

Dear Families,

WE MADE IT!

Two or three weeks ago I could not imagine that I would be writing a newsletter on the last day of term, starting with those words and here we are! The nearer it got to the Leavers' Assemblies the more hopeful we became and the more nervous too.

Mrs Naylor has been whispering in my ear all week.. 'Global Pandemic, Zero Bubbles Burst!' (I think I need to get her a tee shirt made.) I believe that this may be a trophy only very few schools can hold aloft. However, while I am happy to receive this and wear it as a badge of honour on behalf of the Federation Community, I am more grateful for the positive consequences this has had for our children. On top of their academic achievements, our children got to 'finish' their school year which is a luxury not afforded to all. Not only were they able to this, but they did it in style! Both schools had assemblies to wish our wonderful young people all the best as they start secondary school and we had York City Knights and their inflatable, Magic Mike at Warthill and an Afternoon Tea and disco at Sand Hutton (thank you so much FOWs and Sand Hutton PTA!) A little taste of years gone by!

I know that all our staff would like to thank you for your continued support and vigilance throughout the past year. We know that fortune has played its part, but we have been able to feel confident that the whole community has been committed to doing everything possible to keep everybody else safe. This has been amazing! Thank you too for your many gifts and cards.

As I said previously, how September will look in reality is yet to be revealed but I hope to be able to follow the plan outlined in an earlier newsletter. School will return on Tuesday 7th September with the exception of Reception pupils who will join us on Wednesday 8th. We are looking forward to it.....(after a well-earned rest in between!)

All that remains is for me to wish you all a restful and safe summer. I hope that you are able to enjoy some family and friends' time and you feel refreshed on your return.

With every best wish,

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