



Friday 17th July 2020

Year 6 leavers.

Those of our year 6 pupils, who have been in school, have had a very enjoyable time and shall take away some very special memories of St Laurence's school. We have of course missed the pupils who have not been able to join us over the last few weeks and those who have moved to other parts of the country. You have been in our thoughts throughout the summer term and I hope that you are all well.

We wish of our wonderful leavers the very best of luck in the future, we are proud of you all! You shall be very much missed. Please stay in touch.

PTA

I would like to thank the PTA for their tremendous support (as always) subsidising the leavers' day out, buying ice-creams and helping out with the Hoodies! It has made a huge difference and we are all very grateful: thank you!!

Mr McKeon

As you will probably know (although the original announcement was probably overshadowed by other developments) Mr McKeon is our new Deputy Head Teacher and shall be teaching in year 6.

He has made an introductory video which is on the website, so please do have a look, if you haven't already. We are all looking forward to welcoming Mr McKeon to St Laurence's in September.

Wider reopening of the school in September

It is going to be wonderful to see all of our children again in September and as I have said last week the emphasis on reopening is going to be on welcoming the children back and making their school experience as enjoyable as possible as well as keeping them safe. Only when they have settled will we begin to assess where they are and then address any gaps in their learning. With the outstanding staff that we do have at St Laurence's I am confident that they will catch up by the end of the year. However it is imperative that they are happy and feel safe and are enjoying school in the first instance.

We have produced details of a staggered school day for you including a short video for the children. I must impress that it is important for us all, to please stick to the times and locations for the start and end of the school day. It may be inconvenient but it has worked well so far and of course the safety of our children is our prime concern.

Throughout the day children will be taught in their class bubbles, playtimes will also be staggered as well as lunchtimes.

I would like to reassure you that we have accumulated a lot of experience over the last few months at operating this model and all the parents who have been part of it have seen that it works.

Lastly, thank you all for your support, it has really made a huge difference to myself and all of my staff: we have been quite moved by your understanding as it has been extremely difficult for all of us. If you would like to talk to us at any time about any issues, we will listen and do our very best to help as well as we can.

Mr Matthews

