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NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2022

What a fantastic end to the year we have had, for once the British weather has been a challenge with too much heat rather than too much rain but despite that we have managed to hold our Jubilee event, sports days, Summer Concert and summer fayre, all enjoyed by families, children and staff.

The children have all worked hard in their learning and everyone is making great progress and showing stronger resilience, compassion, respect and love towards one another as we continue to learn, love and live together. We are proud that our children are developing into responsible global citizens.



Summer Fayre – message from the FSA

We hope you all really enjoyed the summer fayre on Friday. It was so lovely to see so many people having fun especially the children, as for many it will have been their first one. Your support raised a total of £1169.50 with a couple of donations still to collect so a very big thank you to you all! Winners of the raffle and games have been notified by ParentMail and hopefully all prizes now collected from the office.

We wish you all a very happy summer break. Best wishes FSA

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the summer fayre such an amazing success. Mrs Pratt and her team are amazing and their hard work and vision led to an event which was great fun and a fantastic celebration of our wonderful school community. We really appreciate all your hard work.

As I write we are preparing to say goodbye to pupils and staff moving on at the end of this year, we send our love and best wishes for a bright and successful future. We know you will continue to flourish and achieve your dreams.

The year finishes on Friday with our Y6 leavers service which promises to be memorable and a celebration of all they have achieved, they will be missed.

I hope you all have a peaceful and restful Summer.

As always our pupils have been busy Learning Loving and Living as we have taken every opportunity this term. We have focussed on fairness with our unit of learning linked to Conservation. The children are ready for living life with compassion and fairness and the teachers are keen to update you on each phases' highlights from this term.

Explorers Summer News



We have had an amazing final term of our first year at school! We continued our topic, 'Help is at Hand', learning about different people who help us in our community and how we can help others too. We had Mr Watts to visit us and talk about the role of a firefighter and answering our many questions. We also learnt about calling 999 if we needed emergency help too. Our final topic of the year was 'No place like home!'. We loved learning about different types of homes, making dens and designing dream homes. We went on a visit to Belton House, where we looked for animal homes too. Finding dragon flies by the pond and spiders in the plants inside the Orangery were a highlight. There were many mole hills too! We learnt a lot about our Queen as we prepared to celebrate her Platinum jubilee. We sang our National Anthem, designed crowns and shared a picnic with our friends to mark the occasion. Watching the life cycle of a butterfly was another highlight of this term – nature is truly amazing and wowed us as we observed the changes taking place. With Sports day, we exhibited our super team spirit and physical skills and in our class assembly, we were able to share how we have grown and changed through our first year at school. With our Summer Fayre and Summer music concert, we rounded off the year with fun events that we were excited for. What a fabulous first year at school! Well done, Explorers! You are truly amazing and so ready for Year 1! Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Pathfinders Summer News

Pathfinders have made it to the end of their first full year in school and what a wonderful year it has been! This summer term has been very busy and it has been wonderful to get back to normal and take part in all our end of year celebrations. We had lots of fun celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with games, crafts and a whole school sing-a-long. Sports Day was a great success and we were really proud of all the



children taking part in a range of traditional games and races. The children very much enjoyed sharing their learning in the Music Concert and it was wonderful to see so many of you at the Summer Fair.



We were disappointed to have to postpone our visit to Twycross Zoo but are excited to get back together again to do this trip on Monday 19th September. This term the children have been learning all about conservation, including writing a non-chronological report on Big Cats and a poem called 'If I were in charge of the world'. We definitely have some politicians of the future in our midst!



Adventurers Summer News

Year 3/4 have had a jammed packed term enjoying a wide range of learning experiences. All classes started the new term with 3 circle time sessions led by Phil Bence from Family action, which taught the children strategies for dealing with playground disputes while focusing on the core skills of concentrating, thinking, listening, speaking and looking.



Later in the week, the children then had the invaluable opportunity to learn how to deliver CPR.



The Year 4 children had the pleasure of attending the Mini Olympics, where they not only had an amazing time participating in many sporting events but they also won the best banner competition.

As part of DT, the Year 3 children were taught by Darren from Roots to Food, how to chop, slice, whisk, stir, steam and fry, which resulted in the delicious dish of Teriyaki chicken stir fry.



The Year 3 children also attended Belvoir Cricket tournament, where they learnt how to bat, bowl and field as well as meeting a few birds of prey.



Both year groups have been enjoying learning about our conservation topic Under the Canopy and have designed and created some wonderful rainforest biomes and toys for tribal children – thank you for your support in sending in so many resources!

After such a busy term they are truly ready for their well-earned summer break.

Navigators Summer News



Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Hill Holt Wood. They learnt about sustainability, conservation and enjoyed a variety of workshops including: fire-lighting, den-building, tree identification and (the one they enjoyed the most) pond-dipping!



The year 6 children had the opportunity to develop their cooking skills with Darren from Roots to Food. They made a fantastic Teriyaki chicken stir fry. They learnt how to chop, slice, whisk, stir, steam and fry.



Linking to our 'C' of conservation, we enjoyed a renewable energy workshop. The children explored how wind power can be used to run an electrical circuit and made their own windmills.

All of the children worked extremely hard to put together our fantastic performance – Pirates of the Curry Bean!

The play was enjoyed by all who watched it and the children should be proud of the amazing job they did.



Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Lincoln Cathedral for the Church Schools' Festival. During the day, they participated in a choral workshop, designed panes for a stained-glass window and enjoyed a tour of the cathedral, where they learnt all about the Lincoln Imp.

Resilience – the ability to be able to bounce back and to adapt well to life's challenges.

As I look back over this year, I think this of all our values is the one I have seen shining through. In a year that has again been so uncertain, everyone has had to continually adapt and, while there is still lots more work and catching up to do, it is clear that progress has been made. It has been a year of implementing change: from vision and values and curriculum to many other aspects of school life. With the initial changes over, it is exciting to see where we can go from the foundation that has been laid.

If you would like to join the governors and be a part of the school's leadership during the challenges ahead, I would encourage you to get in touch through the office. There will be a parent governor election in the autumn so look out for notification of that, but there are also other vacancies as well and a chance to become part of the governing board that seeks to support and challenge our staff in driving forward the improvement of the school.

We say goodbye to our Y6's and wish them well. We also say goodbye to two members of staff: Mrs Mel Cameron who has been with us for part of this year and Mrs Diane Smith who has given many years of service to our school. We thank each for their contribution to our community.

It has been good to be able to get into school more as the year has gone by and so great to be able to end the year with our Y5/6 performance and an outdoor music concert – new for us this year but hopefully the beginning of a new tradition.

In considering resilience, I was reminded of something God said to a group of people who needed to 'bounce back' from wrong choices: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love'. It is in that unbreakable love that God's people so often find the strength to come back. As we in our learning and living seek to underpin everything in love, my prayer is that our community has a restful summer break and comes back in September in the full confidence of the support of one another for whatever challenges 2022/23 will bring along.

Michael Buckeridge
Chair of Governors