

Romans 15 v13

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the holy spirit'

Dear Colleagues

This will be my last newsletter of this academic year. I would like to thank you all for everything you have done for your children and communities. The world of education can be very challenging but in my visits to schools I am so struck by the spirit of hope and joy that so often resonates.

We will be saying farewell to some of our headteachers in July. Some are retiring and some leaving for new posts. Please remember in your prayers at this time of change and let me express our sincere gratitude for your services.

Ann Williams, Forest Row CE Primary School
Chris Todd, Singleton CE Primary School
Jez Wong, Broadwater CE Primary School
Claire Rivers, St Marks CE Primary School, Hadlow Down.

I am acutely aware that whilst the end of the school year is approaching, it will still feel to you all that there is a long time to go. This term will run particularly late and July is a time to look back on achievements and happy memories for all but it is also a time of change for so many in school communities..... preparing for new staff, preparing for new children, organising new classes, creating new innovations of class organisation. It's a lot to handle and we will be praying for you all as you manage this at a time where tiredness is common.

We are also aware that we will soon be entering the time of results from formal testing, whether it's Phonics Screening or A levels, there will be joy and disappointment for children and staff alike. One of the great things about our schools is their ability to remember the child or young person behind the data and provide the support and balance to the people dealing with test results. Again I ask you to remember them all in your prayers.

We are about to enter our season of Leaver's Celebrations for our Year 6 children. I hope to be at all of them so I look forward to meeting many of you there.

When it eventually comes, I wish you all a really happy holiday. Make sure you get a proper break and enjoy some restful time refreshing yourself.

Yours sincerely

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