



## A Farewell Message From Mrs Bannon

Each year, as I write this letter to you, it is with some sadness as we say goodbye to our Year 6 and members of staff who are leaving, but also with excitement and anticipation for the new academic year when we meet the new families who join the school. This year feels very different as it is my very last letter to you all.

We would like to wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck in their new secondary schools. They have been a very special part of our school community and we have gotten to know each and every one very well, each with their own talents and personalities. Well done to them all on their great achievements and we hope they make the most of the wonderful opportunities ahead of them in secondary school.

We will also be saying goodbye to Ms Carlyle, who is retiring after 19 years at Richard Cobden and Ms Thomas, who, after 10 years here, is also retiring. We want to thank them both for their remarkable contribution to the education profession over the many years they have worked in schools. We particularly want to thank them for their substantial contribution to this school. We wish them a very long and happy retirement.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Marquand, who is leaving to go travelling; Miss Jama, who is moving to a school closer to her home; Mr Norris, who is embarking on teacher training; Miss Kelly and Miss Schache, who are returning to Australia. We want to thank them all for their contribution to Richard Cobden School and we wish them every success in their careers.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Shurety back to Richard Cobden for an additional year after she retired. However, she will be leaving us again in July to retire—again! We have enjoyed having her back in the team this year and we wish her every happiness for the future.

We are welcoming some new members of staff to the teaching team in September. We are delighted to report that Miss K Knowles will be returning to Richard Cobden School after teaching abroad. We will also be joined by Miss Begum, Miss Ranasinha, Miss Shields and Miss L Knowles. We hope you will make them all feel very welcome in our school. They are looking forward to meeting you all.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I hope you have an enjoyable and restful holiday.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all the support you have shown me over the 29 years I have worked at Richard Cobden School. It has been a wonderful experience to have worked at, and been the headteacher of this school. I will take so many cherished memories and friendships with me into my retirement. This is a very special place full of very special people - children, families, staff and governors. I hope and trust that you will all work in partnership with the new leadership team to make sure this school remains the special place it is. It is when everyone is pulling in the same direction that great things can happen. I wish everyone in the Richard Cobden School Community the very best of luck for the future and I look forward to hearing all the wonderful news to come.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Bannon', written in a cursive style.

## Class Parties

It was so lovely to see everyone at our Culture Day event recently. It was particularly nice to see the children dressed in their cultural clothes. **Class parties** will take place on the afternoon of **Tuesday 23rd July**. It will be a non-uniform day; any children who want to wear their cultural clothes are very welcome to do so. We would be grateful for some small contributions of party food (fruit, biscuits, crisps, cakes) for the children to share. Thank you.

### **Peter Pan the Musical**

In their final show, Year 6 gave astounding performances, showing great confidence and talent. Their singing was impeccable and they injected humour and menace in equal measures. Well done to everyone involved in bringing the show to such exuberant life.



## Best Attendance

**W/C : 8th July**

**1 Elm 97.1%**

**6 Iroko 98.2%**



**W/C: 15th July**

**Nursery Laurel and 1 Elm 96.4%**

**6 Iroko 97.5%**

# Term Dates

**MAKE SURE ALL HOLIDAYS OR JOURNEYS ABROAD ARE BOOKED IN SCHOOL HOLIDAY TIME. HOLIDAY LEAVE DURING TERM TIME WILL NOT BE GRANTED.**

## 2024-2025 Term Dates

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Staff INSET Day  | Monday 2nd September 2024                    |
| Staff INSET Day  | Tuesday 3rd September 2024                   |
| Children Return  | Wednesday 4th September 2024                 |
| Half Term        | Mon 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 |
| Children Return  | Monday 4th November 2024                     |
| Last day of term | Friday 20th December 2024                    |

### SPRING TERM 2025

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Staff INSET Day  | Monday 6th January 2025                  |
| Children Return  | Tuesday 7th January 2025                 |
| Half Term        | Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025 |
| Children Return  | Monday 24th February 2025                |
| Last day of term | Friday 4th April 2025                    |

### SUMMER TERM 2025

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Staff INSET Day      | Tuesday 22nd April 2025             |
| Children Return      | Wednesday 23rd April 2025           |
| May Day Bank Holiday | Monday 5th May 2025                 |
| Half Term            | Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025 |
| Children Return      | Monday 2nd June 2025                |
| Staff INSET Day      | Friday 6th June 2025                |
| Last day of term     | Tuesday 22nd July 2025              |



Remember to set your alarm clocks for the first day of school. Children return on Wednesday 4th September at 8:55. **Let's all aim for 100% attendance next year!**