

## Cusgarne School Bulletin

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Dear Parents

The school year is about to draw to a close and I want to thank you all for your co-operation and support over this very unusual year. The children have been remarkable; and it is with the help and support of families, that we have been able to keep our children safe and school open.

Despite the disruption, the children have enjoyed being at school and we have seen super team spirit as they have worked together. It has been a lovely Summer Term and reminded us all that the Cusgarne ethos is still strong.

On Tuesday, the Kingfisher Class performed Bugsy Malone – and they were AMAZING! The staging outside worked well and the parents were treated to a great show. How did they learn all of those lines? The singing was a real treat too so a huge WELL DONE. You are all stars in our eyes.

I am sending this bulletin while the children are enjoying a trip to the zoo! Thank you to the Friends for supporting us with this trip and paying for the coaches. It is a fantastic way to round off the school year and build memories for the children. The Starling Class will also get to see some of the animals they have adopted! It will be a hot day and the expectation is that the roads may be busier than normal. On advice, they will be leaving the zoo at a slightly earlier time and are expected back at school at 4.45pm. The teachers will Tweet to give a better arrival time so keep an eye on your social media.

Our last day if tomorrow, Friday 23 July 2021 when school will be finishing at 1pm. We will be saying goodbyes to our year 6 children and wish them well as they find their feet at their new schools. We would also like to wish Perran and Taylor well as they move to new schools.

I would like to remind you all about the Summer Reading Challenge (see the poster at the end of this bulletin). On hot days, find a shady spot and get lost in a story - and on rainy days, stop the boredom with a book!



A Company Limited by Guarantee. An Exempt Charity Registered in England & Wales - Company No. 07387540 Registered Office: Aspire Academy Trust, Unit 20, St Austell Business Park, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 4FD The end of the school year is a time where we say thank you to lots of people who help us. Although this year has been different, we have still had plenty of support behind the scenes. I am delighted that the Friends have new members – they provide the fun side to school and organise lots of lovely events. Hopefully the next school year can include some of these! Our local churches have kept in touch and they are all missing the children and send us regular messages which we love to receive. I have already been having conversations about an exciting community art project that the children will be involved in next term.

I am thrilled that we have been able to start music lessons again, and that the coaches from Plymouth Argyle have been in. We also need to thank Sofie and Becky for our school meals. Both are lovely people to work with and the children enjoy their meal times.

Although we have a new catering form from September, I am delighted that both Becky and Sofie will be moving to the new company and still get to see the children.

My final good-bye is to Mrs Holmes who is leaving us to begin a new chapter in her life. She knows how much she will be missed. We had a special assembly and Mrs Holmes shared a letter with the children. It is at the end of this bulletin if you would like to have a read. I think we would all like to extend our best wishes to Mrs Holmes and her family and look forward to hearing about her next exciting adventure. Heart felt love and thanks from the Cusgarne community - Good luck Mrs Holmes!

I would also like to pay tribute to the staff at Cusgarne. Throughout the year, they have gone above and beyond and coped extraordinarily during the strange year we have had. Added to the challenges of the pandemic, team Cusgarne pulled together to support me and each other; and for that I humbled.

Please have a wonderful summer break. Make the most of the opportunities that come your way and please stay safe.

School returns for pupils on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021!

Yours sincerely

Tim Barnard Head of School



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Dear Cusgarne School I've been thinking hard about how best to say goodbye. It's not been easy – let me tell you why After 11 years, it's my time to move on As the Cheshire Cat from Alice in Wonderland says 'Every adventure requires a first step.' So now is my time to take my first step away from Cusgarne.

I've had the pleasure to get to know a wonderful group of people – my friends I work with, the ones who have left, the brilliant community that surrounds us at Cusgarne and – you - all of the pupils past and present alongside their families.

Every one of you is unique! Always be gentle and kind to yourself and to others, be brave, be brilliant and fulfil your potential.

There is a lovely quote from a book – The Phantom Tollbooth 'The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today' So please – don't settle for 'that will do' – give it your best shot!

Cusgarne School will always be here – you each leave an echo and I will be leaving mine too!

If you ever get the chance to listen to a song, listen to an old song from the 1960's. A long time ago I know; and it is a song I grew up listening to. Listen to the words.

It's called Some Day, One Day and the version I know was recorded by The Seekers. It's still on my playlist now!

I'm off to find my 'One Day' and leave wishing you lots of love and happiness always.

Mrs Clare Holmes

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- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Wild World Heroes collector poster
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal



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