Newsletter 18th July 2025

This is the final newsletter of the year – yet another year has flown by.

It has been a very successful year for the school once again. The Key Stage 2 results were released last week and I am delighted to be able to say that our Year 6 pupils achieved the best results in the school's history! Overall, 81% of pupils achieved the expected standard in all three subjects. The national average this year is 62%, so that really shows just how well our pupils have done. Their graft over the year has really come through, as has the skill and the commitment of the staff who have helped them every step of the way in their primary





journey. It was a pleasure to watch the Y6 leavers' assembly this week – a very fitting celebration of this lovely group of pupils. We look forward to welcoming most of them back into Year 7 next year and wish every success to those that are moving on to other settings.

Goodbye to some valued colleagues

As always at the end of a school year, we are saying goodbye to a small number of staff. This year, we say farewell to

Ms Heyes Miss Dibble Miss Lamyman Miss Thorne Ms Bethke Mr Jones Miss Talbot Miss Iles Miss Roberts Miss Zuidema

We are very grateful for the contributions they have made to our BLC community, whether in Early Years, Primary or Secondary and I am sure that all parents and carers will join me in wishing them every success in the next steps of their careers.

SportsFest



The Early Years and Primary SportsFest took place on Thursday 11th July – a fun-packed day full of activities for all children to take part in. Walking around the events, I was so impressed with the way in which our pupils listened, took part and encouraged each other. It was wonderful to see our Year 8 and Year 10 Sports Leaders stepping up to their responsibilities, organising and running the activities on the day. There was a range of activities including some old-school favourites and I think the Space Hopper race was of the most popular! If anyone ever we wanted to know what it looks

one of the most popular! If anyone ever we like to see our Bridge values in action – that would be it!

Having been postponed for the hot weather, the Secondary SportsFest took place yesterday. Once again, there was a huge range of activities and sports for our pupils to try. These included Tchoukball, Golf, Pickleball, Rowing, Archery and Spikeball. The track and field events took centre stage in the afternoon and, after a tight contest, Temple House emerged as the House Cup Champions. Congratulations to everyone that competed.



Free Bus Travel



Children under 16 can now travel for FREE on almost all buses in the region during the summer holidays, from Saturday 19 July to Friday 5 September. There is no need to sign up or register in advance, just turn up and go. They don't even need to be accompanied by a fare paying adult, so it's perfect for older children to get out and explore Bristol and the wider region. This is all thanks to

funding secured by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority. Please follow this link for further information.

Holiday Clubs

We know that the holidays can sometimes be difficult, especially if children do not have enough to keep them busy and happy. Fortunately, there is a range of activities that are available for families to sign up to. These can be found through the Bristol City Council website <u>here</u>. And a couple of fliers for local events are included at the end of this newsletter.



Keeping safe over the holidays



There is also a set of **resources** available to support parents/carers and children in ensuring that young people stay safe over the holidays. Our safeguarding team will continue to monitor our reporting channels, so please do continue to get in touch with us if you have any concerns where you think we may be able to help.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to thank every parent and carer for the support you have given the school community over the last academic year. Strong and positive partnerships between homes and school are <u>the</u> most important factor in children being happy and achieving well in school. We look forward to welcoming new pupils to the school in September and to welcoming everyone else back, ready for another successful year.

Best wishes for a happy holiday period,

Mr Maule