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And now the end is near...

And so it seems we have reached the end of 'term!' I'm not quite sure what that means in the current situation, but putting that aside for a moment, we are readying ourselves for a break from St Minver School and then for welcoming everyone back in September.

We have planned our safe return to full capacity at school and are preparing the letters about staggered start and finish times for each class. These will be with you before the end of term. All groups will be asked to arrive between 8.45am and 9am. All groups will finish between 2.55pm and 3.15pm. No curriculum time will be lost. The letter will explain the specifics of these new routines for your child's class, how we will keep children and staff safe and how we expect our parents to support us with this. You will appreciate that it will be very important for social distancing that everyone is punctual and we ask you do your utmost to respect the need for this. Many thanks.

We will say goodbye to our Year 6's next Wednesday. They have been an amazing bunch, demonstrating a strong sense of fairness, empathy and healthy competitiveness! We send them off confident that they are ready for the next stage of their education and wish them love and luck for all future adventures. **'Be brave, be kind, belong.'**

We also say goodbye at the end of this term to our Sister Act, Mrs Polak and Mrs Marshall. Mrs Polak begins her teacher training as part of the Aspire Teaching Trust, while Mrs Marshall will be devoting her time to family businesses. Mrs Fletcher will also be leaving us next week and we wish her and her family the best of luck with their new adventures too. These three lovely ladies have given such a lot of themselves to the St Minver Community; adults and children alike have benefited from their positive energy, creativity, care and patience. We will miss you LOTS, but send you off with love and best wishes.

And of course, it's 'A Bientot' to Miss Merson as she begins her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing news of the smallest arrival to our team! Good luck, Lucie! X

On return to school on Monday 7th September, we will start our new term with 'Friendship Fortnight.' This will give us a chance to re-group, to strengthen our team again and to consider, alongside St Minver friends, what it means to be a good learner and an excellent member of a team. There will be an opportunity to talk about how life and learning was during lockdown and to look forward to the year ahead. We are excited to embark on the next stage of the incredible learning journey with your child and look forward to working with our families for a very successful year.

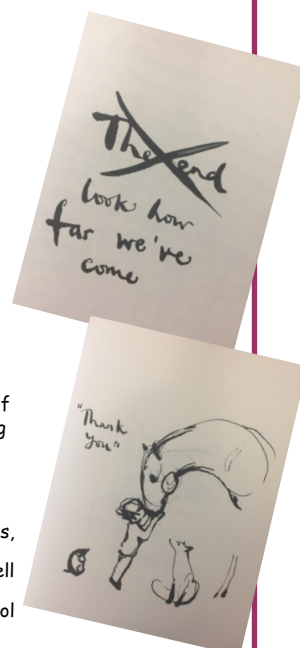
As I cast my mind all the way back to September 2019, we must remember how far the children have come this year. Sporting achievements, musical and artistic accolades, published authors, public speakers—what a talented bunch your children are! Not forgetting the smaller, but no less significant milestones reached; being able to walk confidently into the classroom, learning all those sounds, going for a sleepover for the first time, talking to the whole school in assembly, becoming a fluent reader. The list is endless. As a staff, we are very proud of our St Minver children and I'm sure as their parents, you are too! Thank you for lending them to us—it is the biggest privilege!

I wish you all a happy and safe August and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Rodwell

Head of School



Stars of the week!

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

Class R: The Whole Class—For being wonderful. For showing resilience and perseverance in their learning. For showing kindness for one another and for accepting every challenge thrown their way.

Class 1: The Whole Class—For being the most amazing team of learners all year long, at home or at school, and for making Mrs Cray, Mrs Couch and Mrs Luke so very proud of them.

Class 2: The Whole Class—For all the fantastic contributions you have made to google classroom and for working hard whilst learning from home and in school. Well done Year 2, we are very proud of you all!

Class 3: The Whole Class—You have been the most amazing, hard working and fun class this year. I have LOVED being your teacher and you all deserve to be stars! Well done you lovely bunch!

Class 4: The Whole Class—for being such an enthusiastic, motivated bunch and an absolute pleasure to be with and to teach this year

Class 5: The Whole Class— For being incredibly resilient and learning a fantastic array of new skills during lockdown. You are an enthusiastic, energetic and passionate bunch of funloving individuals. You have been an absolute pleasure to teach!

Class 6: The Whole Class— For embracing home learning and then their return to school with such energy and resilience. You have made Mr Baines very proud.

