



9 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone this year. We have just one more week before we break up for the Summer Holidays. Next week we will be finishing off our topic by going 'Under the Sea' and reading the story 'Smiley Shark'.

We are amazed at how well the children have come on this year even though their education has been so disrupted by the Covid pandemic. We can clearly see their progress across the curriculum. They have grown and matured ready for the next stage of their journey in Year 1.

As your child progresses into Key Stage One, they will be working fluidly across the phase. At Great Holland's we operate mixed year groups in classes, this has worked very successfully for the current Years 1 and 2 and we are confident it will support your child to grow and develop as they continue their learning journey with us.

We expect that we will no longer have to operate a bubble system in September which will mean the children will mix for some of their key learning, e.g. phonics, maths etc. This will be like they have done across the EYFS phase for their learning this year. At all times they will have their learning in the most appropriate group for them so they can continue to make great progress.

On Monday the children will meet their new teacher (in a socially distanced and Covid safe way) and bring home their end of year report. We hope that you will be as proud of their achievements as possible. We will send home PE kits early next week as we are finishing early next Friday so won't be doing PE as normal. The children will bring home their learning journey they had in Nursery and will bring home their journey from Reception next year.

The children will also be bringing home a holiday pack and I would ask you spend a little time with them each week, practising their basic skills. Their learning has been through so much, please invest this time – it will pay off.

We are hoping all our children and families have an amazing Summer Holiday and their new teachers are looking forward to teaching them in September. Please remember school finishes at 2.10 next Friday 16 July and starts back on Thursday 2 September at 8.40-8.50.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher and EYFS Phase Leader