

# **Dear Parents/Carers**

This is the FINAL newsletter for this academic year! Where did that year go? As ever, it has been a year of hard work with some wonderful outcomes to celebrate: a very strong OFSTED report, which has now set us on our pathway and journey to an outstanding future judgement, an outstanding SIAMs (church school inspection report) and SATs, phonics and EYFS results to be proud of. Today of course, your child also brings home their end of year report. You too can celebrate with them all their individual achievements.

Thank you for a great year. Thank you for being a part of it. My thanks to our dedicated staff who as ever give 100% and more of their best to ensure the happiness, wellbeing and full potential realised of each and every child. We have something very special at Hartlip School.

I think it is fair to say that we are all in need of a rest. Tired children, tired parents and tired staff! It is good to have a break from the daily routine. So enjoy a relaxing time with your families. A time to recharge and refresh. Stay safe and I shall look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September



## Good bye and Good luck!

The week has been one of 'goodbye and good luck' to our year 6 children: Abigail, Izzy, Harriet, Elisha, Elijah, Matthew, Jack, Jess, Lucas, Shernade, Ryan, Henry, Phoenix, Freddie and Joey. A huge thank you to them and their families for all that they have brought and shared in our school community. They are ready for the next stage in their learning journey. We are proud of each and every one of them, a credit to our school and their families.

We look forward to sharing special times with them in the next few days, beginning with the traditional Leavers' Service this evening and then a Leavers' Banquet Lunch on Wednesday. Special times. Times to treasure and remember.



## **Shakespeare Rocked!**

Eagles Class treated us to an amazing performance of Shakespeare Rocks. They performed for us at The Avenue Theatre. This is such an amazing opportunity for children to perform and shine beyond the school environment. And shine they did. Thank you Eagles for an amazing production. Thank you to Mrs Hunt, Mrs Burrows, Mrs Herbert and Mrs White for all your hard work in making it happen. I wonder what Mrs Hunt will choose for next year?









#### **TONIGHT: Leavers Service**

This takes place at 7pm in Church. Leavers have brought home blazers and ties and should wear this with winter uniform: grey trousers/shirts, white shirt, white socks, black shoes. Please remember a small posy for our Act of Remembrance at Mary Gibbon Tomb. Leavers and their families will meet for canapes on the lawn from 6pm. All children including choir should meet staff at 6.45pm. The Service begins in the Church Yard and moves in to Church. All members of the school community are welcome to join us

### **Leavers Banquet Lunch**

This takes place TOMORROW. We are trying something different this year. A buffet lunch al fresco on the front lawn. This is an opportunity for year 6 to bring invited guests to join staff, Governors and Trustees to enjoy lunch together. We hope for dry weather!



### **Gate arrangements**

We have tried lots of different things this year. As the option of zig zag lines and double yellow lines are not a feasible option in a conservation area, we use our own temporary and moveable cones. We have trialled a one way system, agreed amongst ourselves. This cannot be enforced and was reliant on us all keeping to an agreement. School cannot get involved in matters of dispute or enforcement. The intended aim in all scenarios though is something that we are all passionate about and that is the safety of our children. Parents with concerns are advised to inform the police. As a result of this advice being followed you may have noticed our PCSOs patrolling in the mornings. This was as a result of reports of the cones being moved for the parking convenience of parents, cones being knocked over and driven over (meaning that this could have been a child) and most alarmingly parents driving off at a high speed and whilst on a mobile phone. Please do work together to keep our children safe.

#### Other safeguarding arrangements

Please also be aware that whilst you may like to stop and watch your child at play from the church yard and orchard, you may not be recognisable to a passer-by/another parent as a member of the school community. This is therefore a safeguarding issue and could result in a report to the police. Certainly our staff are all rained to take such action for the safety of our children. So again, please do ensure that you act in accordance to safeguarding procedures and do not place yourself in a position whereby the police could be questioning your actions.

#### **Lost Property:**

There have been many items of school uniform and clothing left around school and in classrooms. It has been placed in the lost property box (which is now overflowing). It will be placed on the playground for the final day TOMORROW. Please reclaim your children's clothing. Anything not claimed by the end of the year will be washed and donated to charity.

**Diary Dates**: The diary is attached for your convenience. Please note that we have started to add dates for the next academic year. This includes staff development days. Please keep it safely for reference.

# **Uniform Sales – Sweatshirts and Cardigans**

In response to the comments and views from parents in relation to uniform, we are moving towards an online ordering system. This has been set up with Tesco F&F clothing initially for sweatshirts, cardigans, PE bags and satchels. The prices are cheaper than our current supplier, the quality is a good mix of cotton and polyester and can be tumble dried! We have also included embroidered polo shirts. It is still perfectly acceptable for the children to wear plain polo shirts, especially in the cooler months when a sweatshirt or cardigan is worn over the shirt. However, some parents have mentioned that in the summer months when sweatshirts/cardigans are not worn so much, that it is nice for the logo to be on the polo shirts. It is an option only, not essential.

#### How will this work?

In your information pack there is a flyer from F&F which explains it all. Go to the website: <a href="www.tesco.com/ues">www.tesco.com/ues</a> and select Hartlip Endowed CE Primary School from the list and you will see the customised items you can buy. As our current stocks of uniform in school diminish, we will roll out more options, such as fleeces and coats, PE t-shirts etc. However, for the time being we do still have lots of these in stock so please continue to order these through school on the order form in the entrance lobby.

There will be a transitional period of course and please do bear with us. We have ordered a small supply of the Tesco embroidered uniform in various sizes of sweatshirts and a few cardigans so that parents can try the sizes but these will be sold to parents on a first come, first served basis now and at the beginning of the new term. As a guide, the Tesco brands come in age-related sizes eg. 5/6yrs, 6/7rs etc. and so comparison with our current sweatshirts which are in sizes, 28",30" 32" etc. is a little tricky. Tesco's delivery time is up to 28 days, depending on the time of year (although our order came very quickly within 7-days) and so parents will need to plan ahead.

As well as the uniform being cheaper, parents earn clubcard points, there are free returns and the school will receive a 5% cash donation – so hopefully win, win all round.

# **Arrangements for TOMORROW are as follows:**



- Normal morning in school
- Lunchtime: Banquet Lunch (Year 6 leavers and invited guests) Friday chip menu for everyone else!
- 2pm: End of Academic Year Worship in Church
- We will be supporting project SALS SHOES

There are 300 million children in the world for whom walking with shoes is a rarity. This makes them extremely vulnerable to infection by parasites, such as hookworm; while injuries to the feet and ankles can lead to ulcers and other conditions which are almost always left untreated. Without shoes, many children are not permitted to attend school.

- Wear to Church a pair of shoes that you will take off and leave behind to donate to children not so fortunate as us. We will walk back to school in bare feet to acknowledge all the children that do this daily. It may be a good idea to bring a spare pair of shoes to school when you collect your child.
- At the end of Church Worship, you are welcome to collect your child and go home. If you are not in Church please
  note that we will care for your child until the designated end of the school day at
- Then its 'Happy Summer!' and we look forward to seeing you all again on

Tuesday 5th September

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Jerome: Headteacher

