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*God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus*



Friday 20th July 2018

Dear Parents,

A last newsletter for the 2017-18 Academic year and what a lovely year it has been with lots of exciting learning and wonderful opportunities for the pupils. Personally I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has made me so welcome over the last term and I look forward to catching up with everyone in September.

In the meantime may I wish pupils, parents and staff a relaxing and safe summer break.

## **Goodbye Year 6 and Mrs Gretton**

A final farewell as the end really is here now. Goodbye Year 6 and a big thank you from all the teachers that have enjoyed teaching you over the years. I wonder how many of you we will see completing work experience placements, a BEd or perhaps even teaching here in years to come.

A final farewell to Mrs. Gretton and we look forward to meeting up with you as part of the Cardinal Griffin cluster of primary schools.

## **Summer Reading Challenge**

Mr Shingler has told the children that they are absolutely not allowed to use the b-o-r-e-d word over the summer holidays. If they do seem in danger of this please consider signing them up for the Reading Challenge at your local library. Not only is it free to join with stickers, medals etc but Rugeley library are also planning exciting events to support the Reading Challenge.

## **Back to school dates**

Often towards the end of August parents start to worry on when the children are due back in school. This year teachers are back on Monday but children only return on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

## **Boreatton Park for Year 6**

In previous years the pupils in Year 6 have gone to Alton Castle for a few days of team building however due to problems with bookings which have emerged over the last few days this will not be possible in 2018. Consequently we have acted swiftly to secure an alternative. The most exciting and reasonably priced of these is Boreatton Park in Shropshire which is run by PGL- a very well- known and highly respected provider. They can accommodate St Mary's children for the four days before the October half term (Mon-Wednesday nights). This is earlier than we were intending to go to Alton Castle and I have had to move quickly on this but wanted to give you a quick over view before the summer. We will have a meeting after school one day early in the new term to share details and discuss the many activities on offer.

## A few other highlights for the new term

I can't resist giving a few spoilers for the next term!

- St Mary's will be sharing Awful Auntie by David Walliams as a school text and have already booked for KS2 to see a performance of this in Wolverhampton.
- There will also be some trips to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War 1 to the Staffordshire Regiment museum and National Memorial Arboretum.
- Year 5 will be off to Chasewater very soon after our return.
- We will be welcoming Chartwells Chief Nutritionist Dr Grace Scott to St Mary's to discuss healthy eating and hidden sugars with the children.
- Progressive Sports will be our new PE provider and bring a host of new and exciting activities and after school opportunities including fencing, orienteering and Nerf guns!

Roll on September!

Kind regards

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