

21st July 2014

Dear Parent and Carer

We have enjoyed working with you over this past school year. Please find attached your son/daughter's end of year report.

There are some staff leaving us at the end of this year and I would like to record my thanks, appreciation and best wishes to them. Joe Kirker, Amy Leech, Georgia Mellors and Tom Williamson are all leaving us this year to start new post graduate courses. Joe, Amy, Georgia and Tom have worked as Teaching Assistants this year and I know they will take their experiences with them to support them in their future training and careers. They have all been superb colleagues and I wish them all the best in the future.

Also leaving are Mr Phil Parker and Mr Phil Willott. Phil Parker is a very valued teacher who has led the PE and Games programmes at Danesgate since he joined us in 2011. Phil has made such a difference to the lives of the young people he has worked with and I know he will be much missed. Phil is moving to a new challenge in the Cayman Islands and we wish him every success and future happiness. Phil Willott joined us as an Assistant Headteacher in June 2013 and has made a huge impact in his short time with us. Phil has led on all aspects of achievement at Danesgate and leaves behind him a legacy which includes the new school website so there will be much to remember him by. Phil is returning to his family area of the East Midlands and has gained a promotion to be Deputy Principal of a new Academy in Nottingham. I wish him every happiness and future success.

Joining us are Mr Chris Nicholls who will be the new Assistant Headteacher for Achievement and Mrs Sarah Clarke who joins us as Assistant Headteacher for Looked After Children and Mr Tommy Kindred who will be the new PE and Games teacher. We are very much looking forward to working with these new colleagues in September.

School calendar for 14//15

Teaching begins on Thursday 4th September. Please find attached important dates for this school year. Please avoid booking any holidays in term time. Thank you.

Parents' and Carers' Day – 3.9.14

There will be a Parents' and Carers' Day on 3.9.14 when you will be able to sit down with your son/daughter and their keyworker. This is a good way to start the school year as it gives us a chance to catch up on what has been happening over the summer holiday and it also ensures you know what your son/daughter's timetable is and what their targets are for the first term and if you have any concerns or queries these can be sorted out. Your son/daughter's key worker will ring you on 1.9.14 to set up a convenient time to meet on 3.9.14. If you cannot make 3.9.14 then your son/daughter will still have their meeting with their keyworker on that day.

School website

If you wish to find any information about Danesgate or wish to email us over the school holiday please go to our website.

www.danesgatecommunity.org.uk

Thank you very much for your support this year. Have a lovely summer.

Best wishes

Tricia Head (Mrs)

Headteacher