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HEADTEACHER UPDATE Dear Parents and Carers, As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the wonderful experiences, achievements and memories that have filled the final few weeks of term. We have been incredibly proud to celebrate the success of our annual Science Fair, which showcased the curiosity, creativity and scientific thinking of our pupils. The quality of the projects on display was outstanding and it was wonderful to see so many children sharing their enthusiasm for science with confidence and pride. Our school production, Darwin Rocks!, was simply amazing. The talented cast, singers and performers entertained audiences brilliantly and the production was a wonderful example of teamwork, dedication and creativity. Another memorable event was Sports Day, where pupils demonstrated not only athletic skill and determination but also excellent sportsmanship and support for one another. It was fantastic to see everyone taking part with such enthusiasm and enjoying the occasion together. Our pupils have also enjoyed a range of exciting educational experiences. Year 6 had an unforgettable visit to Quarry Bank Mill, bringing their learning to life through hands-on experiences and historical exploration. Meanwhile, Year 5 were fully immersed in history through their exciting Mayan Virtual Reality experience, which gave them a fascinating insight into the world of the ancient Maya and captured their imaginations. A particular highlight for Year 6 was their Condover Hall residential. The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the trip, displaying resilience, teamwork, independence and a willingness to challenge themselves. They represented the school superbly and created memories that will stay with them for many years to come. The recent hot weather has certainly tested us all, but I would like to commend our pupils for the mature and sensible way they have responded. They have adapted brilliantly to the conditions, ensuring they remained hydrated, followed guidance and continued to demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning. As we reach the end of the school year, we will also be saying goodbye to three valued members of staff. Ms Powers leaves us to begin the next chapter of her professional life. During her time at Penkridge Middle School, she has made a significant impact on the lives of so many pupils and colleagues. Her dedication, care and commitment will be greatly missed and we thank her for everything she has contributed to our school community. Mr Meir will be retiring after many years of outstanding service to Penkridge Middle School. His contribution to the school has been immense and he has positively influenced countless pupils throughout his career. We thank him for his dedication and wish him every happiness in a long and well-deserved retirement. We also say farewell to Mrs Finlayson, who is relocating. In her role as Learning Support Mentor, she has provided invaluable support to many children and families, helping pupils overcome challenges and achieve success. Her compassion, commitment and positive influence will be greatly missed. It was a pleasure to welcome Ofsted into our school and to have the opportunity to showcase the incredible learning, care and community that make our school so special. We look forward to sharing the full report in the new term, but the inspectors saw first-hand what we already know, that our pupils, staff and wider school community make this a truly amazing place to learn and grow. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Most importantly, I would like to thank our wonderful pupils, whose enthusiasm, kindness and hard work make Penkridge Middle School such a special place. We wish all our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.  Mr Grocutt				WHAT'S COMING UP <table><tr><td>w/b 13th July</td><td>No after school clubs</td></tr><tr><td>17th July</td><td>1pm School finish</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Sept</td><td>First day of term</td></tr></table> PMS-PUPIL SUCCESS Congratulations to Clark (5SST), who was awarded Stafford Rugby Club's Players' Player Award, voted for by his teammates.  Kam has continued his gymnastics success by winning both the Millennium Shield Match and a club competition against older competitors.  Tate helped Brewood Juniors U14 win their tournament at Brereton Town.  Well done to Luke, Jack and Ace (Year 7) for completing the Penkridge Fun Run at PMS.  Finally, congratulations to Kirsten, who recently won silver and gold medals at county championships, achieving almost perfect scores in both competitions. 		w/b 13 th July	No after school clubs	17 th July	1pm School finish	2 nd Sept	First day of term
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