



Lea Endowed CE Primary School
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"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16



Dear School Family,

My end of year letter is usually one of celebration as we reflect back on the many achievements of individual children, sporting successes and school family accomplishments, however this has been no ordinary year, and our celebrations are of a different kind...



Firstly, I want to celebrate our children for their overcoming spirit, joy and resilience – both for those who have come in to school to carry on learning under such unusual circumstances, and to all those children who have been learning new skills and life lessons at home. I celebrate our dedicated staff who have been the unsung heroes in this crisis; they have remained Key Workers throughout the last 4 months and deserve a clap on the doorsteps all to themselves!

A special end of year award goes to all you parents and carers who have dug deep and gone The Extra Mile by caring for, loving and supporting your children under some very challenging circumstances; you deserve a whole sheet of gold stars! Theodore Roosevelt once said, "*Courage is not having the strength to go on, it's going on when you don't have the strength.*" We have seen this lived out by so many of our school family, our wider communities in the UK and across the world in recent times.

On Wednesday we say a sad farewell to our Year 6 children. I believe these children have made the biggest sacrifice of all as they have missed out on those exciting and memorable few months that draw their time at primary school to an end. I am very proud of their bravery and resilience. My prayer is that they continue to flourish and grow into the best people they can be and discover the great things God has planned for their lives. It is with mixed emotions that we say bye for now, to Mrs Lucarelli. Although we will miss her very much, we are delighted that she is leaving to have her baby.

Special love and prayers for you all.

As I reflect on the significant challenges that we have faced, it has been a huge blessing to have seen our Christian values being lived out by our school family: Creativity-the numerous examples of the children baking, designing, movie-making, gardening..., Compassion for those who are struggling to cope or are bereaved, Trust, firstly in God but also in our NHS, Peace, especially in those early lockdown days when we could hear the birds on our school field, more clearly than ever before, Thankfulness, for our families, friends and our health and strength, Courage, to stay in when we wanted to go out, Hope in our God as demonstrated so beautifully in our children's rainbow painting that hung on the railings outside school for passers-by to see.



I am looking forward, with that hope, to September and reintegrating all the children back into school life in as normal a way as we can, whilst providing a safe place for every child to flourish.

Thank you for your support throughout this unusual year; have a peaceful Summer.

With love and prayers,

CM Seagrave

