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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the last day of term and this marks the completion of my first year here at Watlington. I wanted to say "Thank you" to everyone; parents, staff, governors and pupils, who have been so supportive of everything we have achieved so far in our drive for school improvement.

A year is a short space of time, but already I am confident we are on our way to where we'd like the school to be. There is still much that the staff and I want to do, but as a team, but we are determined make achieve our goals.

So many positive things have happened this term and I have been so impressed with the pupils' attitude towards their learning and their determination during assessments recently. We must offer our congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 girls who attended a Netball competition at Lynnsport this week, all pupils who have received regular readers, 100% attendance and most improved certificates in our end of term assembly. Also to all our fabulous dancers who danced in the school of Dance performance of the The Nutcracker, it was a pleasure to see so many of our pupils on stage and how very hard they worked. Thank you for Rev David and Barbara who last minute moved the Easter Service to school to avoid the downpour. The pupils sang the hymns beautifully.

Today, we say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Tiffin, our amazing cook as she retires. We wish her a very long and happy retirement, one which is well deserved.

In other notices, afterschool clubs will be on ParentPay for the summer term, please sign up there. Clubs next term will be:

- Monday – Dance with Miss Ella
- Tuesday – KS1 Craft Club, Football with Mr Porter
- Wednesday – Archery
- Thursday – KS2 Craft Club

After-school tuition also returns after the holiday, class teachers will invite pupils individually to these sessions.

The summer term is always busy with statutory assessments for many year groups. For your information here are the dates for these assessments, please make every effort to ensure your child attends school during these times.

- Year 6 SATs 9<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May, we will be offering SATs breakfast club to Y6 pupils during that week, more information to follow.
- Year 4 Multiplication Times Table check (online) – between 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 2 SATs – throughout May
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – week of 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 2 Phonics Resit (for pupils who did not reach the required pass mark in Year 1) – 12<sup>th</sup> June

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Chapman

**Headteacher**