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Headteachers Newsletter

Dear All,

I cannot deny that this week's newsletter is rather sentimental, and I make no apologies for that.

This has been an emotional week. On Thursday, I attended the Nursery Graduation. They have been a spectacular class, but the realisation that I will not be here to see them continue their journey and watch them grow brought a tear to my eye.

Another tear was shed in the afternoon as we were treated to a wonderfully funny Year 6 end-of-Perrymount performance. After the play, I gave a heartfelt speech, speaking about each child and what makes them so unique and special. As a headteacher, it is a real privilege to watch children grow and develop throughout their time at school, and that has certainly been one of the greatest joys of my role.

This cohort started Reception during the COVID pandemic, when school life was so very different. They have been an exceptional group of children, and I wish each and every one of them every success and happiness as they move on to secondary school.

Goodbyes

To Mr Santamaria and Ms Chant, thank you for everything you have done for Perrymount. You have both made an enormous contribution to our school and will be greatly missed. I wish you both every success and happiness in the future.

To Mia White who has worked in our reception class and been an excellent teaching assistant. We wish you every success as you now embark upon your teacher training.

Thank You

At this time of year, it is important to take the opportunity to say thank you.

Firstly, to the wonderful Perrymount children. Watching you learn, make progress, laugh and play has been an absolute delight. You are so well behaved, and whenever visitors tour the school they always comment on how calm, hardworking and respectful you are. You make us all incredibly proud.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support. Whether attending parents' evenings, assemblies, concerts or school fairs, your commitment to Perrymount is greatly appreciated. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for everything you do to support our school.

To the amazing team who keep the Friends of Perrymount running, we are truly in awe of you. The recent Summer Fair raised an incredible £2,112.71, and we cannot thank you enough for the time, energy and enthusiasm you give so generously.

To our school governors, thank you for your hard work, guidance and unwavering support. Your dedication to Perrymount is greatly appreciated.

Last, but by no means least, to all Perrymount staff. Earlier this year, when the school photographer visited, I asked everyone to be in a staff photograph. As I look forward to the future, I wanted a photograph that I could look back on with enormous pride and remember the incredible team I had the privilege of working alongside.

Working in a school is a job like any other in some ways, but I would argue it is so much more. Every member of staff at Perrymount gives far more than I could ever ask of them. Their dedication, professionalism, kindness and commitment are remarkable. Thank you for your hard work, your unwavering support and, above all, for making Perrymount such a wonderful place to work.

To you all, thank you for your friendship, support and kindness over the year. It is an honour and a privilege to serve as your Headteacher and I look forward to my last term with you.

Have a fantastic summer, and I will see you all on Thursday 3rd September.

Best wishes,

Christine Keen

Headteacher