



14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear parents,

I cannot believe that we only have one more week left at school before we break up for the Summer Holidays. It's said that 'time flies when you're having fun' and this is certainly true for the Zaytouna Family.

It was wonderful to share with you the outcome from our latest Ofsted and I'm excited to share with you the findings from an external review that we took part in a couple of weeks ago. It was an incredibly positive three days where we were deemed to be 'effective in all areas.' We were also accredited for PE as an Area of Excellence. As soon as the final report is published then I will share with you the detail. This is yet another example of where we are at as a school and I'm thrilled!

Other things that are coming up:

- Your child's school report will be shared with you in the final week of term and this will be a fab opportunity to read personalised comments from teachers;
- Every class will be taking part in a sports day event. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be on our school site and therefore we will not be able to invite parents. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we can go back to the big event at the park next year!
- Children will start to take part in some transition activities with their new teachers. Watch this space for more information about which class your child is in and who their new teacher will be.

As with all good stories, when we come to the end of a chapter, it's inevitable that we will say some goodbyes. This year we'll be saying farewell to Miss Woodward, Miss Townsend, Miss Nelson, Miss Khandia and Mr Iqbal. I'm sure I speak on behalf of us all when I say thank you to them for their commitment to school and good luck on their new endeavours.

Excitingly, the start of a new year means that we'll also be saying lots of hellos. I'm delighted that we'll be welcoming Mr Haroon as our new Assistant Headteacher. He'll be working hard alongside Mrs Russell who has also been promoted to Assistant Headteacher. This additional capacity in our Senior Leadership Team will mean that we can sustain this outstanding progress that we're making towards becoming a school of excellence.

Mrs Marshall and Mrs Zaheer will be joining us in our KS2 team, Mrs Baird, Mrs Hussain and Ms Shabbir will be joining our teaching and learning support team. And Mrs Arshid has successfully achieved a promotion to HLTA. Ms Hashim will be adding additional expertise to our QIS and Arabic team.

Mrs Rauf, Mrs Akhtar, Mrs Bakkioui and Mrs Begum will be leading our new specialist provision called The Ark. This is an exciting new offer for us that will support children and families in ensuring achievement and excellence for all.

Mrs Wild will be joining us as our new Cleaner in Charge and Mrs Rashad and Mrs Yasin will be joining us as new middays to support lunchtime provision.

This is an incredibly exciting time for school - additional staffing, growth in pupil numbers, increase in pupil outcomes and our sustained success with external reviews. I'm proud of how we've all come together as a team to work through a challenging year. Just think, if this is what we can achieve during a global pandemic then what will we get up to next year...

A reminder that school will be closed on Wednesday 21st July for Eid but that we are open on the 19th, 20th and 22nd. It is important that all children are in school on these days so that they do not miss out!

Here's to a wonderful final few days at school filled with learning, laughter and love.

Best wishes,

A. Storer

Miss Storer  
Headteacher