



# John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderfully busy last week we have had. The Year Two children were a total credit to the school as they acted, danced and sang their way through the annual leavers concert. These children started school in a global pandemic and missed so many of the vital play and development opportunities the foundation stage provides. Their first year was filled with 'class bubbles', constant hand washing and social distancing. What resilience they have shown at John Ray Infant to become a year group who we are proud to send on the next steps of their educational journey – wherever that may be. Many of them will be transferring over to John Ray Juniors and I look forward to hearing how these children get on from Miss Harrison and all their new teachers.

John Ray's Got Talent today was an eclectic spectacular of hula hooping, jokes, magic, dancing, karate, beat boxing, dj-ing, singing and helicopter impressions! Well done to Erik in Moles who was a well deserving winner with his break dancing – lots of children gasped in awe during his performance and he had the Year Two children on their feet! Well done to all entrants for being so confident and brave.

We have been proud of how the children have coped with their new classes during the transition sessions and it has been lovely to see new friendships beginning to blossom. Our new EYFS intake enjoyed a school lunch with their parents in the hall and we are excited about getting to know them in September. Over in the nursery then Miss Devereux and her team have been saying their goodbyes to the 'conkers' group who are starting school. They have already experienced assemblies, the lunch hall and PE lessons so are more than ready to transition into the main school.

We sadly say goodbye to the following staff who are leaving us this week. Miss Springall, Mrs Gray, Miss Allen, Mrs Turner, Mrs Barnes, Miss Willis and Miss Rushen. We wish them luck in their new ventures. We welcome Mrs Humphreys as a classteacher in EYFS and welcome back Mrs Guilder who will be teaching in Year Two. Mrs Cleary will be starting her new role as Year Two lead in September and Mrs Nash will begin leading Year One.

I wish you all a fantastic summer break, I hope you have an opportunity in whatever you do to create memories with your families. My own children have requested some 'chill out time' and I am very much looking forward to fulfilling this wish! Any updates, concerns or worries over the holidays then I will be checking my email so do make contact if needed.

I do have food bank vouchers for those who may be worried about the added financial implications of the long break, please do email me if this is the case.

Kind regards,

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