



Cranborne Middle School

A Specialist School

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Dear Parents and Carers.

As we come to our final day of the school year, I am reflecting again on what was meant to be a 'normal' year, but yet again was anything but! That said, we have achieved so so much over the course of the year and I am again so proud of everyone for what we have accomplished.

Having just returned from a week in London with our year 5's, it has been great to see Activities Week returning, allowing us to run residential trips again. It has been brilliant having visitors back in school to see first-hand some of the great work the children have produced as well as being able to sing, perform and compete in a variety of different venues providing experiences that for some children they have never experienced before. It's not every day you get to perform at Wembley Arena!

Working hand in hand with parents and carers, we have been able to see every child in our school receive the quality experience we would want for them and I can't thank you all enough for your support throughout the year. It has been challenging at times and attendance has been an issue for both pupils and also staff and even now Covid-19 continues to cause everyone a few problems. However, we continue to rise to the challenges, overcome the hurdles and celebrate the successes.

In September, I said to the staff during our INSET days that nothing will be as challenging as the last two years, but again it has been a year like no other. I say it every year, but I am eternally grateful to all of the staff for their efforts during this year. We have all had to work together as a team to support one another and in true CMS fashion have done so with one sole focus: to provide the best experience for our pupils as we can. We are so lucky to have such a great team at the school who all give their time so willingly for everyone's benefit.

Sadly, as is always the case at this stage of the year, we have to say some goodbyes. We will be saying goodbye to all of our year 8's this afternoon and to those leaving us from other years; we wish you all the best of luck for the future. The Prom yesterday was another fitting end to the year and it has been lovely to see the children who joined us as little year 5's, leaving us as mature young adults.

As I mentioned earlier in the term we are also saying goodbye to some of the staff, including one or two who have dedicated a long time to the school.

Miss Warner is leaving us take up a position at Merlin Entertainment within their offices. Miss Warner has supported myself, the SLT, SENDCo and Governors for the last 5 years and has been a real asset to the Hive supporting countless children along the way. Miss Warner is being replace by Mrs McHugh who we will be welcoming from St Peter's School in September.

Miss Collins is relocating back to Manchester after 11 years of dedication to the school. Mrs Collins has supported hundreds of children during her time and will be very sorely missed. I know that Miss Collins will go on to inspire and support many more children back up in Manchester and we wish her all the very best for the future.

We are also saying goodbye to our Chair of Governor's, Doctor Sandi Malpas. After 5 years service as the Chair of Governors and many more years prior to that as a governor, Dr Malpas has earned the right to

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spend some more time with her family. Her commitment and determination to see this school thrive has been unparalleled and we really hope we will continue to see her in and around the school as a visitor and friend. Thank you and good luck for your future.

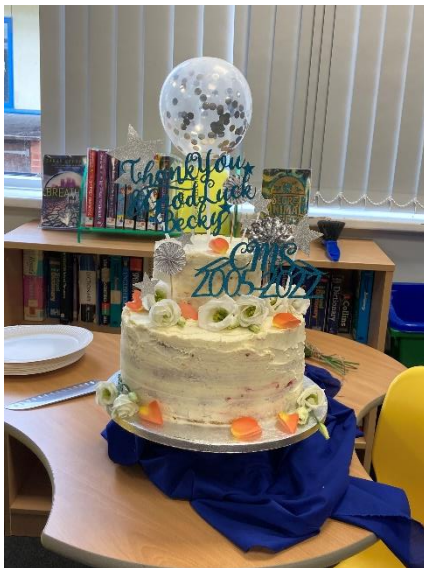
We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Cain this year. Mrs Cain has been at CMS longer than any of the children have been alive and in fact joined the school when some of our staff were still at first school themselves (sorry Mrs Cain). After 17 years of commitment to the school and the profession, Mrs Cain is looking to have a slight career change and will be training teachers and educators as well as supporting her husband with his work. It is very hard to sum up her impact on the school in just a couple of paragraphs. Since arriving to the school Mrs Cain has lead a number of subjects, introduced and overseen some of the many teaching and learning strategies we follow today and has helped both children and staff develop into some of the best teacher and learners we could have wished for. As an SLT member for the last 9 years or so, I have thoroughly enjoyed working very closely with Mrs Cain and I know how difficult this decision has been for her to leave this school after so long. She is so passionate about education and this school in particular and will be very much missed. We all thank her for everything she has done and wish her the very best for the future and hope that we continue to see her in and around the school. From September Mrs Williams will be taking over as the Assistant Headteacher in charge of Teaching and Learning.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a lovely, safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Best wishes

Mr R Stevens and all staff at CMS.

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