

Huxley CE Primary School Newsletter



*With God's
love we can fly*

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Schools Out For Summer...

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't quite believe it is the end of the school year and what an end to the year it was!

Little did I know that we would end the last week having had a visit from Ofsted to fit in as well as all of the other usual end of term activities/madness!

As I have already mentioned to some of you at the Leavers Assembly, as last time, we are unable to share with you the findings of the Ofsted monitoring visit until the official report has been released. Due to the timings of the inspection being in the last week of term and the summer holidays having now started, this will now mean it won't be published until mid-September. All I can say to you is we look forward to sharing the outcomes of the inspection with you when it arrives.

It was lovely for us, as a staff, to share with the inspector how far we have come but also for us to reflect on the past 18 months and the journey we have been on. The unbelievable and overwhelming support of you, our parents, this week has meant so much to us and simply 'blew us away'. Your flowers, banners and kind words both verbally on the gates but also on the parent feedback questionnaires were so lovely and I would like to offer my personal thanks for this- it meant a lot! I am pleased to report that 100% of our parents on the publically visible part of the parent questionnaire said they would recommend this school -what better way to end a school year! Thank you!

Despite the busyness of this last week, so much fun was had. Our Year 6's had two leavers events- one at the church – thank you to Rev Rhodes and Mac leading on this whilst I was otherwise engaged in the inspection- the children really enjoyed their afternoon. And another one at school on Wednesday. In the church the children all wrote about what is special about their school on petals which uncurled and floated in water. See our Facebook page and St Peter's Parish Church, Hargrave page for some examples of what they wrote- it was beautiful. Back in school on Wednesday, the children had their leavers assembly complete with the first showing of the annual comedy wigs leavers video. If you have not seen it yet, head over to our Facebook page. It has already been viewed 430 times! We had so much fun putting it together. The children also received some heart-warming messages from staff and pupils and shared their own memories and thoughts on Huxley. The children's own words were so powerful- so moving to hear. There wasn't a dry eye in the school! They have been a superb Year 6 and true role models to their peers, encapsulating all that makes 'Huxley'- wonderfully kind, caring, thoughtful pupils who demonstrate the Huxley High 5Rs in all they do- they are reflective, responsible, resilient, resourceful and are able to reason. We are incredibly proud of them and they should be too!

Our year has been so eventful with so many changes, developments and successes to celebrate. It is easy to forget, with the pace of school life being as it is, how much we have done as a school community. Below I have included a month by month picture reminder of some of the 'extra' events on top of the curriculum that have taken place but there are so so many more than this. We have been so busy!

We always hold a care in the Community Project each term and this year we have been able to raise money, awareness and support for three charities – National Autistic Society, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and the Children's Hospital Charity. Thank you so much for your support and donations!

In terms of the progress data for our children from start point to now, it astounds me how far our children have come. Not just academically but social and emotionally. You know I am a huge believer in 'Maslow before Bloom' – ensuring that all children's social and emotional needs are met first – a happy, cared for child, whose needs are met, whose voice is heard, who feels understood, who feels/experiences a connection are always going to thrive better educationally. The sense of belonging at our school is strong and this is integral to our ethos. Our academic performance this year has also been strong as a result of this. Our outcomes are 80% GLD (Good Level of Development) at EYFS, KS1- 100% Maths, 60% Reading, KS2 SATs- 75% GPS (with 25% High Level), 75% Reading (with 50% at Higher Level) 63% writing and 63% maths (with 13% Higher Level). As well as this our attendance has *really* improved as a school and this has been noticeable for both Full Time and Flexi children – thank you all for your efforts in this!

Obviously also in the past few weeks we have heard some positive news about the future of the school too and I am extremely pleased and excited about what is to come for Huxley. Obviously as stated in the letter, we are not quite there yet but it is looking extremely likely that there will be a positive outcome to all of the discussions that have been had.

For those families who have been here for the whole two years, it has been such a journey and I am thankful for all of your support but also for staying with us throughout this and supporting us on the journey. I received a letter on Friday that was heart-warming to read about the transition for some families to flexi and the 'unknown' that it brought with it but how they now fully embrace and support this approach and thanked staff for their passion, care and hard work. For me, it is all about the partnership however- A wonderful partnership between all stakeholders- children, staff, volunteers, IEB, Community, Church, external agencies, parents and families that makes Huxley work. So may I take this opportunity to *thank all of the above* in sharing our vision and values for the school and helping to create the special place that is Huxley C.E. Primary School.

Thank you all for your staff hamper too. Wow- what a hamper it was too! So many goodies- the staff did get a little too excited in the staffroom on Thursday (Max was witness to this and was giggling at us all!) We have bagged up some for Mrs Dickens too which brings me on to my final words- to send our love and prayers to Mrs Dickens who was unable to spend the last part of term with us and I know she was so disappointed to have missed it all. She is at home on strict bed rest now until her little boy arrives... take care Mrs Dickens... feet up...we can't wait to meet your little one!

Right, you'll be glad to have a break from my newsletters for a while I am sure!

I hope you all have a restful summer with lots of family time and fun. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 5th September (Monday is an INSET- staff only)

Once again thank you,

Mrs Gourley







Last words from Coco and Sparkle who have now gone on their own summer holidays...

