## **BLACKWELL FIRST SCHOOL NEWS**



July 2020

100% attendance over 5 years!

Bethany

Harry S

Olivia



Jack and the beanstalk art



Holly's smile!



Evie's story writing. Wow!



Dear Families,

We have made it to the end of the summer term everyone. Congratulations. It has been wonderful to see all children back in school. Thank you all for your continued engagement with our parentapp for Home Learning and daily messages. We will continue to send home letters via the parentapp during the summer to keep you all informed about the organisational details for September.

What a year this has been! At the end of the year, we usually reflect on the last twelve months and consider the school and the progress the children, staff and school have made. I wish to thank all of the school staff for their excellent contribution to the children's welfare, development and learning this year, during what has been an exceptional year. We are grateful for the support of you as parents, who have been incredible, our collaborative schools in Bromsgrove and to the Governing Body for their contribution to the leadership of the school. We are particularly grateful to Dr Evans, Chair of Governors, and Mrs Wilson, Vice Chair, and thank them for their superb dedication to the school.

Thanks also to the PFTA for tremendous fundraising efforts this year, so essential to ensure that we can continue to offer the rich and varied educational opportunities currently available whilst the budgetary demands are increasingly challenging. Particular mention must be made to our Year 4s and their families for their support to the school over the years. Although we would normally report on academic attainment at this point in the year, we cannot this year. However, now that they leave us in Year 4, they have developed into individuals who are often working securely at or above expected standards and who have life skills of independence, communication and an excellent sense of moral purpose. This group has been a wonderful group and it has been rewarding to watch them develop over the years and see the progress that they have made from Red Class to Blue Class has been remarkable. We will remember you.

The school works hard to fulfil its role as a real community school and remains at the heart of the village. The work we do supports children in developing that sense of community and their own role within a community and as part of the UK. Developing the children as local and global citizens is an important aspect of our work as could be seen during our work on Multiculturalism and our Collective worship themes on values. We look forward to developing this further next year. Please see next year's topics on the website over the holidays, which we know will inspire the children on their return in September.

Can I finally say, on behalf of everyone at school, thank you for your support and your kind words throughout the year and especially during COVID-19. Good luck to adults and children who are moving on, we wish you well and hope that you come back to see us. Have a good summer break and we will meet again on 3<sup>rd</sup> September when we welcome our new Nursery and Reception intake and new staff members. Have a good summer everyone.

Best wishes, Mrs Moss















