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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to wish you the very best for the summer holidays, which are nearly upon us, as well as to round up the year and share some exciting news about Parkside.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all very much for your support since I have started working at Parkside since Christmas. It is always vital for school and home to work in partnership and I have enjoyed meeting with many of you in this time. I am very keen to work more closely with parents as we move into the next academic year and will have more details of some of these opportunities as we start the new academic year.

Obviously, we have recently had an Ofsted report, which was published at the beginning of July, and confirmed that the school is still 'Requires Improvement'. The inspection itself was fair and recognised much of the good work that has been going on this year and also the 'green shoots' of improvement that have now been seen. It also recognised how the leadership of the school is very aware of exactly what is needed in order to move the school on to the next level, which is something I have no doubt we will be able to do in the coming months.

I would also like to make you aware of some staff changes that will be happening over the summer break. Mrs Sutherland, after 2 years at Parkside, has had some time ago decided to retire at the end of the academic year. It is obviously with great sadness that we say goodbye to her, and thank her for her great contribution to the school including holding the fort while Mrs Beavan was away and after she left in November, and for encouraging parental involvement and links with the community, but also wish her our very warmest regards as she moves on to new adventures. We are also very pleased to announce that we have secured an excellent replacement and Mrs Anthea McLevy will be joining us as Head of School from September. I have been working with Mrs McLevy throughout term 6 to allow her to become familiar with life at Parkside and to allow her to hit the ground running in September. She is greatly looking forward to working at Parkside and to meeting with you all in the coming weeks.

It is also with sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Moore at the end of this term. We are very grateful for what he has done since Easter and once again wish him very well for the future.

I would also like to draw your attention to some very impressive academic results that your pupils have achieved this year. We are thrilled to inform you that at every single measuring stage the results for Parkside have gone up! This includes the end of Foundation Stage (Reception), the Year one phonics screening results, the Year Two Key Stage 1 results and the Year 6 Key Stage results. I'm sure that you will join me in congratulating all of the pupils and teachers involved in what is massive achievement for the school.

I hope that you all have an extremely relaxing and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you all return to school on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr James Williams
Executive Headteacher

Mr David Stanley
Chair of Governors