



SALEHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROBERTSBRIDGE
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**THE BRIDGE
FEDERATION**
BUILT ON CHRISTIAN VALUES

Compassion, Courage, Friendship, Respect
"Let all that you do be done in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

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Dear Parents and Carers,

No two days in school are ever quite the same and that is one of the things I love most about my role as Headteacher. Every day brings a reason to smile, whether it is celebrating a child's success, hearing an excited story from the playground, watching friendships grow or simply seeing the kindness our children show one another. These moments remind me every day that whilst our children achieve so much academically, it is the compassionate, courageous, respectful and friendly young people they are becoming that makes me proudest of all and also remind me just how privileged I am to be part of such a special school community.

Looking back over this year, I feel incredibly proud of all that our children have accomplished and grateful for the partnership we share with our families, staff, governors, Friends of Salehurst School, volunteers, our church and the wider community. Together, you all help to make our school the special place that it is.

This year has been filled with memorable experiences that have enriched our children's learning far beyond the classroom. In the last term alone, they have explored the natural world through Forest School, visits to Ashdown Forest, Bedgebury and a Falconry experience at school. They've welcomed families into school for our Owls Reading Café and welcomed friends from Darvell to enjoy delicious flapjacks made by our Falcons, returning the generous hospitality that they have shown us over the years. These opportunities have encouraged curiosity, confidence and a sense of belonging.

The final weeks of term have been a wonderful celebration of all that makes our school so special. Healthy Living Week encouraged children to be active, adventurous and resilient, culminating in a fantastic Sports Day where determination, teamwork and encouragement were on display in abundance. It was wonderful to see children supporting one another, celebrating success and showing such enthusiasm throughout the two mornings.

Our community spirit was equally evident at Robfête. It was a joy to see so many families and local residents come together for a traditional summer fête filled with games, crafts, music, dancing and laughter. From the children's talent show to the outdoor theatre, it was a wonderful reminder that our school sits at the heart of a caring and supportive community. Thank you to our Friends of Salehurst School for the tremendous amount of time, energy and enthusiasm they gave to creating such a marvellous event.



For our Year 6 children, these final weeks have been especially significant. Their visits to their new secondary schools have shown just how much courage and maturity they have developed and it has been a pleasure to celebrate them through their wonderful end of year production, School Daze and our moving Leavers' Service in church. They leave us as kind, thoughtful and capable young people and whilst they will be greatly missed, we know they are more than ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. We wish them every happiness and success as they begin the next chapter of their journey.

One of my favourite moments of the final week was opening our classrooms for parents and carers to spend time looking through their children's books together. Seeing children proudly sharing their learning and reflecting on just how far they have come was a wonderful celebration of the progress that has been made, recognising a year of hard work and achievement.

We then finished the year in the most joyful way possible with our whole school Colour Run. Seeing children (and staff!) covered from head to toe in colour, smiling from ear to ear and simply enjoying being together was the perfect way to end the year. My sincere thanks go once again to FoSS for making this memorable event possible.

As we look ahead to September, there is much to be excited about. Our Move-Up Morning gave children the opportunity to meet their new teachers and begin looking forward to the year ahead, whilst behind the scenes we have also been working to further strengthen our curriculum and wider opportunities for children. In recent weeks we have enjoyed collaborating with colleagues at Robertsbridge Community College, being inspired by their successful Reading Buddies programme and we look forward to introducing this and other exciting initiatives in the new school year. It was also a pleasure to welcome Reverend Hugh to lead worship in school for the first time as we continue to strengthen our close connection with St Mary's Church.

One of the things I value most about our school is the relationship we share with our families. Trust is built over time through honesty, openness and working together and I am grateful to the many parents and carers who speak to us, ask questions, celebrate successes and work alongside us when challenges arise. Those conversations and partnerships help us to continue growing as a school community.

Every decision we make is guided by what we believe is in the very best interests of our children. Whilst we may not always get everything perfect, you have my commitment that we will always strive to lead with integrity, equity, compassion and openness. Thank you for placing your trust in us and for allowing us the privilege of being part of your children's lives. When I look around our school, I don't just see classrooms and playgrounds; I see a community where children are known, valued and encouraged to flourish. Thank you for helping us to create that together.

Finally, I would like to thank our wonderful staff. Their commitment, care and dedication extend far beyond the school day and the opportunities our children enjoy are only possible because of the enthusiasm and commitment they bring each and every day.

On behalf of everyone at Salehurst Church of England Primary School, I wish you and your family a happy, restful and safe summer holiday. I hope you enjoy making special memories together and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.

With warmest wishes,



Kate Robertson, Headteacher