Ladygrove News on a Friday

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Happy Summer Holidays

The end of the school year is a time when we all reflect on the year that has passed. This year your children have enjoyed a wealth of experiences; they have visited beaches, museums and castles; learnt to canoe, rock-climb and play kabaddi; represented the school at various sporting competitions; sang at concerts and at the Genting Arena; stayed away from home while undertaking residential visits to Wales, London and Shrewsbury. They have developed new skills and learnt new things in their lessons. The whole school is exceptionally proud of all they have achieved. Our phonics results have risen significantly. Our KS1 SATs results were also good and our KS2 SAT results are above other schools nationally. Your children have worked hard in lessons and have worked hard at home; completing homework, practising their reading and learning times tables. Our overall attendance has also risen, (although we still have some way to go to get to our pre-pandemic levels). I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication to your children – it is them and your amazing children who make Ladygrove the special place that it is.

The Summer Term is also a time of change – when we say 'Goodbye' to children and staff. Our Amazing Year 6 children are heading off to new adventures at their secondary schools. We know they will continue to do well wherever they are going and we thank them for being such good fun to teach. We also are saying 'Adios' to Miss Guess, who is taking up her headship in September. She will be greatly missed by the staff and children at school. We know how lucky her new school is to have her as their new headteacher. We are also saying 'Farewell' to Mrs Hodson (formerly Miss Haggart), who is beginning her teacher training course. Miss Mohammed is also leaving us as she is relocating to another area and Miss Asif will also be leaving us as well. Mrs Mahy our School Business Manager is also leaving, to be taking up a position with Telford and Wrekin Council's Finance team. We wish all of our Ladygrove Leavers well in the next part of their journey and thank them for everything they have done for Ladygrove.

Have an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in September.



Goodbye from Miss Guess

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the years, I have written a number of letters home to parents, but this is, without doubt, the most difficult of them all. Saying goodbye to my Ladygrove family is proving slightly emotional!

I can say with complete honesty that Ladygrove children are the best! We have children who are full of kindness, who care for one another and live our school values every single day. They make me extremely proud and I am privileged to have been part of their journeys and a small part of their lives.

Being part of Ladygrove makes me so grateful for so many things, but most of all the experience of working with the most wonderful, caring staff – my extended Ladygrove family. The team here – teachers, Pastoral Lead, Family Support Worker, office staff, cleaners, catering team, lunchtime supervisors and the caretaker, all work extremely hard to give the best they can to our pupils. They make it a joy to come into work each day and I will miss them so very much. I have also been surrounded by a leadership team who supported me and motivated me. Thank-you to Mrs Weichlbauer for believing in me!

To all of the Ladygrove Families, thank-you for being such a wonderful, supportive community. You are the reason Ladygrove Primary School and Nursery continues to thrive as we have such a positive partnership, something that cannot be underestimated in helping any school to succeed.

Of course, I am excited about my new challenge and journey into Headship, but I take this step forward with the Ladygrove motto imprinted in my heart, *'Every day counts, every minute matters.'* As for me, I can honestly say, every day has been an honour and a blessing here at Ladygrove.

