

July2021/Summer2/Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

As we quickly approach the end of the term and year I reflect on all our school and children have achieved. All pupils have certainly shown their resilience, determination and love of school and lessons over 2020-21. When I wrote my end of year letter a year ago I was saying we would be rid of Covid and things would be normal. No! Credit must go to the children and staff who have risen above all that has been thrown at them. You are fantastic and The Bemrose School would not be what it is without you. Thank you; all of you.

Testimony to all this is the speed at which staff have stepped towards normal school life safely but with a commitment to do the best by our children. Sports day, work experience, year 6-7 transition, University of Derby visits, sleepovers, virtual author, camping, presentation evening and I can go on and on. Thank you to all of the staff who led these activities to support our pupils and also catch up on things they have missed out on.

Over the summer we will put on a wealth of activities for the pupils. Information has gone out about this. Our Summer School will run from 16th August to 27th August with some great activities for children from primary through to our eldest in year 11. All are invited and if you are interested please contact us on admin@bemrose.derby.sch.uk. We are expecting hundreds so please get in touch to avoid any disappointment. Sessions will run for year 5, 7, 9 and 11. Invitations have gone out.

The end of term always means some good byes. We will say goodbye to a few year 6 pupils and wish them well in their next steps. Year 11 & 13 pupils will get their exam results on 10th and 12th August and we wish them good luck on these days and into their futures.

We will welcome over 50 boys and girls into reception and 220 year 7s into secondary. We are a growing school and are quickly moving to being full.

Some staff will also be leaving us for pastures new and promotions and a few to retire after years of service supporting the education of children:

Mrs Ali
Mrs Goulding
Mr Shackleton
Miss Mahmood
Miss Cooper
Nimisha Gurbani
Mr Roe
Miss Stephenson

Mr Fearon
Miss Speakman
Miss Collier
Miss Stevens
Mrs Knight
Mrs Przybylowicz
Mrs Shanker
Miss Topham

I would not normally comment on specific staff but I cannot let Mr Shackleton's retirement go without the acknowledgement it deserves. He will be embarrassed by this but 42 years of service from 1979 cannot be understated! By my reckoning he has taught over 9000 pupils science and supported 10's of thousands of pupils at The Bemrose School. Mr Shackleton you are a legend, let us say no more!!

When we all return to school on Tuesday 7th September we will be into the main building and the construction team will be leaving. Thanks to Kier for the quality work they have done in a multi-million project that leaves us with a transformed building and learning environment.

Finally, I want to pass on my thanks to all the parents and families who support the school, not only now, but through the testing Covid times. We recognise all that you have done this year and are grateful for all of your support.

Congratulations to our pupils who so deserve to succeed. I am very proud to be the Executive Headteacher of our school with great pupils, parents and staff alike. I wish you all a safe and happy summer holidays with family and friends and I look forward to welcoming you all back to our wonderful school in September. Have a great summer and stay safe.

Best wishes



Neil Wilkinson
Executive Headteacher