

July 2009

Dear Parents

Please find enclosed your end of term newsletter. We hope you find this, and your child's report which was sent home last week, interesting and informative.

We have had much to celebrate, especially in the last ten days of this term. There have been numerous outings, concerts, sporting events and prize givings. The children and staff have all pulled together and are in need of a deserved rest. My thanks to all our parents and FOW for the support you give us which helps make these events all the more special.

Westbourne continues to move forward and make progress. We are dedicated to provide a first class education for your children which means enabling them to be **the best that they can be**.

The responses you gave us in the recent questionnaire have been considered and taken on board by the management committee. Various issues, e.g. communication, have already been addressed and I encourage you to keep checking our new website to keep up to speed with the developments and changes happening at Westbourne (www.westbourneschool.co.uk). Also if you have any queries about your child's progress etc. please email staff directly using the generic school email address e.g. jhicks@westbourneschool.co.uk

This time of year is a time of celebration, but also inevitably a time to say some farewells:

Jan Hulley, Shirley Reaney, Dennis Dring, Emma Rees, Helen Cross, Ian Bunton are all either retiring or moving to new teaching posts. We wish them all the best.

Several pupils are also leaving at the end of this term and all our S11s look forward to the challenges of higher education. We wish them all the very best and ask that they keep in contact with us through the Old Westbournian network Facebook - The Westbourne School Society Sheff or email - alumni@westbourneschool.co.uk

Finally, although Rosemary Bornand is remaining to teach French, she is retiring from her management position of Head of Senior School at the end of this term. Although we paid tributes after the Music Concert on Tuesday and again today at prize giving, on behalf of the staff, pupils, governors and Old Westbournians I would like to say a big thank you. Rosemary has steered our Senior School over the last ten years from

its inception with only nine pupils to a successful and exciting school where children come to learn, face challenges and develop into well rounded positive young adults.

On a personal level Rosemary has been a huge support to myself. We have worked closely together now for five years and I owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

Please note the school does not close (although during August staffing is limited) during the holidays. Summer School is being held from Monday, 20th July to Friday, 24th July and Broadway Theatre Week is Monday, 27th July to Friday, 31st July. FOW are holding a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday, 2nd September from 10.00am.

I wish you all a pleasant and relaxing holiday with your families and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday, 8th September for the start of the new academic year.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely