

John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw near to the end of another wonderful school year, I am filled with a mix of pride, joy, and a touch of sadness as we prepare to bid farewell to our fantastic Year Two children. They have grown so much during their time with us, and now they are ready to spread their wings and embark on new adventures at John Ray Juniors or other provisions. We know they will continue to thrive and achieve great things, and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. I can not wait to hear how they all get on.

Last week, our Year Two children treated us to an absolutely amazing end-of-year concert. Their singing was fabulous, and their clear and confident speaking left everyone in the audience beaming with pride. It was a true celebration of their hard work and talent, and I know it is a memory that will be cherished for years to come.

We also have some bittersweet news to share. Two longstanding and much-loved members of our school community, Mrs. O'Malley in our school office and Mrs. Weale, a member of an LSA team, will be retiring at the end of this term. Together, they have dedicated an incredible 52 years to our school, touching the lives of countless children and colleagues. We are deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment and passion, and we wish them both a joyful and restful retirement filled with happiness and new adventures. We had a fantastic assembly this morning celebrating with them. (As well as some volunteering on school trips we hope!) We would also like to wish Mrs Nash our best wishes as she embarks on her maternity leave.



A highlight of this term was undoubtedly the Year Two trip to see The Lion King in London. The children were mesmerised by the stunning performances and breath-taking scenery. Their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm made us all immensely proud. It was a day filled with wonder and learning that they will remember for a long time.

During the presentation of our annual awards we celebrated the exceptional achievements of our students. This year, Maisie Allen was awarded the John Ray Infant Outstanding Achievement Award for her remarkable dedication, resilience and excellence. Azariah Opoku-Gyeni received the Kindness Award for consistently showing compassion and empathy towards others. We also recognised Daniel Nihara and Taylor Drake as our John Ray Infants Sporting Stars for





their outstanding contributions and sportsmanship in our school sports activities. Congratulations to all our award recipients—you make us very proud!

As we head into the summer break, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all our families. We hope you have a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday, filled with fun and special moments. Please remind the children to carry with them the rules we follow at John Ray Infant "Be Kind, Be Safe, and Be Responsible."



Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout this year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the autumn term, ready for more learning and growth.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Many thanks,
Mrs Christian
Headteacher
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