

Our Lady's Girls' Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you and family are all keeping well. Below you will find information to note, as we approach the end of June.

PARENT & PUPIL SURVEY – FINAL CALL!

Our survey can be found on our website or on Seesaw. If you haven't already done so, complete the survey by this Saturday 20 June and you could be in with a chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher. Share your parent & child lockdown views with us and your feelings about the return to school! The draw will take place on Monday 22 June and will be posted on Facebook.

REPORTS & ART PACKS

Pop up to school tomorrow, Friday 19 June between 10am and 11.30am and receive a lovely Art Pack - it's **FREE** and there is one for every child. The art packs were purchased with funding courtesy of Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland. Thank you to our PTA for organising! We thought our Deanby girls deserved to have lots of fun over the summer and could keep a scrapbook of all their numerous activities. We will also be distributing our Annual Report to Parents. Due to classroom teaching ceasing suddenly in March, we have simplified the format of the report for this year only, so it will be shorter and will look a little different.

RETURN ALL SCHOOL BOOKS

Please return all school books tomorrow when you come up to school: text books, reading and library books. Please put them in a plastic bag, clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you!

NEXT YEAR'S TEACHER

Around this time in June, the girls find out who their teacher is for next year. Keep an eye on Seesaw this Friday afternoon- your child's new teacher will post a message of welcome. We would like to congratulate one of our Classroom Assistants, Miss Hutchinson, on achieving her PGCE! She is now a qualified teacher. Miss Hutchinson will join our staff team after summer to cover maternity leave for Mrs Rooney. All the best to Mrs Rooney!

RETIREMENTS

We have two treasured members of our staff team who will be retiring at the end of June. Mrs Donaldson is leaving us with more than 30 years and Ms Scott with more than 20 years of service. Both teachers have dedicated their careers to serving the girls of this community. On behalf of the governors, staff and families of Deanby, I would like to thank both ladies for their years of hard work and commitment and congratulate them on their retirement! We wish you both well for the future - no doubt we will be hearing all about your adventures and new-found hobbies!

ONLINE LEARNING

Thank you to all of you – our hard-working parents. The past few months you have juggled home, school and work, all under one roof. The staff recognise how difficult this has been for you and truly appreciate your efforts in keeping the education of your daughter moving forward. Next week our staff will be taking part in whole-staff development and so they will post activities on Seesaw and on our website but there will be no marking of work.

OVER THE SUMMER...

We hope both you and your children have an opportunity to relax over July and August. Some parents have been asking if they should be keeping their children engaged in learning. We would recommend that children read often and practise mental maths and times tables from time to time. If there are any tips in your child's report, make a note of these also. If you want to do a little more, you could encourage them to keep a journal, but we do not recommend formal lessons, unless your daughter is in P6 and will be sitting a transfer exam in the autumn.

PRIMARY 7

What a wonderful bunch of girls we are losing this year. We did not have all the fun that we had planned for them during the last term at school and we know that lockdown has been especially difficult for our Primary 7 pupils.

Primary 7 - *All of the staff of the school, teachers past and present, wish you the very best of everything as you begin your new chapter. We are so proud of everything you have achieved and wish you well on your journey. You are unique – there is no one like you! Keep being yourself, always show love and respect for others. Keep with you, all the skills that you learned here in Deanby over the last seven years and remember that you are capable of amazing things!*

Yours sincerely,

Emer Hughes



WE MISS ALL OF OUR DEANBY GIRLS