Monday 5th July 21

**End of Term Plans**

Dear parents / carers

As we prepare for the end of the summer term and draw to a close (fingers crossed!) what has been a very unusual year for everyone, we wanted to finish the end of the term with some sort of celebration. Obviously, we continue to be restricted by the coronavirus, our specific safe working procedures, and a very strong desire to have no further disruption!

We have considered all aspects and feel that what we have planned can be done safely.

The end of the summer term always brings with it staff and pupil leavers. This year we will be saying goodbye to a very long standing member of the teaching staff, Libby Grant is retiring after 30ish years at the school. She has worked predominately within the lower school but more recently the senior department. Libby was instrumental in setting up the school’s ABA provision, after she was introduced to Applied Behavioural Analysis and how it is used to improve communication as well as academic and self-help skills. She was receptive to new ways of working with our Autistic pupils and how she could support the family of a young child in her class. We now have 3 ABA designated classes and a number of pupils across our other classes benefiting from the teaching techniques. The child who set the ball rolling is now a young adult, doing really well, in his own accommodation within the AVOCET Trust. We also say goodbye to Alex who leaves to start her teacher training and Alys who moves to Hull to follow her career path with the Sensory, Physical and Teaching service. Our end of term ‘fun’ days will allow us to celebrate their work within the school and to say goodbye.

We have planned four days in the last week of term, one for each of the phase bubbles;

* **Wednesday 14th July – 6th Form Centre**
* **Monday 19th July - Lower school (Hedgehog, Bee, Butterfly classes)**
* **Tuesday 20th July - Lower school (Puffin, Fox, Owl, Rabbit classes)**
* **Wednesday 21st July – Senior school (Senior 1,2,3 & 4 classes)**

During the morning the phases will have their awards ceremony; you will receive an invite if your son / daughter is in receipt of an award. The invite will detail our covid safe procedures for the morning and will be weather dependent as they will be taking place outside.

The afternoon will be a ‘fun afternoon’ with fun activities, music and a café serving cream teas, ice cream and jelly. This will be a non-uniform day so dig out the party clothes.

You will appreciate that we have had to limit your involvement but we are planning to have our Sports days during the third / fourth week of the Autumn term, when we will be expecting family participation along with the sunshine.

We are all looking forward to seeing familiar faces once again.

Best wishes

