

## Weekly Newsletter

## **End of Term 2016**

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School closes for summer on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 3.30pm

School will re-open to children on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.50am

(Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September INSET DAYS)

Please note if you have a safeguarding issue during the summer break please call First Response Team – 0800 1313126



## Dear parents and carers

In our last newsletter of 2015-16 I would like to pay tribute to those who are leaving us today. Our Year 6 classes have had a busy, emotional but brilliant last week with us. Their adaptation and performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' was exceptional and they all had a great time at their 'prom' and trip to Standon Bowers. They leave us as confident, polite, resilient and thoughtful students, ready for their new chapter of education in their high schools. We are very proud of them and wish each and every one of them all the best as they move on. There are also a few other children moving to new schools and I want to take this opportunity to wish them well too. We always like to hear how our former pupils get on so please let us know by letter or email.

Please also join me in saying thank you to Miss Webb. She has made a good start to her career and I know the pupils and staff here will remember her fondly as she moves on to her new school.

Mrs Evans will also be leaving us for a while, to concentrate on the imminent arrival to her growing family. All at Coton Green will be thinking of her and we will of course update everyone in September.

It was great to see so many of you attend the recent open afternoon and I'm glad so many of you were able to see your new teachers. Don't forget if you have any early worries when children start in their new class, our teachers will be happy to meet with you informally before or after school or more formally by appointment. Teachers are on the door each morning and afternoon.

Thank you too for your comments on the report reply slips. They were overwhelmingly positive and some constructive comments were also made for improvement. This is something we always welcome as it helps us to always think about ways of improving what we do. The changes in the curriculum and assessment have been huge over the last few years and now we are looking forward from a position of strength (our assessments show above national comparative figures in every year group) as we strive to provide your children with the best chance to meet these raised expectations by the time they leave us. Indeed we are very proud that our current Year 6 achieved above national figures across all tests.

Over the course of the summer, we will be busy in school as we are having the remainder of our toilets refurbished and pipe work to the heating system is also being upgraded. We will also be training on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September. We are delighted to have secured staff training for 'reasoning' in maths with the LTE in north Birmingham as this is a key area for improvement following our recent Ofsted inspection. School will re-open for pupils on Wednesday 7th September at 8:50am.

All that remains is to wish everyone a good summer. Stay safe and enjoy the holiday.

Mr R Osborne