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### **Happy holidays to everyone!**

School's out for summer! Over these last few days, it's been easy to feel the strain that comes with both the hard work of schooling and the extremely hot days we've been having. We wish to thank you all for your understanding and support for the school through these challenges. Happily, the summer break is just around the corner, giving us all a chance to wind down, enjoy some family time, and reflect on the achievements of the last academic year.

Moving into the spring and summer terms of 2022, we've seen COVID-19 restrictions lifted and life return to somewhere near normal. As a result, we've been able to come together for several celebrations and events. Our Reading Breakfast was a great success, with the school community enjoying dedicated time with the children over a hot coffee and a delicious pastry. Reading is such a special activity and one that it is very easy to engage with – just five minutes a day can calm us and help us to grow. We have also welcomed parents into school for Sports Days and out of school for sporting events. The children have worked really hard at these events and have loved participating with their friends – the smiles we see on their faces say it all!

Our recent Jubilee celebrations, summer fete and school discos were highlights for the children. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for all they do for the school with fundraising and organising events like these – something that has certainly been tricky over the last few years. The Jubilee itself was a very special occasion, and the children learned a lot during this time. It was great to see the beautiful displays up at school, consolidating their learning and brightening the setting.

We'd like to thank the children for their hard work this year. Despite the adversity they have faced, they have upheld the school's behavioural values – kindness, respect, effort and listening – and produced some incredible work. We'd also like to thank all the staff who have helped the children in these achievements, as well as helping parents and community members to navigate these difficult times. We are grateful to our headteacher, Mrs Eales, and the senior staff for continuing to push the school forwards, both in terms of academic excellence and the well-being of the children.

At this time of year, there are also some goodbyes. We're sorry to see our Year 6 leaving for new pastures, but we're very proud of them and all they have achieved this year. We wish them, and their parents, the best of luck with their new schools. We hope that they will remember their time at Overstone with fondness, and that it has helped them to get ready for all the adventures to come.

Overstone's Governing Board is a dedicated group of volunteers who share in the leadership of our school and resources. We do much of our work through committees and meetings, but we also spend time in school with pupils, staff and parents, giving us a greater understanding of the school's overall performance. If you want to know more, please email us at [governors@overstone-wing.org](mailto:governors@overstone-wing.org)

Wishing you all a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September 2022!

Warmest wishes,  
The Governing Board