

21 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for another successful year. For me, it is bittersweet as I retire at Christmas and so this end of school year is my final summer as Headteacher at Margaret McMillan. The trust are looking to appoint the next headteacher in the Autumn – and I will let you know as soon as I am able.

We have much to celebrate as I look back over the last year. As always the MMPS community has raised a very generous £3087.29 for charity this year and an additional £3000 for school funds which we have spent on your children.

The children have enjoyed educational visits, residential visits, and sports tournaments. Our choir went to Sheffield Arena to take part in Young Voices and our Drummers played at St Georges Hall at the Bradford Schools Proms. We have had visits from the Northern Ballet Company who work with Y5, Local Artist Alia Afzal, Authors Helen Rutter and Bethan Woolvin, Local poet Nabeela Ahmed, and musicians Rocksteady Music and The Plummer Drummer. We have held many school-wide events such as our Winter and Summer fairs, Take Over Day, World Book Day, Spooky stories and more recently Sports days and the Margaret McMillan book Oscars.

This year we are very proud to have been awarded 2 quality marks - the School Games Gold Award and the Bradford Healthy Minds Chartermark. Our school also won Active School of the Year at the Bradford Sports Awards. Our wonderful new playground and the hard work of Mr Elstob and Mr Riley have undoubtedly contributed to this success.

Goodbyes

As is often the case at this time of year we say goodbye to the staff who are leaving us. Miss Rashid is leaving to work in a Special Needs Setting, Miss Laban is off to train as a teacher, and Miss Chhibu is also leaving for pastures new. Mrs Shaw is starting her maternity leave and Miss Hooper is leaving to teach in Kuwait. She *"would like to say a big thank you and a special goodbye to all the families of children she has had the pleasure of teaching over the past 2 years. She will always remember the amazing children part of Mars class and wishes them all the best."* I know all of our staff who are leaving have really enjoyed working with your children. I will introduce you to the new staff who are returning or joining us in September.

Year 6

We also say farewell to our Year 6 children and wish them all the best as they begin the next phase of their education at secondary school. They have worked so hard in their end of KS2 SATs and have had a well deserved and action packed few weeks with their Leavers Prom, a trip to Lazerzone and their Leavers Performance – School of Rock.

I always get very emotional at their final performance and so I would like to say a few additional words that I didn't get the chance to say at the time. I would like to thank the Y6 team for their hard work to get the performance ready straight after SATs, particularly Mrs Duffy who wrote the script. The Y6 actors were amazing I think the clearest and most confident yet– Hibba and Faiz should definitely continue with



performing arts at secondary school. The singing was brilliant and it was great to see every child singing with such enthusiasm!

It's always a privilege to see children start their school careers as young children in Reception or Nursery, and watch them grow in ability and confidence into the self-assured amazing people that our Y6 are. I know they will do us all proud as they carry the MMPS values and qualities with them to secondary. We know they have had the best start and now it is up to them to capitalise on this.

Returning on Tuesday September 5th

We return to school on Tuesday 5th September.

8:40 am registration.

School gates open at 8:30am

Nursery doors open 8:30am

YR-Y6 Classroom doors open at 8:35am

Classroom doors and gates will close at 8:45am

Afternoon Nursery opens 12:25 to 12:35

Afternoon nursery pick up between 3:10 and 3:25

I hope you all have a lovely summer break- see you in September.



Lorraine Martin Headteacher