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End of Year Letter

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

As our school year draws to an end, please have a read through the latest news and information from The Mill.

Staff Goodbyes

Firstly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Anderson. She has been with us since her NQT year and delivered wonderful provision for the children in her classes. She is going on to follow her passion for children with SEND and has secured a position in a special school. Congratulations Miss Anderson and thank you, you know where we are if you ever want to return!

Next, it is a double congratulations to Mrs Taylor-Jones (Mrs T-J to us all in school) who is expecting a baby in the Autumn and has gone and purchased a beautiful home in Norfolk! What will we do without the book day costumes and Maurice the magpie updates, not to mention her passion for teaching. We tried to convince her to commute - but a baby and living in Norfolk made this a bit impossible! ☺

Mr Powell is leaving the Year 5 fold where he is a much loved TA to pursue his successful career as a music teacher - specifically, his drumming teaching. He has essentially been working the equivalent of 3 jobs when you add up his TA hours plus all the hours his drumming students fill! We all wish him well as he pursues this passion.

Mrs Tso has made the decision to focus on her beautiful two boys and make the most of family time for a while, so she is taking a career break. Thank you Mrs Tso for all you have brought to The Mill. The door is always open for you to return and pursue your career with us if you stay local!

And last but by NO means least... Mrs Hampson. She is retiring to support her daughter with her lovely grandchildren. She will be incredibly missed as her support with the children over the years, especially her support on the residential trips has been just incredible. It won't be the same without her and she will come back for a whole school thank you assembly in autumn to give her a proper 'send off'.

Staff Hellos

We are welcoming new teachers to the The Mill:

Mrs Hughes and Miss Day in Early Years

Miss Barker and Mr Moutrey in Year 1

Miss Fox in Year 2

Miss Winterburn in Year 3

Miss Ollsen is a SCITT trainee working in Miss Ingram's (soon to be Burnett's!) class alongside her.

Mr Tyres will now be working at The Mill full time as a staff and pupil PE coach.

Our new Teaching Assistants we are welcoming are:

Mrs Smith, Miss Gibbons and Mrs Purba are joining our teaching assistant team. Miss Rachael Brown is not officially new to us, but she has had such a lovely time working at The Mill, she has agreed to stay on with us and we are thrilled.

And a final congratulations goes to Mrs Walsh, newly promoted to the role of Assistant Headteacher.

Covid Testing

In case your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result up to and including Friday 23rd July, please email us on attendance@themill-tkat.org to let us know. Many thanks!

Year 6 Leavers

We are incredibly sad that our Year 6 Leavers did not have the chance to celebrate their time at The Mill with the fun activities we had planned for them before they head to their secondary schools. All Year 6 Leavers are invited to say their goodbyes and collect their belongings on Monday 26th July 2021 at 11am, this will be at the front entrance of the school, outside and socially distanced to avoid further isolation time. We hope to see as many of you as possible. In case you can't make it, please do come in September.

We also want to give a special mention to two of our Leavers who have been brilliantly successful with their football teams outside of school. Chase from da Vinci class was awarded two medals for winning football matches and the Lewes Tournament with her team AFC Acorns. Oliver from da Vinci class won the National Junior Premier League and also the Lewes Tournament with his team Alfold FC. Well done to both of you!



Thank you all for your continued patience and support during another difficult year, we truly appreciate it. All of us at The Mill are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 6th September, until then we wish you all a lovely well deserved summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Gosden
Headteacher