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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding academic year, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff at Penshurst and the wider organisation, to sincerely thank you for your continued support. It is truly appreciated and makes a real difference to everything we do.

I am delighted to share that Mrs Chrissie Shiels has been appointed as the new Headteacher of Penshurst. Mrs Shiels will officially take up the role in September, bringing with her six years of valuable experience from her first headship. She has already spent time visiting the school and has begun to build relationships with both staff and children. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her more fully into the Penshurst community.

Today also marks the end of an era, as we say farewell to Mrs Preston. Her contribution to Penshurst over many years has been exceptional. From classroom teacher to Head of School, her dedication to the children, staff, families, and wider community has been unwavering. It's not often you meet someone with such deep-rooted commitment to their school, and I know many of you will join me in wishing her the very best as she moves into her new role at our sister school, Keyingham Primary.

We also say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 children. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time at Penshurst and know they will continue to thrive as they take their next exciting step into high school.

It is important we acknowledge our volunteer Governing Body who have contributed their time and expertise to support the school this year under the leadership of Dean Grainger. Their involvement ensures the school provides the best educational opportunities for our children. Thank you.

Finally, I wish all of our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break. Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Regards,

David Waterson
Executive Director of Education