



Good afternoon

We have just completed our last full school week before the summer break. The year has flown by and when I reflect on the school year, there have been so many changes. Not only the unprecedented pandemic and lockdown, and all that has brought to change everyone's lives but for Claremont too. The last three days will comprise of Year 6 celebrations, and will fly by... so I thought I would reflect on this year.



This week you will have received an end of year report to celebrate the **children**. We could not be prouder of each and every one of them; they have shown true determination and resilience. We are so inspired by them. Thank you to all of them. The whole Claremont team will be working hard to support them on their return.

A massive thank you to all **parents**; what a challenging year it has been for you all. Who would have known that your super powers would need to extend to being able to help teach your lovely children as well and that your home would become a classroom! I know all the staff are grateful for your support during this stressful time. Your report letter will share our intentions to collaborate with you but will be confirmed at a later date.



We welcomed Mrs Barden to our teaching team as an NQT; she has been an incredible asset and we congratulate her as she passed her NQT year.

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Crockett as our Headteacher. Mrs Crockett was an inspiration to all, and we are lucky that she is still and will continue to work with us to support Altius and Teach Kent & Sussex, our Teaching School.

Also, Mrs Baldwin retired as our Assistant Headteacher, but has remained a huge support as one of our Reception teachers by stepping in on June 1st to work full time again. Thank you. Mrs Baldwin, I know this wasn't your anticipated retirement plan- we are so very appreciative.

We recruited two highly efficient senior leaders- Mrs Ball as our Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Seddon as our new Deputy. What a baptism of fire in their new roles!

Mrs Perry has returned to us following her maternity leave and is a lovely mummy to both her son, and her beautiful baby daughter. Her return saw her straight into the very different teaching practices of a keyworker group rota. She has been fantastic and taken it in her stride.

The whole staffing team has adapted to work in various way alongside the nation. They hold my utmost respect, and have been role models for all our values. Some have been flexible and changed their working hours to help; all have had to spend large parts of their days cleaning; and some have competently stepped into different and more challenging roles. Learning has changed completely during this last part of the year; and we have all learnt so much; some things we may not want to continue with but there are many new approaches to possibly take forward.

The Governing Body have reluctantly been less visible to all, but have maintained their support throughout.

I am sure I will have omitted many elements, celebrations and achievements - it has been such a year! Over the next few weeks you will receive an updated parent pack with information and guidance around how Claremont will be when we return in September so do look out for that; I know you will have some unanswered questions, and hopefully this will provide answers for you.

Don't forget on Monday I will upload the exciting news of who is in which class and who their new teachers will be by PowerPoint onto Dojo.

In addition, the work for these last three days may take a more relaxed approach as would normally take place at this time of year so do have fun with the tasks.

Enjoy the weekend, and look out for each other
Candi Roberts

The Governors would love to hear from parents of year 6 pupils:

As our usual parent surveys have been postponed, we wanted to let parents of the year 6 leavers know that if they you like to give Governors any feedback or highlights on your child's time at Claremont then you can email us through clerk@claremont.kent.sch.uk.

With thanks and good luck to all year 6s at their next school.

Claremont Governors

Wellbeing

As we approach the summer holidays, we thought we it might be helpful to share some resources to support wellbeing, both over the summer break, and also with the return to school in September. You will find the following documents attached with the newsletter:

- Daily Mindfulness Calendar
- 2 resources for preparing your child for returning to school after lockdown.