



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Dear members of the PTFA

Before we end what has been a very unusual school year, I wanted to write to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the St James's PTFA and all those who have supported the PTFA, in anyway. I, the staff and the pupils of St James's are extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication that you have shown this year, under such difficult circumstances. You have worked tirelessly and creatively to ensure that the school and our pupils continue to be well supported.

The new books from the Amazon wish list have kept our bookshelves current and interesting. We are really excited to be getting started on the two outdoor learning projects. I am meeting with a representative from Play to Measure on Thursday of next week to discuss the design of the Forest School area. Early in the Autumn term, we hope that plans for the pond area can get underway thanks to the fundraising of the PTFA. I look forward to discussing ideas with you in September.

Thank you also for your messages of support, well wishes and sweet treats. Knowing that we have your support has been of great reassurance and comfort during what has been a very difficult situation. It has certainly not been the end of year that any of us had hoped for, in particular for those year groups who are unable to attend for the final few days. However, the St James's community has pulled together and the PTFA have been integral to that.

The end of the school year and the departure of our year 6 pupils means that some of our PTFA members will also be moving on. I am so sorry that I am unable to thank you in person and say goodbye, in person. Thank you to Claire Nicholas for your boundless energy and organisational skills – in particular when it comes to ordering food! Thank you to Chas James – Chocolate bingo will not be the same without your bingo calling skills. Thank you to Heather James for your positivity and enthusiasm at all school events. I sincerely hope that I haven't missed anyone who is moving on this year, but thank you to all of you for everything that you have done this year.

Lee, I am in awe of your energy, generosity and creativity. Thank you for keeping us all going!

I am very optimistic that we will be able to host events again soon, even if it does need to remain bubble based and outdoors to begin with. It will be so refreshing to be able to meet in person, enjoy events as families and get our school community back together, face to face again.

I wish you all a very safe, healthy and happy summer and look forward to working with you next year.

Best wishes

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