

## Farewell From Mrs Barton



WITH great sadness, my time at Ashford draws to a close this week. As many of you will know, it has not been the journey I had anticipated at the beginning of the academic year. From September, my husband begins a two-year work assignment in Singapore, so I have made the very difficult decision to step back from the headship of Littleton and Ashford. I am

pursuing a new adventure and I will become an independent education consultant and coach moving forward.

I have absolutely loved my time at Ashford. It is a very special learning community; the staff team and governors have been wonderful to work with, they are highly committed and determined that the school community develops, grows and continually improves. Everyone at Ashford holds the children at the heart of all decisions and I have been proud to have been a part of this. This is a true testament to the integrity and professionalism of each and every one of them. I know that the school will go from strength to strength next year with the strong leadership structure that has been established and with the school Christian vision at its core.

Your children are a complete blessing and it has been wonderful to see them flourish and grow in their resilience and as fantastic learners during the year. There are many unique elements to being a Church of England school, but at the core is our Bible verse from Philippians 4v13; *'I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.'*

The Ashford community will remain in my heart and prayers as this year draws to an end and as you move forward with positivity and confidence to the new year in September.

Wishing each and every one of you every blessing for a restorative summer break and for the future.

Mrs Barton

## Dates for the diary



- 21st July—**INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 24th July— 31st August **SUMMER HOLIDAY— SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 1st September—**INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 4th September—**INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 5th September— Children return to school
- 5th—8th September—Home visits for new Reception children
- 11th September— New Reception children start school

## It's Goodbye to them...

THE end of the academic year is always bittersweet, as we say goodbye to some staff and children. So it's goodbye to Miss Orton and Miss Knox who are both going to continue their careers in other schools. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Steer who has been at ACE for many years and is leaving for some well earned retirement. We also said goodbye earlier this term to Miss Harries who has moved from the Ashford area. We hope you will all be very happy and wish you luck for your new ventures.

## ... and Hello to these!

WE are extending a big warm welcome to ACE to 2 new teachers, Mrs Dearman who will be teaching Meerkat Class and Mrs O'Brien who will be teaching Panda Class.

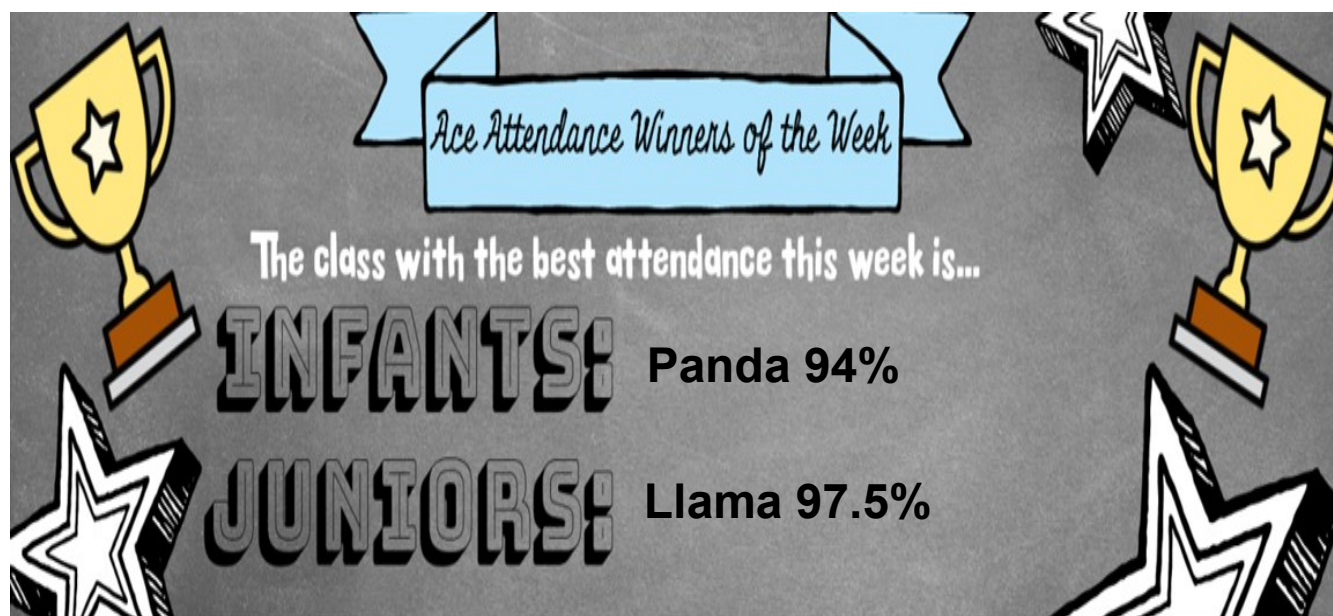
In addition we have 2 new TLA's who have actually been with us for sometime but will be a permanent fixture from September and they are Miss Fabian who will be working with Year 5 and Miss Pyke who will be working with Year 4.

We are sure you will join us in making them part of the ACE family

# Going for Gold

A big well done to all the Gold Award winners for your outstanding behaviour and respectfulness. Keep up the good work!

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dennis A<br>Koala Class  | Zoey K<br>Kangaroo Class  | Edward F<br>Panda Class     | Finley L<br>Tiger Class   | Hugo W<br>Zebra Class   |
| Betsy B<br>Giraffe Class | Miriam D<br>Meerkat Class | Hannah H<br>Lemur Class     | Belle U<br>Elephant Class | Esther C<br>Rhino Class |
| Ella H<br>Buffalo Class  | Lilah B<br>Llama Class    | Maddison R<br>Panther Class | Zahra MP<br>Leopard Class |                         |





# Goodbye Year 6

SO long Year 6! The whole of the ACE community wish you luck as you go on the next part of your journey. Work hard and make us proud! Have an amazing Summer and enjoy your new schools.

