



# Education News August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now at the end of what has been a remarkable school year. We started the year in September hoping that we were coming out of the pandemic when in reality it has shaped our year. To put the pandemic into perspective, we have experienced two lockdowns this academic year, introduced LFT testing for staff and students, implemented Covid measures in school such as mask wearing, social distancing and bubbles, developed digital skills for streaming lessons to and from those isolating at home, and creatively tried to ensure that we could teach our full curriculum. It has been a year which we hope will be remembered for the positive way in which our Education team met these challenges and conducted themselves, we couldn't be prouder of the commitment and care of our team.

This year has seen developments in Education due to the pandemic and we do hope to continue some things which improved practice. We aim to offer hybrid meetings going forward for Annual Reviews, as attendance has improved significantly with the virtual option.

In this final half term, we have tried to have some fun and do things together outside. We had an amazing Summer fayre which was organised by the classes, whom all set up a stall for all to enjoy. There was a photo prop stand, face painting, hair chalks, temporary tattoos, tombola, sensory tent, cake stall, throwing games, treasure hunts etc.. However, the slip and slide, a water event, was a huge hit and after seeing our students splash down, there were a few staff who also had a go!

We changed our end of year celebration event this year, moving to an outdoor event for presentations and refreshments. The assembly was pre-recorded and shown in classrooms before the presentation ceremony. I am attaching information about our new awards to the end of this newsletter but am delighted to announce our award winners as the Rashford award, Marcus, The Thunberg award, Sonny, the Malala award, Bradley and the Chadwick award, Harrison. In addition to these special awards, all students received a medal for their hard work over the year.

The term finished with two special events, therapy donkeys and Squidge and pop, who perform multi sensory bubble magic. The students have loved these events and it was wonderful to finish the year in such a happy and relaxed way.

Sadly, the end of the school year, brings goodbyes to some special people. We would like to wish Freya, Joshua and Marcus all the best in their adult placements. We are really proud of the young people they have become and they and their families will be missed by the PVS community.

We are also saying good bye to three of our Teaching Assistants. Claire has been a TA with us for 15 years and is starting a new challenge as a learning mentor, Noemi is returning to Spain with her young family to complete her teaching degree and Kerry C is looking forward to new adventures. These staff have been such important members of our team and I am sure you will join us in thanking them for all their hard work, care and commitment to your children.

We are now looking forward to the new school year. We have emailed you the details of our new classes and teams and are ready and raring for the academic year. We start with an Inset day and our foci on this day will be looking at the revised Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) document and working on one of our department's development areas of reading. We are hoping to open our new library in the autumn and will write about this in our first newsletter in September.

Thank you for all your support and kindness this year, we hope you enjoy the summer and we look forward to welcoming our students back to class in September.

Kind regards

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This year we are delighted to unveil our new student awards. These awards will be presented annually to students whom have made a positive contribution to school life.

There are four awards named after inspirational people whom have positively influenced our society.



The first is the Rashford award, named after the footballer Marcus Rashford, he is not only a role model for his sporting skill but in the way he has ensured that our society's vulnerable children were supported during the pandemic.

We believe that every child has the right to shelter, good food, water and to grow up healthy.



The Malala award celebrates the work of Malala Yousafzai, the Nobel prize winner whom campaigns for equal access to education.

We believe that every child has the right to a high quality education.



The Thunberg award recognises the work of Greta Thunberg. Greta has celebrated her autism saying it is her 'superpower' and her work on highlighting environmental issues has inspired many.

We celebrate neurodiversity and accept the challenge to protect our earth.



Our final award is of a hero who has links to Purbeck View School, Trevor Chadwick. Trevor taught at Forres school, the school previously on our site and lived in New Moorings. In 1939, Trevor helped rescue 669 children from Prague to protect them from the Nazi invasion.

We believe that every child needs a safe and nurturing environment.