



*'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'*

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have come to the end of another school year and it certainly has been another one to remember! It would be very easy to write about the second school closure which has dominated our lives over the past few months but I also want to reflect on all the fantastic things we achieved and will achieve again as we move forward to a new academic year. Our fantastic children who have shown strength and resilience, our remote learning procedure which received very positive feedback from all, our work in the communities we serve, the attitudes and ethos of our children and our fantastic day to day experiences we all provide for the RCSAT children are all things we need to celebrate from the past 12 months in school. As always it would be impossible to write about each and every one of the exciting learning opportunities and experiences that have kept us busy over the year! Needless to say, each schools' social media links are a great way to look back and recall all of those magic moments that show our 'Love for Learning' and opportunities to 'Let their Light Shine' to the full.

I am incredibly proud to be Executive Headteacher for Rural Church Schools Academy Trust and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, pupils, parents, governors, directors and members of the local communities for making our schools a special place to work in. The dedication of the staff is outstanding and I am always amazed at the lengths that they all go to, ensuring that learning is as it should be – inspiring, motivating, engaging and above all fun! Just a quick glance back at the year on twitter and Facebook gives me enormous pride and shows the wealth and depth of experience and opportunity on offer. This could not happen without such a dedicated team all making outcomes for children the best that they can be. Together, they all certainly make it the best job in the world!

This week we have said goodbye to our year 6 leavers across the trust. Not a year has gone by that we have not celebrated and said farewell to our year 6 class, this year despite everything happening in the world, this was not going to be any different. Each school has worked within the current guidance to put together a fitting celebration. I know these children will be all sadly missed but they all take with them their special memories of their time at our schools. They will always be part of the RCSAT school family and we look forward to hearing about how they progress in their new schools.

A huge thank you to you as parents too. Your partnership is really appreciated and helps us to develop and improve in many areas. As we come towards the end of a very different and challenging year, I wanted to thank you all for your kind, caring and understanding support of our schools.

And lastly, to our fabulous children. They never fail to amaze me with their happy, inquisitive and positive attitudes towards school. Together you all help to make this the best job in the world.

As I have said in many of my communications over the past 18 months – our schools are reliant upon children being in the building, making relationships and working together. Even though we have not all been able to be in our schools for the whole year, I have been blown away by the ways in which our school



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communities continued in a virtual form. Although far from ideal, I am grateful and appreciative of the many different ways that teachers have sought to engage with and support learning at home. Learning that you have supported and provided time for too. We could not have done that without us all working together.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer break with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing everyone back safely in school on Thursday 2nd September.

Many thanks for your continued support

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nic Badger". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

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