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Dear Mums, Dads & Carers

We have finally reached the last week of term and it's my pleasure to say well done to all of the staff and children on what has been a successful year. The school has received many accolades and positive comments this year.

In November we had a SIAMS inspection (SIAMS stands for Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) and our school was upgraded to good in all areas. Please do re-read the report if you get a chance - you may find it on our school website at:

<http://stbenedictsjuniorschoolglastonbury.org/sias-report-statutory-inspection-of-anglican-schools-2/>

In May we had an Ofsted inspection and we achieved a very positive outcome, once again with the school being upgraded to good. The report can also be found on the school website at:

<http://stbenedictsjuniorschoolglastonbury.org/ofsted-report-2017/>

I am thrilled that both inspections described our school as inclusive, creative, with a very broad curriculum and with enthusiastic, tolerant and very kind children.

It is also my pleasure to announce that Year 6 have achieved excellent SATs results and we are well above the national average for age related achievement in all of the tests, (St Benedict's 69%, national average 61%). In reading 81% of the children met the expected standard and in writing 88% did – these percentages are well above the national average. In Maths, our target subject, 73% of children met the expected standard – an increase of 18% on last year. We are now broadly in line with the national average. In addition a high percentage of children achieved the greater depth/more able standard.

Finally it has been a fantastic to hear so many positive comments about our children on recent school trips. In many instances our children have been described as the most polite and enthusiastic classes that have visited in a long time.



Farewells

Sadly at this time of the year we often say farewell and thank you to staff and pupils.

I'd like to wish good luck to Mrs Field who was a Teaching Assistant in Cat class.

Mrs Hamlet has been a Teaching Assistant at St Benedict's for 5 years and has done a fantastic job. She is amazing at communicating with children whatever their needs and she will be missed.

We must also say goodbye to Mrs Caston who's been with us for 12 years. She has been a superb teacher and SENDCo and on a personal note I will miss her positive support as a colleague.

Finally we must say farewell to our fabulous Year 6 pupils who have achieved very well in their 4 years here and have been excellent role models to younger children during the past year.

Garden of Tranquillity

Our newly created Garden of Tranquillity will be opened by the Mayor of Glastonbury, Emma George, on Monday 24th July at 2 p.m. The children of Spider class and Tortoise class have developed the garden over the past few months, alongside staff and friends of The Chalice Well, into what is truly a very special area of our school. Please do come along to the opening and see for yourself!

Annual Reports

Annual reports will be sent home in a sealed envelope on Wednesday after school.

Events this week

Please note there will be no after school clubs this week, with the exception of Production club tonight.

- Year 6 Leavers' Play – Tuesday 18th July 6.30pm in the school hall – parents and friends welcome to come along.
- Glee Club Summer Concert – Wednesday 19th July 3.15 – 4.15pm in the school hall – parents and friends welcome to come along.
- School Production – Thursday 20th July , 6.30pm for 7 pm start in the school hall - parents and friends welcome to come along.
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - Friday 21st July at 2 pm in the school hall – parents and friends of Year 6 children invited to join us.

Please can I remind you all to take everything (P.E. kits etc.) home on Friday.

Yours sincerely

Steve Gumm