how you supported us during this time; for that, I will forever be grateful. Not a day goes by where we do not talk, reminisce or remember Charlie and, when we return in September, we will communicate how we will commemorate, celebrate and honour such a wonderful, bright, caring boy to ensure that his memory lives on in all of us. We will, of course, continue to work with, and support, Charlie's mum, brother and family like many of you are also doing.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 5th September when we will do it all again!

Take care and stay safe.

Mr Leach  
Headteacher

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