



# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## END OF THE YEAR PARENT/CARER UPDATE

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#### The Final Parent/Carer Update of the Year - Friday 19th July 2024

Dear parents/carers (of the greatest children in the world).

That's a wrap!

On behalf of our Governing Body and my 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 lead such a magnificent school in the heart of such a supportive community. It brings me great pleasure being part of the Flo Melly family - there is no place I'd rather be! It's home!

I say it all the time but, in my opinion, Florence Melly is the best school in the world! It is a very special place and that is because of your phenomenal children! Never does a day go by where I am not amazed by their achievements, impressed by their maturity and attitudes or wowed by their empathy and respect for one another. The progress they have made this year, both academically and socially, has been incredible...yet again! They are a credit to you and the jewels in our crown!

At this point, I would like to also thank the people who make the magic happen...my dedicated staff team. Each and every one of them has an insatiable appetite for making a difference. They pour every ounce of blood, sweat and tears into ensuring that your children have the best possible opportunity to succeed. They engage, enthral and excite the children - creating memorable experiences that will be cherished way beyond their time in our school. When my team look at your children, they see their own - they love and care deeply for each them and I am very grateful to have such an amazing team.

This year has seen some long-standing and much-loved staff members leave us. We wished Mr Baillie, Miss Latta, Miss Harris, Mr Moore and Mr Southern fond farewells as they all moved onto new careers and adventures. I would like to thank them for their years of service (almost 40 years in total) and for everything they did to contribute towards making our school what it is today. I would also like to thank Miss Revuelta, our Spanish teacher, for her service over the last two years. She moves on to a new role at another local school and they are lucky to have her! Muchas gracias, Señorita Revuelta. La mejor de las suertes para ti! (Thank you very much Miss Revuelta, the best of luck to you).

Today marks the end of an era for some families - as their children set off for the challenges that await in secondary school and pastures new. Whilst they may reside in a new building next year, with new teachers and new friends, they will forever be remembered and cherished as members of our Flo Melly family! They will always share that connection - wherever they head in the future. Good luck Year 6, whatever the future holds, never forget...if you can DREAM it, you can do it!

And finally, I would like to take a moment to remember two very special people. Firstly, a long-standing member of our team, who sadly passed away in November. Mrs Church worked in our school for many years, selflessly giving up her time to love, care and support children from across the school - Nursery right the way through to Year 6. Mrs Church was much loved by all and a true Flo Melly legend! She will forever be in our thoughts.

Secondly, a beautiful boy who will eternally hold a special place in our hearts. This year marked the one year anniversary of the tragic death of one of our own - a much valued and loved member of our Flo Melly family - Charlie Lowe. Together, we came together to pay tribute to Charlie

through our first ever 'Charlie Lowe Sports Day' which was, in my opinion, the best day of the school year! This was the perfect way to commemorate, celebrate and honour such a wonderful, bright, caring boy. And in doing so, we ensured that his memory lives on in all of us...always and forever!

Have a wonderful Summer holiday, relax, recover and recharge and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3rd September when we will do it all again!

Take care and stay safe.

Mr Leach  
Headteacher

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