

Dear Parents and Carers,

To-day marks the end of the first half of the summer term. A very short half term with some interruptions due to bank holiday breaks, but nevertheless busy. Pupils have had the opportunity to start the practice Bronze and Silver Expeditions, Key Stage 5 visited The Conway outdoor centre, trips to explore local history and the Great Fire of Nantwich- 1583, a residential inspection celebration for pupils who attend residential. School also planned this week for the upcoming Sports Day Monday 16th June. Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils have started the examination part of their accredited courses- good luck to them.

We also welcomed new Teaching Assistant staff as school invests further in the teaching team. School has also successfully appointed a new Deputy Headteacher- Welcome Mr Power, who will be responsible for a wide range of strategic school developments, including the curriculum. A very experienced senior leader, I am already fortunate enough to have been working with Mr Power to build on the success of schools last inspection.

I have a responsibility to make sure all pupils, staff and visitors are safe when they visit us. School has in place a wide range of health and safety measures to secure the safety of all. A recent Health and Safety Audit highlighted how highly regarded our systems are by Cheshire West and Chester. Congratulations to Dottie, Vicki, P&M Maintenance and John, for their work in gaining this judgement. An example of one of our systems is the termly 'lockdown drill' which was successfully carried out on 14th May. All pupils and staff were able to access a safe space in school in the event of a lockdown. This could result in the event of a local chemical spill or the need for an Air Ambulance to access our school field in an emergency. Pupils coped really well with the drill.

Please find below an invitation from our Family Liaison Advisor- Kate Cleaveley:

Please join me and Sarah for a coffee, walk and talk at Whitby Park, Ellesmere Port, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port CH65 9AQ on Monday 10th June 10am-12pm. You are welcome to bring your fur babies. RSVP to katec@greenbank.cheshire.sch.uk or slees@greenbank.cheshire.sch.uk We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Carer Forum are also very active in supporting families and have contacted school to ask if we can provide a meeting place for parents. To that end they have sent me a flyer, which I have attached to this letter for your information.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend parents evening on Wednesday of this week. I appreciate that some families may not have attended, having just attended their child's annual review and so have an up-to-date picture of their child's progress. I was overwhelmed by the numbers of positive messages from families about how well their children are doing and noticing the difference that both school and residential is making- there is more to come.

It is important to capture the parent voice. It helps school to understand what it is going well and things to further develop in response to parent voice. A questionnaire provides a good vehicle for capturing the parent voice. Please find attached a link to the 2025 parent questionnaire. It should only take a few minutes



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to complete. If you are willing to include your e-mail address, you will be entered into a Prize Draw for a cash prize.

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Hello from Residential

I would like to thank all the parents that collected the young people from Residential on night so they could stay for the celebration disco. They all appeared to have a great night, with lots of dancing going on. Also, a thank you our Residential Governor who also came along to celebrate with us.

Dates for the diary

We have a current year 8 open evening on the 24th of June for the young people who showed an interest for residential.

We also have a family BBQ and achievement evening for all the current young people attending Residential on the 1st of July.

Letters for both events will follow on the first week back after the break.

Have a lovely half term!

Charlene and the Residential team

I wrote to you earlier in the term to share with you that the grandmother of one of our pupils was holding a charity choir evening, with all funds raised being donated to school. The event took place on Friday 9th May. I was able to attend the evening hosted by the Condote singers and had a wonderful time listening to a range of songs from musicals and solos to VE classics in celebration of VE80th anniversary. Sandra, whose idea it was came into school on Thursday to present the proceeds £230. I am so sorry I was not in school to meet you and thank you in person for your kind and thoughtful actions in supporting school-please contact me so I can invite you into school, have a cup of tea and perhaps tour the school. I am hoping the school council at their next meeting can decide how best to use the money to support pupils.

Just a reminder, school closes for the half term break on **Friday 23rd May** and re-opens for pupils on **Monday 2nd June**.

Some key dates for next half term:

Wednesday 4th June	-	5:00-6:00pm Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 13th June	-	Diversity Festival, 10:00-2:00pm.
Friday 4th July	-	Yr11 leavers and Yr13 pupils leave.
Monday 7th July	-	All new September class and timetable start.
Tuesday 22nd July	-	School closes for the Summer break.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term break,

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. McCann
Head Teacher



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