



# In friendship we learn and grow together

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## Dear Parents

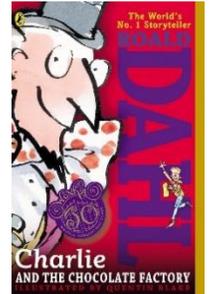
What a year! That might be an understatement but what I am sure of is that I have loved it! Obviously the last month has cast a heavy cloud over our great school and I certainly haven't enjoyed that, however, the support and passion has been phenomenal, so please keep that up!

I would like to share some of the highlights of the last two weeks. The children have enjoyed a trip to Drusillas, making Chocolate bars, making scarecrows, Community party and a talent assembly to name a few.

Elm class were very excited to visit Drusillas Zoo as the culmination of their learning about animal's structure, habitats and diet. The children loved their animal encounter with Hugo the lizard, a boa constrictor, a chinchilla and a giant millipede. The handler allowed them to hold the larger animals because the children sat so quietly and patiently. Elm class had a fantastic day meeting all the animals and deciding which were vertebrates, (which they loved) and which were carnivores - a great way to consolidate our learning in Science. Thank you to Mrs Rofe, Miss Elliott and the parent volunteers for facilitating this trip.



Pine Class have been inspired by their class book 'Charlie & the Chocolate factory'. They have enjoyed designing their own scrumdiddlyumptious chocolate bars. In art and DT, they drew up ideas for their chocolate bar and thought carefully about the ingredients they should use in their tasty treat. The children got to create their delicious treats last week. They selected their ingredients, poured the chocolate into their mould and arranged their ingredients into various patterns. After the chocolate had set, the children used their earlier designs to create their chocolate bar packaging. They wrapped them in gold foil and then put their bars into the beautiful packaging. They certainly were scrumdiddlyumptious!



Sycamore class have been reading the poem 'IF' by Rudyard Kipling. The children have written their own version of this based on being a pupil at Broad Oak. The class also performed the poem 'The Dragon that ate our School' which was a very entertaining performance in assembly. Well done to Sycamore class, Miss White and Mrs Goodhew for a great performance.



Thank you to the volunteers Mrs Barnes, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Adkin who have given their time to the school, this is much appreciated and we look forward to welcoming you back next year.

To the music teachers, thank you, our school is certainly musical and offering great provision and opportunities.

To Ian Dove, thank you, the children and staff thoroughly enjoy the sessions and will continue to do next year.

To Mrs Rofe who has led Forest School so successfully with Mrs Barnes. Thank you.

To Reverend Mitch for the lovely assemblies and books for the year 6 leavers.

To all the staff who have worked so well as a team, thank you.

To the parents who continue to show great support.

Finally to the pupils, you are all FABULOUS!

And now the farewells begin...

Year 6 – you have been amazing! From the first time I spent an afternoon with Larch class I knew the children would be fantastic and they have always been that. I remember a circle time where the children were sharing their names and telling me about their interests. I picked up quickly on the names and it has been a joy working alongside them. Visiting the residential at Bewl Water was a high point and as the children showed me around there was much laughter as I looked at the rooms and saw mayhem! Year 6 you have risen to every challenge, I will certainly miss you next year.



My heart extends to the other families who will be leaving us today. I know decisions have been very hard to make and I am devastated that the consultation has created so much unrest. I wish everyone continued success and happiness and I stand strong knowing Broad Oak has provided a fantastic start to all of our pupils and they are all ready for their next stage of education. Good luck. Please remember the door at Broad Oak will always be open.

To the staff who are leaving, Mrs McIntosh who has been at the school for 21 years, thank you. Mrs McIntosh is always busy and has supported the pupils well. I am delighted that a complete goodbye is too much for Mrs McIntosh and she has very kindly volunteered to help next year so you will still see her at school.

To Mrs Hoskins who has worked closely with a year 6 leaver for the last 5 years but as we all know has longer connections with the school. Mrs Hoskins has built strong and trusted relationships and has given so much to the school and all the

pupils. This year she has also worked in Sycamore class and has provided great support and challenge for the pupils.

Ms White has been a star! She has embraced, captured and challenged Sycamore class this year who have all made super progress. Ms White has brought great energy into the school this year and has complimented the team well. Her cookery club was a huge success alongside her hard work in the classroom.

And finally to Mrs Rofe. Mrs Rofe has been at Broad Oak since 2007 as a parent, teaching assistant, forest school leader and class teacher. She has also worked at BOPS so has clearly influenced many Broad Oak pupils for a number of years. Mrs Rofe has been the most amazing job share for me this year and her skills in EYFS and Year 1 are exceptional. As a Forest School leader she has worked closely with all pupils throughout the school and will leave a love of the outside behind as she moves on and we continue to embrace this legacy.

It has been a pleasure to have worked alongside all the staff this year and once again I thank them for the many hours and sheer commitment to our lovely school.

To all the leavers believe in yourself and you will succeed the sky is the limit, now go for it!



I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards

*Claire Kinsella*

A Parent mail was sent out earlier today regarding a Broad Oak Holiday Club. This is available on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September from 8am to 4pm for only £10 per child, per day. If you would like to book your child in for any of these dates please contact [simonefoy79@gmail.com](mailto:simonefoy79@gmail.com)

