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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I am writing to thank you for your continued support. The team here at Friars have worked hard to ensure that your children are happy, learning well and making good progress. This is reflected in the academic tests that have been carried out, and children will be bringing their end of year reports home on Monday. The events this term such as sports day, the school fair and well-being day have been great fun and have contributed to a strengthening of the school community. Next year, we need for attendance to continue to improve, and we'll be working more closely with families whose attendance is below 90%.

We will be having a few changes in staffing this year. We will be saying goodbye to three teachers who are progressing their career further and moving into various leadership positions in new schools. Rosa Castillo has been at Friars for 15 years, and Sarah Kee and Oliver Tull for three years. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and contributions to the school throughout their time here. We wish them well in their future careers.

We will be welcoming three new teachers in September. Stuart Howat who will be teaching Year 1, Monique Ho who will be teaching Year 3 and Kris Hsieh who will be teaching Year 5. All children will meet their new teachers on Tuesday 18th July. Our teachers for next year are as follows:

Year group	Teachers
Nursery	Lindsey Elliott/Susannah Bridges
Reception	Claire Foster
Year 1	Stuart Howat
Year 2	Catherine Coate
Year 3	Monique Ho
Year 4	Tina Mckenzie- O'Neill
Year 5	Kris Hsieh
Year 6	Lucy Gethin-Jones

Next week is our final week of term and we will be finishing at 3.30pm on Thursday 20th July. Year 6s will finish at 12pm and there will be no playcentre on this day.

Next week we will also be inviting visitors in to talk to classes about different jobs as part of careers week. For Year 6 parents, their end of year production will take place on Wednesday 19th July at 6pm.

If you ever have any questions, one of the leadership team is always on the gate in the morning and teachers are available after school, or you can call to make an appointment through the office. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to an exciting final week.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Wratten

Headteacher