

SUMMER HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

KEY DATES

Wednesday 4 September Reception Induction Meeting

Thursday 5 September Reception Induction Meeting

Friday 6 September Autumn Term Begins for Years 1-6

Monday 16 September Year 1 Parent and PSHE-Workshop at 8:15am

Tuesday 17 September Year 2 Parent and PSHE-Workshop at 8:15am

Wednesday 18 September Year 3 Parent and PSHE-Workshop at 8:15am

Thursday 19 September Year 4 Parent and PSHE-Workshop at 8:15am

Friday 20 September Year 5 Parent and PSHE-Workshop at 8:15am

Monday 23 September Year 6 Parent and PSHE-Workshop at 8:15am

Tuesday 24th September Reception Parent and PSHE Workshop at 8:15am

Half Term Break: Monday, 21st October 2024 to Friday, 25th October 2024

Autumn Term ends: Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 11:00 Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of yet another successful year. As the academic year draws to a close, it is important to reflect on the wonderful elements that have impacted your child's educational journey at ELPS. It is with huge pride that I make reference to the outstanding results we have achieved across the school. Our results continue to surpass the national average for schools across the country, which is down to the tremendous amount of hard work, dedication and commitment from our staff, parents and pupils.

We have had some fantastic events taking place this year, with our very first careers day happening in July and our very first graduation ceremonies for Reception and Year 6. Careers Day was a resounding success. It is important that we provide our children with the opportunity to experience guest speakers who will provide them aspirational ambitions for the future. Our graduation ceremonies provided much joy to everyone who observed. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the important milestones in our children's journey at ELPS. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our Year 6 children; however, it is with satisfaction that we see the lovely citizens they have turned out to be.

As a school, we have always prided ourselves on our excellent results and this is the reason parents choose our school; however, it is important that we contribute to our children's lives emotionally and physically. With this in mind, we have got some new and exciting extra-curricular clubs coming up in the next academic year, such as Bollywood Dancing, Debate Mate and Spaghetti Maths. We have also got the fantastic Place 2 Be service, which is a counselling and talking therapy service for children and young people, joining us in September. I look forward to explaining a little more about this service in the upcoming academic year.

Obviously, I could not finish the letter without mentioning reading. It is important that we continue to read over the summer break to ensure sufficient fluency and stamina for the following year group. Reading is the gateway to all learning and being able to read at length will only serve to increase your child's progress. Reading the recommended reading books from the class library is essential. These books have been selected because of their ambitious vocabulary, range of themes and varying narrative structures. Please encourage your child to read from this selection at every opportunity.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a very happy and restful summer. From all the staff at ELPS, we would like to thank all of you for a great year, and for the support you offer.

Kind regards, Ms Miller

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2024 Outcomes

We are delighted to announce that ELPS has once again achieved outstanding results, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering commitment of our exceptional staff, and our sustained success is the predominant reason we remain over-subscribed. We are thrilled at the achievements of our children, and they should feel exceptionally proud that they belong to the ELPS community. May they continue to strive for academic excellence and continue to develop their ability to overcome challenges.

	Percentage at Expected or Above	Percentage at Greater Depth (Above Expected Standard)
Reception GLD (Good Level of Development)	98%	N/A
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	98%	N/A
Year 2 Reading	93%	50%
Year 2 Writing	91%	43%
Year 2 Maths	93%	53%
Year 4 Multiplication Check	99%	71%
Year 6 Reading SATs	97%	49%
Year 6 Grammar SATs	98%	84%
Year 6 Maths SATs	98%	65%
Year 6 Writing	99%	50%

Upcoming Trips

We are in the exciting stage of orchestrating our student trips for the upcoming 2024/2025 academic year. You will soon be provided with all the necessary payment details via the Parent Pay portal.

We kindly ask you to proceed with payments at your earliest convenience through the Parent Pay portal.



We will be sharing the full details of these trips in September. We're certain you'll appreciate the diverse and engaging opportunities lined up for your children.

Extracurricular Activities

The announcement of school clubs for the Autumn term will occur during the initial week of September upon returning. A variety of clubs will be available, including

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Christmas Half Term: Wednesday 18th December—Friday 3rd January 2025

Spring Term Begins: Monday 6th January 2025

February Half Term: Monday 17th—Friday 21st February 2025

Spring Term Ends: Friday 4th April 2025 at 11:00am

Summer Term Begins: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

May Half Term: Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025

Summer Term Ends: Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 11:00

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Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

-Mother Teresa

Summer Challenges

Following on from the great success of the Autumn and Spring term Challenges, we are encouraging children to take part in the Summer Challenge over the holiday.



40 Recommended Reading Challenge

As we conclude this remarkable academic year, we are delighted to share the success of our 40 Recommended Reading Challenge once again. This initiative was designed to foster a love for reading and to encourage our students to explore diverse genres and authors.

We are thrilled to report that the challenge has been a tremendous success! Many of our pupils took on the challenge with enthusiasm, reading a wide variety of books and earning badges for their achievements along the way.

The positive impact of this challenge on our school community has been evident. Students have broadened their literary horizons, developed stronger reading habits, and engaged in lively discussions about their favourite books. The badges they earned serve as a testament to their hard work and dedication.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who participated in the challenge. Your passion for reading is commendable, and we are incredibly proud of each one of you. We encourage everyone to keep the reading momentum going by exploring new books over the holiday break!

Finally, we would like to extend a special congratulations to the following outstanding readers this half-term.

The year group with the greatest total of books read	Year 2
The class with the greatest total of books read	1.3

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Safeguarding information for parents

Anti-racism workshops

This term, our key stage two children participated in powerful Anti-racism workshops led by an external provider. The children explored the meaning of and different types of racism and prejudice. In addition, they explored peaceful yet powerful techniques of opposing racism and racist views. The children left the workshops both informed and equipped to navigate what sadly is still a problematic issue that in some cases that besets the progress of society.

Our key stage one children have also learnt about tolerance in their weekly assemblies this term through learning about the true meaning of racism, and how to counter racism in a respectful way, both with children and adults. They have also learnt about and explored the meaning of stereotypes and the importance of not judging others by an assumption or a preconceived idea.

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With the summer holidays fast approaching, children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online.

For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games.

Sit down together

For parents, the summer holidays are a great chance to sit down with your children. Together you can visit their favourite sites and play their favourite games, this is a great way to stay up to date with online lives and show them that you're interested in what they are doing.

The holidays are also a good opportunity to have positive conversations about the internet, so if something ever does upset your child online they would feel more confident in confiding in you. <u>Our conversation starters</u> are a great tool to help encourage an open dialogue with your child.

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Safeguarding information for parents continued...

Social media and staying in touch

During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and check any age requirements as many social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old.

• Encourage your children to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life. To help your children set these up, we have a guide to the privacy settings on the different sites . You can also download the UK Safer Internet Centre's safety checklists for popular sites such as Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

Talking about their time online

The holidays are also a good opportunity to talk to your children about their online friendships, the sites they use and encourage best practices online. Why not:

- Watch Red and Murphy talk to Freddie and Alisha about asking before they watch videos online
- Read Digiduck's Big Decision and help educate children aged 3 7 about how to be a good friend online
- Take the 'Be the change' quiz and help 8 13 year olds to explore how children and young people share images and videos online
- Have an adventure with Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew and help them to make SMART online decisions

(google search the above for further information)

Sharing holiday pictures

Some children may want to share photos and videos of what they are getting up to in their summer holidays online. Talk to your children about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are okay to share with. Photos can hold clues that give away personal information. For example, if you share a selfie of you and friends, are there any landmarks or street signs that give away your location?

This is true for photos you might share of your children too! It's always worth asking children if they are happy with an image you want to share online. <u>Our Safer Internet Day research</u> found that 2 in 5 (40%) of 8-17s said that in the last year their parents or carers have posted a photo of them that embarrassed them, rising from 34% of 8-12s to 46% of 13-17s.

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Holiday Activities and Food Programme

About HAF:

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme provides free access to activities and healthy meals to eligible children and young people in Brent during the school holidays.

Children and young people can access a minimum of 4 days of HAF programme activities over the Easter and Christmas holidays, and 16 days over the summer holidays.

The programme includes:

a wide range of fun, physical and enriching activities education around healthy eating, healthy lifestyles, and preparing food a nutritious meal each day signposting, referrals and support for parents, carers and families a safe space for children to interact with others.

This programme is funded by the Government.

<u>Who can attend</u> <u>To be eligible for a free place, children and young people must currently be:</u>

In Reception to Year 11 (inclusive); and

a resident in Brent and/or attending a Brent school; and

receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM) or have had their eligibility confirmed by a professional. Please note that benefits-related free school meals are separate to the universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) scheme, which provides children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with free school meals. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive free school meals must also be eligible for benefits-related free school meals in order to access a free place on the HAF programme.

There are currently universal <u>free school meals</u> for all primary school children in state-funded schools for the 2023/24 academic year. This is funded through the Mayor of London.

Link: <u>https://www.brent.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/childcare-and-early-education/</u> holiday-activities-and-food-programme#abouthaf

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Safeguarding information for parents continued...

Make a family agreement

A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

The agreement involves generating promises, these are positive statements about how your family want to look after each other online and how you should treat others online. The summer can be one of the best times to sit down as a family and agree these promises together.

Most importantly: enjoy the summer holidays! Conversation starters: https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/have-a-conversation A guide to privacy settings on different sites: https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides Safety checklist for popular sites: https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-checklists Family agreements for online use: https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement/



Family Agreement | Childnet A resource to support families in staying safe online. www.childnet.com



<u>Social Media Checklists - UK</u> <u>Safer Internet Centre</u>

These checklists provide advice and guidance on how to set privacy settings and other account settings on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram an saferinternet.org.uk



Social media guides - UK Safer Internet Centre Find out more about the safety features

available on popular social networks. saferinternet.org.uk

Have a conversation - UK Safer Internet Centre

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.

saferinternet.org.uk

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Our Brilliant Scholars graduate from The Brilliant Club

Fourteen children have participated in The Scholars Programme (The Brilliant Club), where a PhD tutor shares their subject knowledge and passion for learning. This helps pupils develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to secure a place at a competitive university. This year, pupils studied the history of art and, after seven sessions, completed their final assessment, which required them to write an essay comparing the stories conveyed by paintings from different periods in history. In the final session, all pupils received the good news that they had passed! Well done for all your hard work! On the 18th of July, the 12 pupils will attend the graduation ceremony at the Courtauld Institute of Art (Somerset House).



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<u>Trips</u>

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Year 3 enjoyed a beautiful day cruising on the Thames on The Salamander boat. The children learnt boat terminology, they looked for birds and they were even able to start reading grid references on a map. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered!



Y6 Residential Trip to Grittleton House

What an adventurous time the year 6s had during their residential trip! They all were very resilient in participating in all of the activities, from climbing Jacob's Ladder to working in a team to collect crystals during Crystal Maze. All students loved the Water Wars and Body Zorbing activities which we believe was down to being able to soak their teachers and watching them fall to the floor in the zorbs! We would like to thank Mr Veater, Miss Kerai, Mrs Yousif, Mr Moitra and Mr Dennis for making this a memorable experience for the students along with all of the Grittleton staff.



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<u>Trips</u>

Y4 Residential Trip to Sayers Croft

Many pupils in Year 4 attended a residential trip to Sayers Croft Outdoor Learning Centre from Monday 17th June to Wednesday 19th June. During the residential trip pupils participated in a variety of exciting outdoor activities including ropes courses, bouldering, orienteering, maze and blindfold trails, and team challenges, just to name a few. The evening activities were a campfire and a disco. Overall the Year 4 residential trip went very well and pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time at Sayers Croft. It was lovely to get out of London and into the countryside to enjoy some time outdoors in the sunny weather.

Thank you to all staff and pupils involved for making the Year 4 residential trip a great success!



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Reception trip - Aldenham Country Park

This summer term, our Reception classes enjoyed a lovely visit to Aldenham Country Park. Our children enjoyed the vast green spaces of the park - particularly its fabulous farm where they met and got very close to lots of farm animals. These included Alpacas, Shetland ponies, sheep, pigs and donkeys. The children also got the chance to explore the 100 Aker Wood - home of Winnie the Pooh and friends - find the characters' houses and see their favourite places. This was topped off by a lovely picnic. There were lots of very sleepy children on our journey back to school.



Year 6 Sleepover

We are extremely pleased to announce the success of our first ever Year 6 sleepover. The Year 6 children have been an absolute pleasure to teach and it is for this reason we were more than happy to facilitate an end of year gathering. Despite the rainy weather, children and staff had a fantastic time. We arranged multiple activities for the children, involving playing football, dodgeball, group games, tug of war and watching the Euros quarter finals. As well as this, the school provided dinner and a range of snacks for the evening : pizza from Dominoes and popcorn, biscuits, ice-cream, and sweets. In the morning, all children were given breakfast, before they went home. I want to say a massive thank-you to all the staff who were willing to give up their time and stay overnight at school.

Maz Evans

This year, we were pleased to host the world-famous author Maz Evans. She led an incredible presentation for all Year 5 and 6 students, followed by an intimate Question and Answer session for each class. The children were incredibly excited to meet the author of one of their favourite books. Maz's humorous and informative presenting style made it a day to remember and I know that many children were inspired by the visit.

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Reminders:

- All uniform, water bottles, backpacks, and outerwear, must be labelled with a permanent marker or iron on/ stick on name labels.
- Only medicine that has been prescribed by the GP/ Consultant can be administered by our Welfare Officer. A medical consent form must be signed.
- If you send someone to collect your child, you must ensure that the person collecting, is on the collection list which is held in our School Office.
- If your child has medication kept on site, please ensure a new set of medication is given to the welfare office in September.
- If your child is not attending an after school club/ school booster class etc, your child must be collected without fail at the end of the school day at 2:30pm from their collection point.

Peripatetic Music Lessons—Trumpet, Guitar, Violin,

<u> Piano and Drums:</u>

The musical lessons at ELPS are in full swing. It's been a joy to see so many of you delve into the wonderful world of music, trying out the broad range of instruments we've made available.

Please remember that any lessons not utilised during this term will be transferred over to September. For those interested in continuing their musical journey with us, or for those looking to start, we'd like to remind you to make payment via the parent pay portal for another batch of 10 lessons.

We still have a few spots open for various instruments. If you want to secure a place, please make payment and email us at <u>reception@elps.co.uk</u> with your consent. We're looking forward to welcoming more of you to our lively music program!



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<u>School Photos</u>

We are delighted to announce that the school photos session was a resounding success! Our wonderful children looked absolutely lovely, radiating happiness with countless smiles. Not only did they present themselves beautifully, but their behaviour was remarkably sensible and well-mannered throughout the process. We are pleased to inform you that the eagerly awaited photos will be available for you to view and purchase very soon, if you haven't received them already.





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Year 5 School Swimming Lessons

Swimming is an important life-saving skill that encourages a healthy and active lifestyle amongst pupils. In accordance with the National Curriculum, ELPS provides swimming instruction; ELPS pupils have their swimming lessons in Year 5.

The programme of study for PE sets out the expectation that pupils should be taught to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively (e.g. front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke) Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Throughout the 2023-24 academic year, all Year 5 classes have completed their swimming lessons with 5.1 participating in swimming lessons throughout Summer Term.

Year 5 Swimming Results	<u>%</u>
% of pupils who are proficient and confident at swimming 25 metres	26%
% of pupils who are able to perform a range of swimming strokes effectively	27%
% of pupils who are able to perform a safe water-based self-rescue	13%

All children should be able to swim by the time they are 11 years old, and ideally should be able to swim confidently over a distance of at least 25 metres. School swimming lessons are a helpful step towards achieving this, however in order for this to be accomplished for all children it is incredibly important that parents register their children for swimming lessons outside of school from as young an age as possible.

We strongly encourage parents to consider registering their children for swimming lessons starting from Reception and would highly recommend Vale Farm Sports Centre, which is very close to ELPS. If you are interested in registering your child for swimming lessons please contact Vale Farm at 020 8908 6545 or visit <u>https://joinonline.everyoneactive.com/lessons</u>.

<u>Sports Day</u>

Reception pupils participated in Sports Day on Tuesday 2nd July while pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 participated in Sports Day on Wednesday 3rd July. Pupils wore their house colours and competed in a series of events against pupils on other house teams. Congratulations to Pegasus house for being the overall winners of Sports Day 2024! It was great to see so many pupils having fun whilst competing at their Sports Day and fantastic to have so many parents attending to cheer on their children. Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for making both of these Sports Days a resounding success!

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Winning House of 2024

For the first time in the school's history, ELPS have introduced House Teams across the school. Each child has been placed in either Phoenix, Orion, Aries, or Pegasus. As well as allowing children the opportunity to compete in a range of activities, the house teams have fostered a sense of community across the school. Children have taken part in half termly academic competitions, as well as lunchtime sports matches. Children competed within their houses during sports day and there was friendly competition amongst the students, with team Pegasus winning the 2023-2024 ELPS Sports Day trophy.

I am pleased to announce, that the winner of the 2023-2024 House Team Competition is Phoenix, with a staggering 2540 points. Well done to everybody in Phoenix and to House Team Captain Smruti Pandya, who led her team to victory.

House Team	Points
Phoenix	2540
Pegasus	2510
Orion	2510
Aries	2290



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Mathletics Year Group Leader board

Year Group	Activity Points	Skills Quest	Live Points	Total Points	Ranking
Year 1	494260	0	10967	505227	1 st
Year 3	142590	44710	2906	190206	2 nd
Year 2	69830	33130	2444	105404	3 rd
Year 4	71790	4740	2935	79465	4 th
Year 5	68750	530	1244	70524	5 th
Year 6	15800	1460	342	17602	6 th

Congratulations to Year1 for leading the scoreboard.



Mathletics Champions

Name	Class	Total Score	Position
Kaira Patel	1.2	89517	1 st
Het Patel	1.1	85630	2 nd
Galka Szymon	1.3	59855	3 ^{rd,}
Jiyan Patel	5.2	57637	4 th
Rushiv Patel	1.2	53377	5 th
Buffon Cardozo	3.2	49370	6 th
Manya Patel	3.2	27873	7 th
Abiraami Umakanthan	4.3	25525	8 th
Het Patel	2.1	24146	9 th
Viyan Patel	1.1	23011	10 th

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Messages for our wonderful Y6 Leavers from our staff at ELPS:

Dear Year 6,

I am so impressed with all your determination, resilience and achievements in geography this year. Well done for working incredibly hard. Keep it up and make sure to always be kind - it goes a very long way. I cannot wait to see you all excel :) Good Luck with everything! Will miss you all you! From Ms Mahmood".

6.1 I remember when I started working at ELPS you were the first class which I thought Maths to and I learned so much from my time being your form tutor. It has been so amazing watching you grow and succeed in your journey at East Lane Primary school. Also good luck to all the year 6 classes in your next academic journey. Ms.Mirzaei

Dear Year 6s

It has been a pleasure knowing you all, wishing you all the best for the future.

You have been a great little bunch 🚇

Best wishes, Miss Malik

Dear Year 6 Students,

As we reach the end of this significant chapter in your school journey, I want to commend you on your outstanding efforts and achievements this year. It has been a remarkable journey, and you should all be very proud of how far you've come.

This year has brought unique challenges and opportunities for growth. You have shown resilience, creativity, and a remarkable ability to adapt to new situations. From mastering complex math problems to crafting beautiful stories, you have all demonstrated what it means to be dedicated and hardworking students.

As you prepare to transition to secondary school, remember that you are more than ready to face new challenges and seize new opportunities. The skills and knowledge you have acquired here at ELPS will serve as a strong foundation for your future learning and personal development.

Embrace the changes ahead with confidence and curiosity. Continue to strive for excellence, be resilient in the face of challenges, and always remain true to yourselves. The friendships you have made and the lessons you have learned here will stay with you, providing support and guidance as you embark on this exciting new phase.

Best of luck in all your future endeavours, and remember, you will always be a part of the ELPS family.

With best wishes,

Ms Kumar

I can't believe the little Year 4's I met three years ago are off to high school. Where has the time gone?! It has been an absolute pleasure being a part of your primary school journey and I wish you all the luck in the world at your new schools. You're all amazing! From Ms Chandler.

To all the amazing Y6 children!

Always be you, and be proud of who you are. Your behaviour, perseverance and resilience has been nothing but exceptional. Thank you to all my helpers who have done a fantastic job, helping us prepare for the end of term. The world is yours to conquer. Wishing you all the best of luck in September. Enjoy every moment. Come back and visit. Best wishes, Mrs Tailor

Hello year 6s,

It has been a wonderful pleasure watching lots of you grow from being in year 2, to now starting your new chapter in secondary school. I have no doubt that every single one of you is going to achieve so much in life once you leave the ELPS nest. Every day, you have learnt something valuable while being here with us that I know you will use here on out. Keep on being yourself and know that the sky is the limit for the things you can do. Mind over matter! We are only next door to lots of you. I look forward to seeing many of you walking by the school gate after you finish each day. This is not a goodbye but merely a 'I will see you around' message. You got this!

Miss Kerai

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish every success to our teachers who are leaving us today, please join us in saying goodbye to: Ms. Nundoochan, Ms. Wray, Ms. Obilade, Ms. Oomen, Mr Montague-Jones, Ma. Saria, Ma. Ali, Ma. Biahan, Ma. Shahid and Ma. Yuan

Ms. Soria, Ms. Ali, Ms. Bishop, Ms. Shahid and Ms. Yuan.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another successful year filled with fantastic results. The graduation ceremonies were a great opportunity to celebrate the aspirational values that we instil in our children. Throughout the year, we have surpassed numerous milestones and reached new heights. Thank you for continuing to support your child's education at East Lane Primary School.

Have a lovely, restful break.

Ms Siddiqui