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Dear Parents,

The end of the current school year is upon us! This is a short newsletter just to thank you, on behalf of the staff, for all your kind gifts. It has been a very successful year. Thank you for all your support, understanding, and feedback since September. I know the transition from one Headteacher to another last year was perhaps less than ideal but hopefully we are now beginning to see some positive changes around school.

The staff have undertaken a lot of work with regards to curriculum and hopefully children can now talk about what they are learning and why, and how this new learning builds on the previous learning.

As you are aware, I am a big believer in the school and parish working in partnership with the home, and to this end we are organising a lot of parent workshops next year, both in the parish for Sacramental preparation and in the school. The school's focus for next year will remain the same as this year: introducing a love of reading. This will go hand in hand with a systematic and sequenced approach to the wider curriculum. Parents can be fully involved in this approach by attending Phonics workshops and INSPIRE reading meetings. I look forward to sharing the dates with you in September.

Until then, have a restful and relaxing break. Stay safe over the summer months and I shall see you in September.

Goodbye to...



Goodbye to Year Six. You have been a fantastic class and your assembly yesterday was a perfect send off. I wish to echo what Father Paul said in Mass today: you are *altogether lovely, altogether worthy and altogether wonderful* – you are all individually a gift from God and you were all uniquely made for a special purpose. Remember the values and virtues that we have introduced you to and always believe in yourself and your God-given gifts.

Of course, you are always welcome both here at school and at Church too. You will always be pupils of St Ambrose Barlow School.

Goodbye also to Mrs Stephenson who works every Monday and Tuesday and has supported Orlaith Quinn during her learning in Year Two. It has been a pleasure for me to work with Mrs Stephenson. She is such a positive and cheerful person and I, the staff and children at the school wish her the very best for the future.

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

Welcome to....



Our three new lunchtime supervisors, Mrs Nazir, Mrs Ching and Mrs Dumasia, who will join our current team led so ably by Mrs O'Driscoll. They are all very welcome!

Welcome to Mrs Martin, who will support Orlaith as she continues her learning with us in her Year Three class.

We also welcome Mr McAuliffe, whose role has changed slightly. He is moving from *assisting* the learning in Year Four, (where he has supported Mrs Bresnen and from whom he has learnt so much) to *leading* the learning in Year Two whilst training to teach. He will share the class with Miss Ball (both of whom will still be ably assisted by Mrs O'Driscoll).

Congratulations to...



Mr Hawkins who will be married to his fiancée, Abbie, this August. We wish them both all the happiness in their new life together.

Kids Zone @ SAB Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

Both new clubs will be opening on Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Morning club will be £1 per day and children will be provided with toast and a drink provided by our own school cook. Afterschool club is £5 per hour and children can attend for one hour or two.

Anyone who has handed in a registration form will be contacted over summer to confirm payment and attendance.

Thank you once again to the children, for all their hard work and learning; the staff, for their determination and devotion; the parents, for their support; the governors of the school, for the strategic input; Father Paul, for his vision; the parish, for their prayers; and the wider community as a whole in making this year such a happy and successful one.

God bless you all over the summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Clinton'.

Mr Clinton