

15th July 2022

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying / surviving the glorious weather!

As we end the last full week at Riverside School, we have enjoyed a number of events on all three sites, including Sports Days, Leavers' Celebrations and Secondary Parents' Evenings. We have also shared photos from last week's Prom, Arts Award Celebration and Family Project and we hope you like our photo galleries which can be found at:

<https://www.riversideschool.org.uk/gallery/?pid=3&gcatid=2>.

Our Family Project was a particular highlight this week, with twelve families, representing all three sites, performing "Better Together". On behalf of everyone privileged enough to be in the audience, I would like to say a massive "thank you" to every family who took part in this powerful, impactful and incredibly moving piece of work. Thank you for sharing your special moments, your challenges and for giving us a glimpse into your lives. We look forward to sharing the film with our wider school community in the Autumn Term.

I mentioned in last week's letter that we will be saying goodbye to Kerry Reed, Assistant Headteacher, at the end of term and we will also be saying farewell to Maddi, Stacey R and Sally W. Thank you so much for your contributions to so many children and families over so many years. We will be fully-staffed on all four sites for September, so your children will return to school after the summer break surrounded by wonderful staff, both new and existing, all totally committed to serving them, and yourselves as best we can.

As we enter the final week of term, we are looking forward to Riverfest on all three sites – we will, of course, adapt our planned activities according to the weather and we will also be sharing more photos and films with you before we break up on Thursday. I will say now that you MUST keep your eyes open for our end of term release ... I won't say any more now, but I can promise you it will be worth waiting for.

Have a lovely weekend and with very best wishes,

Steve Solomons
Headteacher