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Dear all,

What a busy and productive year we have had at Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing Rebecca Cheetham as the place for your child to grow and make progress before they journey to Reception.

It's been a busy Summer term with our annual seaside trip to Leigh-on-Sea, which was a wonderful traditional excursion to the sea, showing families just how simple and relatively quick it can be to get to the beach by public transport. Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us and allowed the trip to happen. We hope that you had a wonderful time with your children and fellow nursery parents.

Our Fiesta Fun Day was a resounding success and I couldn't be more proud of my wonderful team for the tireless time spent getting the event organised behind the scenes to bring joy and happiness to our community. We hope that you all had a great time; it's a fantastic opportunity for us all to get together and enjoy a wonderful time with our children.

The Leaver's Ceremony was a very emotional and moving event and we are so thrilled with the wonderful performances put on by the children leaving us for Reception. The final result was a culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication from the classroom teams and a great deal of practice from the children. The classrooms showcased singing, dancing, signing, yoga, pilates, retelling of stories, oracy skills and the greatest skill of working together. The children were really brave with relatively few tears and some wonderful performances. Thank you to all the classroom staff for their hard work getting the children prepared for the day and to all the team members who dropped everything to help walk the children to the venue.

Don't forget that we have taken some wonderful "graduation" photos of your children, in the traditional cap and gown. If you would like to purchase the images (which will be emailed to you so you can print them out at whatever size you like) please come into the front office and have a look and make your selections. The prices are: 1 photo = £5, 2 photos = £8 and 3 or more photos = £10.

As I write this to you, the last of the end-of-year parties are being held and the children are having a lovely time; it's a great way to come together with their friends with a joyous atmosphere as the children say goodbye to their friends and adults for the next part of their journey. Although we are sad to say goodbye to some, we are also very excited to welcome back our continuing children in September.

The last day of the year is Thursday 20th July 2023 whereby we will close for two weeks for ALL children and then re-open for our extended day children from Monday 7th August 2023 through to Thursday 31st August. We will be closed on Friday 1st September and Monday 4th September 2023 for two INSET days where all staff will be in training. The school year officially opens to our children on Tuesday 5th September 2023 and we will be so excited to see all your children again.

If you are looking for something to do with your children over the summer, some of the swimming schools in Newham are offering intensive swimming lessons over the holidays. I thought I would share the details here:

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=703&type=pdf>

We do have an Amazon book wishlist if you would like to contribute. We will put a sticker inside the book telling everyone that you contributed to our love of reading. You can view the wishlist here: <https://amzn.eu/9GqoZ87>

We wish those children that are leaving us all the very best wishes as they make their way to Primary school; be brave, dive into every opportunity that comes your way and think of us often as we will miss you very much. You're always welcome back to visit and tell us how things are going at your new school.

We have had some truly wonderful feedback from so many of you and your words are very heartily welcomed and accepted. Working in schools and childcare is hard and emotional vocational work and we have a remarkable team at Rebecca Cheetham. If you want to share your love and positivity, we would love you to please consider leaving us a Google Review.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break and thank you, once again, from all of us at Rebecca Cheetham.

With all the best wishes,

Rohan Allen

Headteacher