

7th July 2023

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the last week of term and to update you on other events and activities.

First, a reminder about **Culture Day next Friday, 14th July**. A letter has been sent about this; just a quick reminder that students can pay £1 to wear non-uniform on the day; there will be various activities to celebrate the different cultures at Fearnhill and across the UK throughout the day.

Secondly, on **Thursday 20th July, our annual Summer BBQ** will be held at lunchtime. Information has already been sent about this; do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns as no other lunch will be available in school on that day. This has become a very popular tradition at Fearnhill and we hope as many students as possible will sign up.

Friday 21st **July will be the last day of term and school will end at 12.10pm**. This will be a **House Day** in line with tradition, and as there will be various outdoor activities students should come to school in their PE kit. There will also be an ice cream van in school and students may wish to bring cash to buy an ice cream during the morning.

Sadly, at this time of year we have to **say goodbye** to those staff who are moving on to new challenges. This year, we are saying farewell to Mr Dewar and Mrs Castle from the science department, Ms Taffe from design and technology, Ms Hughes from humanities and Ms Meechan from maths. All of these colleagues are moving to different life challenges; we wish them well and thank them for their service and support over the years. They will always be part of the Fearnhill family. As you know, I am also retiring after eight years leading Fearnhill and I am delighted that Tim Spencer, our current deputy head, will be taking over the role of headteacher from September. He will be writing to you separately about arrangements for the start of next term.

Finally, I just need to thank everyone for the support and hard work during this year. Everyone deserves a restful and happy summer holiday. Fearnhill is looking forward to next term, when we are delighted to be welcoming an even larger number of excited Year 7 students who have chosen to be part of the Fearnhill journey. Our school is growing and our **Open Evening on Thursday 14**th **September at 6pm** will be a great opportunity for everyone to come and see our work. Check out the latest edition of Fearnfile <u>link</u> and follow us on facebook and twitter to stay updated on life here at the school.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us at <u>admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk</u> with any queries you may have.

Yours faithfully

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