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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Fair on Saturday 15th July

Thank you to everyone who attended the fair last Saturday, whether they were on a stall or just spending some money. We raised **almost £3800** on the day which is just fantastic! The weather started off rather wet but I was so pleased to see the sun appear in the end. We had plenty of help setting up on the Friday evening but not nearly enough on the Saturday morning. We are a very small committee and we really do need so much more help in the future please. In fact, just like at the end of the fair when lots of people joined in to clear up - thank you! My thanks in particular to Gemma and her committee for creating and running such a great event.

Year 6 Leavers

We had a super Leavers' assembly and party after school yesterday evening. The weather was brilliant and the children's assembly was thoroughly enjoyable. There are always a few tears and last night was no exception! I'd like to wish them all the best as they continue their learning up at the 'big school'. Congratulations to the following award winners:

Maths Shield - **Dylan Tombs**

Reading Cup - **Katie Gadsdon**

Writing Cup - **Frankie Bennett**

Teachers' Award - **Charlie Lees , Nikkaedhanaa Arvind and Lucy Churchill**

The Hazell Sport Shield - **William Handley and Lucy Gibbins**

Head Teacher's Award - **Joanna Read and Dan Cowen**

A new award for this year, which has been very kindly donated by Mrs Ayres as a leaving gift, is the Secrets of Success Award was won for the first time by **Holly Stares** and **Jessie Baker**.

Staffing update

Further to my last letter I write with more news about changes to the staffing for next year.

I'm saddened to have to report a further member of the support staff is losing their job through redundancy. **Mrs. Glossop**, who has been working as a Teaching assistant for the last 10 years right across the whole school from the Foundation Stage to the Upper Juniors, will be leaving today. She has also been a lunchtime controller for a number of years. Her

three grown-up children all passed through the school. We'll really miss her sense of humour and the kindness that she always showed to everyone.

You will already know that **Mrs Ayres** will be leaving at the end of the term and taking up the role as Headteacher at Downsway Primary School. It was with mixed feelings that I announced that news a few weeks ago. Next year's staffing structure will not include a Deputy Headteacher role instead this will be replaced by two 'teaching' team leader roles. Following a selection process, I am delighted to be able to confirm that **Miss Aspindale** has been appointed as our new **Infant Team Leader** and that **Mrs Rushent** has been appointed as our **Junior Team Leader**.

After-school club

I can also announce that we have appointed **Mrs Ralston**, formerly a primary school teacher, to the position of **After-school Club Leader** and also **Mrs Jordan**, formerly a Teaching assistant and midday controller here, as the new **After-school Club play worker**. Places for the breakfast club and after-school club can be booked through the school office.

Support staff

There will be several changes to the way we work next year as a direct result of the shortfall in funding. We will need to use all of our staff differently and this will certainly mean a reduction in activities and extra support in the classes. The Teaching assistant hours have been allocated firstly according to the needs of the children on our SEN register and then on more general support which is detailed below. The afternoons will be when the majority of our interventions will run and in turn when a class may not have that extra support.

Foundation Stage – Mrs Everitt and Mrs Winn

Year 1 - Miss Batchelor and Mrs Winn

Year 2 – Mrs Straker

Year 3 – Mrs Nunan

Year 4 –Mrs Syrad

Year 5 – Mrs Maggs

Year 6 – Mrs Mileham

And finally, I would like to wish Mr Hunt and his 'wife to be' all the very best for their wedding day which takes place during the holidays. We all hope that you have a long and happy marriage.

On behalf of all the staff, pupils and Governors I'd like to wish good luck to all our leavers. I hope that everyone has a fantastic summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the new term starting on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. P. Thorne, Headteacher