Edenfield C E Primary School

Friday 22nd July

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to staff, pupils, governors, parents and carers for an enjoyable and successful year. The most significant aspect of the year is that largely, we have been able to return to normal and provide the children with the full range of school activities from educational trips to performances to sports days, and everything in between. We did start with some restrictions on numbers visiting school but I am hopeful that these can be consigned to the recent history file! It was wonderful to end the school year with the fun run, sports days, KS2 show and leavers' service at Edenfield Parish Church with a wide and open invitation to all our parents, carers and families. I am now looking forward to another year filled with the wonderful experiences the children so deserve, and also look forward to seeing much more of you all next term.

Debbie Murphy

On Wednesday, we officially said goodbye to Mrs Murphy who retired from her post as HLTA after thirty years of working at the school. The day started with a special assembly for Mrs Murphy where we celebrated the impact she has had on the thousands of children, whose lives she has touched, over the years. Our current pupils then spoke with such affection as they shared their most special memories of Mrs Murphy. The same words were repeated: kind, caring, gentle, creative, patient and loving. The classes then presented Mrs Murphy with beautiful class cards, many of which were designed on the theme of gardening, flowers and birds – her passions. I had to include this poem written by Mrs Hope in tribute to Mrs Murphy:

Mrs Murphy Our Butterfly

Although we are the smallest members of our school,

We would like to say a big thank you for being so super cool!

You greet us with a smile and have time for everyone

You have given so much to Edenfield, now it is time for you to have fun!

We have made you a butterfly, for you to look back and see

How you helped so many little fingers to become who they were meant to be.

Each dot on our butterfly's wing is a print from our fingers so small

As you go to enjoy your retirement, we are sending love from us all.

Enjoy the adventure before you, and when you get a chance,

Come and visit, just like our butterfly visits the flowers in its garden dance.

For each child is like a flower and so many have been nurtured by you

You are our beautiful butterfly, thank you Mrs Murphy, thank you xx

We then all performed a special song with personalised lyrics to the tune of Living on a Prayer – a music lesson favourite in Y5. Mrs Murphy loved it!

Later in the day, the staff enjoyed a special celebration buffet and we presented Mrs Murphy with gifts of trees and plants for her beautiful garden. Thanks to the generosity of the parents, we also

purchased gift vouchers for a meal for two at GemNi Restaurant. Earlier in the day, the Class 3 parents and pupils presented their own special gift of luxury perfumed goodies. Mrs Murphy was so overwhelmed and there were definitely a few tears shed over the course of the day. She has asked me to thank all of you for all your gifts, lovely messages and generosity, it really did mean the world to her and made her last day one she will never forget. Mrs Murphy will be very much missed but I know you will join me in wishing her a very happy retirement, full of wonderful times spent with her loved ones.

Mrs Murphy says:
You gave me the finest send off on Wednesday and I just want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the amazing contributions you all made to fill my last day with happiness - I will remember it forever!

Whole School Awards and Y6 Tribute

On Thursday, we were able to celebrate the many achievements of the children during whole school awards. The ceremony ended with a wonderful Y6 film which perfectly encapsulated the wonderful year, and final term, that they have enjoyed. This was accompanied by a photograph presentation charting their journey through every class. Mr Holt has now uploaded both the film and photographs to Google Classroom for you to enjoy at home. The film of singing club performing at Last Choir Singing has also been uploaded to Google Classroom. Please let school know if you have any issues accessing these.

Y6 Leavers' Service

This afternoon, we said goodbye and good luck to our fantastic Year 6 children as we celebrated their achievements and memories in Church. The majority of the children have spent seven years in our care and it has been a privilege to teach and nurture them all. They have experienced a particularly challenging period as up until Y6, they had not enjoyed a 'normal' year in school since Y3. Despite this disruption, they have all achieved amazing things including academic, sporting, music and creative success. We are so proud of their resilience and determination. The service was both celebratory and moving; furthermore, it was a fitting tribute to a fantastic group of children who have generated a wealth of wonderful memories for all of us across the school. More recently, we have been preparing them for life at their chosen high school. Most of the staff can remember the children as new starters in Class

Reception, and today they have grown into mature young people ready to embark on new and exciting adventures. They are a credit to you, their parents, and we will miss each and every one of them.

Today we prayed for our children and our school:

God of Wisdom,
We thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.
As we come to the end of this school year,
We voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us,
And we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.
We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

All that remains is to wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable summer holiday. I look forward to another happy and successful year, and to seeing you on Monday 5th September.

Warm wishes

Mrs C Garner
Headteacher

Guided by God, following in his footsteps
Our vision is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105
Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path