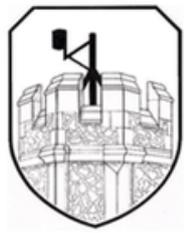


# MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Seek what is good, treasure what is true, do what is right



## THIS MONTH'S VALUE IS JOY

For the last time this year I write: **Dear Families....** I must say when I took the job as head of school, I was asked a question at my interview about what I had learnt when I had been on the road travelling for long periods of time: I replied, "Expect the unexpected." Well I certainly did not expect the unexpected would come and find me so close to home but it did!

In this final newsletter of this academic year, I would like to celebrate everything that is wonderful about our lovely school. Great families make great schools and we have been able to achieve so much together because we all feel an essential part of this community. September last year seems such along time ago and when I look around the school today, I am so proud of everything we have achieved. The building improvements, the playground markings and equipment, the football pitch (I had to mention it at least once more) our vision signs and our value windows, the new technology our children can utilise every day.

I look at our children and how much they have grown. I look at the creative work they produce, I look at our wonderful Year 6s who made me so proud this week both in their leavers' service and their Year 6 film. I look at all of our parents who support, share, and care. I look at the view from our playground, and I feel blessed.

We said goodbye to our Year 6s in a lovely leaving service. Thank you to all our Year 6 parents for making this such a memorable goodbye; whether that be hoodies, yearbooks, cakes, virtual get together or joining in the celebration with your tissues. Thank you for helping us mark this poignant ending. Year 6s you are a credit to our community and I urge everyone to watch the Leavers film and the goodbye messages from the staff on Google classroom (bring tissues!) A huge thank you to professional camera man Sam Louka, who spent days with the children making the film and endless time editing. Sam gifted his time to the school, which was incredibly generous. I have had to do an extra separate page of Year 6 photographs

Talking of generosity, parents yours has been quite overwhelming this week. Not only your thoughtful gifts which all the staff are incredibly grateful for and certainly not expected, but the words in your cards that accompany them echo as these often echo my thoughts about the team. For me, they have embodied our school values this year especially in the past few months: Their service, resilience, kindness and integrity have ensured our children continued to learn, to discover and to flourish. In challenging times, the true characters of people come forward and I could not be prouder of our Monken Hadley team.

Children, my final message goes to you: Enjoy your summer whatever it may look like. You have been part of history this year and when we look back, and you may be known as the "C" generation **BUT** for me that will stand for courage, caring, creative and community. Thank you for making my first year as Head of School more special than I ever anticipated. I am already itching to get back in September and I am so pleased we will all be together again. So next year, a new chapter, new challenge and a new adventure which we will face together.

Au revoir Monken Hadley - see you all in September x

## **More Goodbyes!**

We say goodbye to Mrs. Mylonas and thank her for her service to the school.

We are sure with her generous and giving nature she will be a success in her next role and I know she will pop back and see us.

We also say goodbye to Michaela who has moved away for Barnet and will be starting a new school in Bedfordshire.

Do let us know how you are getting on!

### **A final few things...**

School starts back for the Years 1- 6 on the 3 September at 8.35 am. In school uniform and looking super smart.

We will hold on to this year's books and work and return these in September.

We will be archiving the Google classrooms.

Do not worry the work is not lost but I need to do some housekeeping on the classrooms and get the classes ready for next September.

Please check you have received the letter from myself and Mr David about next September (sent via email) If not please can you contact the office and they will resend.