

Wednesday 22nd July

Dear parents,

Well we made it to the end of the school year. I don't know about you but I'm exhausted!

You have all done an amazing job of teaching your children at home under extraordinary circumstances and I hope you have enjoyed spending some extra time together as a family. However, I don't underestimate how difficult it has been for some of you juggling jobs and everything at home and I couldn't be more proud of our extended Beckley School community.

I have enjoyed supporting you and your children over the last 4 months, speaking with you over the phone and looking at what you have achieved together through emails and on PurpleMash. But I am really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school in September and getting back to a more 'face to face' way of teaching. I hope you are too.

I have attached some ideas for the summer holidays should you need them. But I think just playing, resting and reading will be fine (I have included a reading list, it says year 4 but there are some cracking reads there suitable for year 5).

I will check my emails periodically and if you need to get hold of me urgently then you have my telephone number. I won't be logging on to PurpleMash often so if your children have been using it to email their friends they may experience some delay in their emails being approved!

Thank you for everything including your honesty, flexibility and forgiveness when things didn't always go the way I'd hoped. It has been a challenging time but we have all supported each other. I have been touched by the generous gifts and thoughtful words in your cards and emails (even poetry!) and I will continue to make sure that your children make progress and feel happy and safe once we return in September (even those that are moving into Evergreen). They really are wonderful children.

I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays in whatever way you can and that you all remain safe and well.

With love and best wishes,

Sara Grice