



**The Federation of Antrobus St Marks and Great Budworth CE (A) Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers

One final newsletter before we close for the summer break. Firstly, I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work this year. The last-minute changes and information coming thick and fast, week on week, has at times been relentless with not just tweaks and minor changes, but massive shifts moving away very quickly from our tried and tested teaching methods. Looking back, it's a miracle that everyone is still here, and still wanting to return in September, let alone having data which shows children have continued to make progress and achieve well! You are all stars and the Federation is lucky to have you. You thoroughly deserve your summer break and with your well-being in mind, the Governors and I have taken the decision to stick with all the guidelines for schools as they stand and so we will not be opening up and relaxing restrictions from the 19<sup>th</sup> July. I know this will be disappointing for some – including me – this wasn't an easy decision to make, so we ask for your support and understanding.

For our year 6 leavers, we will be able to hold a leavers' service in St Mary's church in Great Budworth and we invite **only the** parents of our leavers' to attend. Families with siblings at Antrobus can also attend and be picked up at 1:00 pm The service starts at 1:30 pm. Unfortunately, we will not be able to extend the invitation to any other families or to grandparents.

During the summer, both schools will be in use. Antrobus by a film crew, filming in the village and using school as their base for storing costumes, canteen and dressing rooms. Great Budworth by a football academy, which is open to all children Years 2- 6 from both schools to attend. Deep cleans will follow so that schools are ready for your return in September.

Please see link to CWAC's [July E-news for Live Well Cheshire West](#) In this e-news you can find:

- Useful resources and information for the school holidays:
  - Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme
  - Cheshire West and Chester Libraries
  - Parks, places and nature
  - Services
  - Short Breaks
  - Useful support and resources

- Childcare Search Filters – help us improve search filters for parents who are looking for childcare for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

I am sorry to say that Mr Southern has decided that he feels unable to return, and will leave us on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Mr John Bulfin will continue and take on full caretaking responsibilities from this date. We thank Mr Southern for his 16 years-service to Antrobus St Marks and latterly both schools and wish him every happiness and good health for the future.

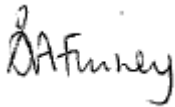
We are now onto about Plan 10 for the Year 6's and invite them to stay on at school on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July for a camp fire and pizza tea. We are planning some activities that are weather dependent and so will add more detail with them once they return to school.

Finally, I would just like to finish by saying that it has been such a privilege for the whole of my working life to be a teacher, and then a headteacher at these two wonderful schools. My philosophy for primary school education is and always has been, that these school years are vital in making, shaping and securing the future. This is some responsibility and therefore so vitally important that we get it right. I have always tried to ensure that these years are filled with lasting memories so that the children grow up with hearts full of love and compassion for themselves, others' and the world in which they live; that they become citizens of Gods' Kingdom, not believing that they themselves are the centre of the universe! That they take pride in learning new things, working hard, and achieving and celebrating success –large and small, both their own and that of others.

I couldn't achieve this alone and sincerely thank the governors and staff for sharing this journey with me. I know that you will all welcome Mrs Wainwright and give her your support and help.

Thank you for your faith in me, for your good wishes and the many personal messages- I will cherish them all.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Finney".

Sandra Finney

Headteacher