



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of the Summer Term

The end of the year is approaching quickly at Atlantic Academy and what a year it has been. We've had the pleasure of welcoming a new cohort of parents in our Reception classes this year who have slotted into our Atlantic community wonderfully, yet sadly we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 parents as their children embark on new adventures in our Secondary phase.

We've seen another truly unbelievable year that has only been manageable with the support of our wonderful community and families. Thank you so much for supporting us along the way. This year we've seen lockdowns, [wonderful students](#), [Friday challenges](#), [World Book day](#), [virtual nativity plays](#), Science tasks, [May Fairs](#), [Careers weeks](#), [daily miles](#), [Pantomimes](#), [dance day](#), [Sports day](#), school trips and [ample newsletters!](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all our amazing staff at Atlantic, from our teaching teams to site staff, catering and cleaning teams and support staff to name a few. Without the hard work and commitment of these amazing people who go above and beyond every day we wouldn't have seen our school grow from strength to strength over the past year.



Sadly, we have a few staff members who are leaving us at the end of the term. **Mr Dawson** will be setting off on a new adventure of retirement at the end of the year. Having taught for the past 29 years and having spent 25 of them on the island I know Mr Dawson has been such a vital part of our school and the Portland community. He's had the wonderful opportunity of having taught multiple generations on Portland and I know there is a long line of students and parents who can talk of fond memories of his years working here and the opportunities he has provided to develop and drive education on Portland. I know you will join me in wishing Mr Dawson every happiness in his retirement, he will be sorely missed at Atlantic

In addition **Miss J Chant** will also be leaving us. It's been wonderful to have her for the last 2 years teaching in Year 1 and working at Atlantic and we wish her every happiness in her future career. Finally **Miss Sherrell** has spent the last year working

as a Teaching Assistant at Atlantic and we are very proud to share that she is starting her teacher training in September; we know she will become an amazing teacher and wish her every luck in the future.

We do however welcome back a number of staff members. As many of you will have seen, **Mrs Hill** has returned to school following Maternity leave. In addition to her Deputy Head role she will also be our SENCo from September. **Miss Cornell** also returns to Atlantic Academy in September and is looking forward to getting back in the classroom with her Year 4 Class. Finally we are pleased to announce that **Mrs Savage** will be joining us in September as a new Teaching Assistant in Year 4. We can't wait to have her as part of the team.

We are incredibly proud of everything Atlantic has achieved this year and couldn't have done any of it without our fantastic teachers, students, parents and community. Have a wonderful summer and see you all in September.

Yours sincerely



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