



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Here we are at the end of a very busy and fulfilling year!

As always at Codsall Middle School, the second half of the Summer Term has been full of action. With our wonderfully enthusiastic pupils, we've changed our school entirely for Commonwealth Week; changed a church into a theatre for our wonderful Buggy performance; we've taken every year group on residential visits; Year 6 have been to the West Midlands Safari Park; Year 8 to Alton Towers; we've raised more than £2000 for Guide Dogs with our sponsored walk; we've attended fixtures and events in a variety of sports; we've worked towards improving the environment, questioning our local M.P. and distributing trees; we've welcomed our new pupils into school for transition events and Year 8 pupils have made their induction visits to Codsall High School...and I'm sure there is more. We also still have leavers' events and our Festival of Sport to look forward to!

All of these things can only happen with the boundless energy of pupils and staff, and with the support of parents and carers so I'd like to express enormous gratitude to all of our school community.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say some special congratulations to Year 6 pupils for their SATs results. We are absolutely delighted with how far they have come from when they joined us mid-pandemic and could not have asked for more from them. It's important to remember that for us, SATs are simply 'half-time scores', (which is why we don't allow them to disrupt or change our school too much) so, whether pupils are pleased or disappointed, there are still two years of their middle school career to set themselves up brilliantly for their future education.

Here are some updates about what's going on in school as we approach the summer break.

### Term Dates

- A reminder that term ends on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.**
- Pupils will be back in school at the normal time on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### Goodbye

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Baker, our Deputy Headteacher, as she leaves to take on a headship elsewhere. We wish her all the very best in her new challenge. Also, leaving us for new adventures are Ms. Smith, Miss Harris and Mrs Armstrong. I would like to thank them all for their enormous contributions to our school.

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Of course, we are also saying goodbye to our Year 8s. It is always a sad but exciting time to see them leave us for their next steps, but we know they are ready. They have been through the pandemic with us and have always brought so many smiles and laughter to our school days. We always aspire to our pupils being well-rounded, considerate citizens who contribute to the community around them. I believe our Year 8 pupils have demonstrated this many times. We are very, very proud of them and wish them all the luck in the world.

### **Welcome**

We are excited to be welcoming some new staff into school for September. Mr Harvey will be our new music teacher and Miss Culverwell will be joining us in Maths.

### **School Dinners**

Next year, the cost of school dinners will increase for the first time in a few years – it will be £2.40 from September.

### **The Commonwealth Games**

We are looking forward to our 'Festival of Sport' on the school field on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July with the guests of honour being the Commonwealth Baton Bearer and the Baton Relay Team. Letters have been distributed to pupils interested in attending. Please note that those attending should be on site at 12.00 noon and there will be no further admittance to the site after 12.20pm. The event ends at 2.30pm.

### **Parking**

Thank you for your support in keeping our car park safe by not driving onto site. We've received a heartfelt plea from the residents and carers at Pendrell Close for parents to please refrain from driving into the close.

### **Bugsy**

We all thoroughly enjoyed the performances of our Bugsy production. Such an immense effort from pupils across our full age range and all of the staff involved. What an array of talented pupils we have, and we were so impressed by their commitment to rehearsals. Another thank-you to everyone involved.

All in all, it's clear that our pupils really earned a fantastic summer break! We're sure they are ready for a rest and some fun in the sun. I hope you have a brilliant summer and we look forward to seeing our Year 5, 6 and 7 pupils in September. To Year 8, we are excited to see what you achieve next! Good luck in your new school – I know you will continue to make us proud!

Yours sincerely



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**Head of School**