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Dear Parents, Guardians and staff,

As we end the school year we say farewell to our Year 6 children, who move onto the next step in their education, and to Mrs Hanlon and Mr Stoeser who both retire this week after many years of dedicated service to our school. I was in school on Thursday morning for a lovely assembly where the whole school thanked Mrs Hanlon and Mr Stoeser for all they have done for the school and wished them both a happy retirement. We also say goodbye to Miss Spicer and wish her well for her forthcoming travels. To all our leavers we send our very best wishes and wish them every success.

The school has had a busy year and performed strongly under Mrs Burnham's leadership in her first year as our headteacher. A Teaching and Learning review by the Xavier CET earlier this term returned very positive feedback on school performance and the governors would like to thank Mrs Burnham and all her staff.

As well as working hard in class and achieving good progress and attainment across the years, the children have put on some fantastic drama and musical productions and have taken part in many sporting activities in and out of school. Other extra-curricular activities have included residential trips for year 4 to Hooke Court, year 5 to High Ashurst and year 6 to France. It was good to hear such positive feedback from staff and instructors about the behaviour of Cardinal Newman children doing these activities. The ethos of our School is evident in all that staff and children do and we, as governors, also experience this whenever we visit the school.

The school continues to benefit from being part of the Xavier MAT through joint teacher training events, greater opportunities for sharing teaching best practice across schools and centralised HR and buildings management support.

The PA continues to provide very welcome and effective support for the school with a great variety of events led by many different people, providing much needed extra funding. Everything the PA does benefits the whole school community and the governors want to thank them all for their very hard work, and in particular, to thank Lorraine Spagatner, Krystyna Norfolk and Melissa Moore as they step down from their leadership roles in the PA this year.

Fundraising will continue to be at the forefront of governors' minds as we continue to be challenged by reducing school funding from central government. I would urge all of you to consider contributing to the Governors fund, if you don't already do so. We use this fund to

maintain the fabric and essential provision for your children's school. The new school minibus, which arrived just after Easter, was jointly funded by the PA and Governors Fund. If you do not currently contribute to the Governors Fund we would be grateful if you could consider a regular contribution, with £5 per month being the recommended basic contribution. A form is available via the office.

As always, we would like to hear your views about the school and your child/ren's experiences and you can give feedback directly to the Governors via my email address srice@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk

In the meantime, I and the rest of the governors wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer holidays and look forward to welcoming you all back next term.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Rice
Chair of Governors