

End of Year Newsletter

I can hardly believe we are at the end of another academic year! It has been a very busy term, as we continue to return to some of our popular events and activities. We are looking forward to more to come next academic year. I would like to wish everybody an enjoyable, and restful, summer break. Let's hope the pleasant weather continues!

Mrs Gemma Rehal

EVENTS

School Closes at **20 Jul**
2.05pm

School Starts at **6 Sep**
8.40am
(2-5 Sep Inset
Days)

Sports Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our Sports Morning on Monday 11th July. It was an incredibly hot morning, but we are so glad that we were able to go ahead. The children showed amazing perseverance, and should feel extremely proud. We hope families enjoyed seeing some of the skills the children have been developing throughout the year, including as part of their curriculum sessions with the First Touch Football coaches. Thank you to Miss Jones, Dave, and his team for all of their organisation and support running the event.



We are really pleased to be continuing to work with First Touch Football next academic year, and would like to particularly mention Marcus who has become a much-loved member of our lunchtime team, and has opened up football opportunities to a huge range of pupils who had



never considered it before. Thank you Marcus!

These opportunities have been funded using the school's PE and sport premium grant.

Year 1 Trip to Roald Dahl Museum



The children in Year 1 had a fantastic time on their trip to the Discover

Bucks museum in Aylesbury last Tuesday. During their visit they created their own 'Dream Bottles' inspired by the BFG.



This trip was subsidised by the School Fund.

Year 2 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

After careful consideration



about how best to keep the children and adults safe in the heat, the Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo went ahead last Wednesday. The chil-



dren loved exploring each continent and learning about the different animals. This trip was subsidised by the School Fund.

End of Year Celebration Morning

It was lovely to see so many families at our End of Year celebration morning. We hope everyone enjoyed looking at the children's workbooks and seeing the significant progress they have made throughout the year. We also hope everyone enjoyed the performances led by Mr Turnham and Mrs Douglass. They both make a huge contribution to our music and dance curriculum, and we would like to thank them for their continued hard work and support.

Please note that some of the children's workbooks will be sent home by the end of term, and others will remain in school to support the children's transition to new classes, and will be given back to the children at a later date.

Important Updates

Our School Values

After a robust process, involving the children, staff and governing body we are launching five school values: Respect, Kindness, Resilience, Independence and Responsibility. Many of these words you will already hear your child/ren talking about as they are well embedded through our characteristics of learning and celebrated through our Well Done assemblies.

We are working hard on making sure that the values are communicated widely, including on our website, on our letters, in our home school agreement and they also form part of our Personal Development policy.

Children from all classes designed posters around the value words, and all children will be voting to agree on the winners for each word. We will be announcing the winners in the new year and the five Values Posters will be displayed across the school to remind everyone of their importance.

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Independence and
Responsibility

End of Year Reports

We hope that parents and guardians have found their child's end of year reports useful in providing a summary of their year. Please remember, if you have not done so already, to sign and return the comment slip, as confirmation you have received the report. Thank you to all those received so far, and the positive and supportive comments, the teachers really appreciate these.

SEN & Year 2 Surveys

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who have completed our SEN and/or our Year 2 survey recently. The information from these is extremely useful, and will help the school in shaping next steps and practice in the future. The results will be reviewed by the Governing Body at committee meetings in the Autumn term. The summary of results for the SEN survey are attached.

Focus on Wellbeing

We did it! We are extremely pleased, and proud, to share with parents and guardians our successful Wellbeing Award for Schools verification which took place on the 30th June. The verifier commented that:

"The school is a model of how the award process works and how effective it can be, when pursued with diligence, intent and a great deal of hard work."

"There has been an extensive and exemplary policy review process...in line with the school's commitment to emotional wellbeing and mental health."

Further information, including our wellbeing vision, long-term wellbeing aims and our Whole School Mental Health and Wellbeing policy can be found in the [wellbeing section of our website](#).

We would like to thank everyone across the school community for supporting us with this. The staff have worked incredibly hard to pursue our vision of ensuring wellbeing is at the heart of what we do. Thank you too, to the parents who spoke to the verifier on the day. It was particularly rewarding to hear that "Parents describe 'fantastic' support from the school, with staff being supportive and approachable."

We have attached the summaries of the wellbeing survey results completed by parents and guardians, and the children. We are really proud of the results. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Staff Update

We would like to say another huge thank you, this time to Mrs Desai, Mrs Mellor and Miss Armstrong who have been working with us regularly across the year. Having their support has meant that we have been able to keep classes running, even through staff absence, and meet the individual needs of children.

Next academic year we will be seeing them less often, but hope to have them return to us as and when required.

In exciting news, Miss Papier will return as Mrs Gallagher next academic year as she will be getting married in Ireland over the summer. Many congratulations to her and her (almost) husband!



Updates Continued

Dogs on Site

It is with great sadness, and frustration, that we continue to receive complaints about dogs at the entrance of or school drive. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, dog fouling continues to be an issue, and on occasion has been reported to be unavoidable as children and parents try to navigate around the multiple dogs that are tied up. We ask again that everyone behaves responsibly when it comes to bringing their dogs on the school run.

Parent and Guardian Webinars

A reminder that Bucks Mind are running another parent mental health awareness webinar today (Tuesday 19th July) at 4pm (see attached).

Apex Ability Limited are running free Autism, communication and social interaction webinars throughout the summer and into September: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-communication-and-social-interaction-tickets-380149476317>

In addition, we have been informed by the Family Support Service that Amersham Family Centre will continue to run their timetable throughout the summer holidays (see attached).

Cake Sales



Thank you to all the year 1 parents who ran the cake sale before the half term break. A total of £185.32 was made across the year group.

Governor Update

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Tim Hillier for his long service and commitment to the school over the years as a Governor, Chair of Governors and a Volunteer in the School. We wish him all the very best for the future.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Christine Plimsaul as our new Chair of Governors from August this year.

Thank you to all who have expressed an interest in becoming a School Governor. All enquiries have been passed to Mrs Plimsaul who will be in contact with all interested parties in due course.

Please note we are no longer looking for any additional candidates at the current time.

School Holidays

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break. Please be reminded that school finishes at 2.05pm on Wednesday 20th July and please note we return on **Tuesday 6th September** (2nd & 5th September are inset days). Full details of our term dates can be found on our website:

<https://chestnutlane.bucks.sch.uk>



CLESA Update

CLESA needs YOU!

Grab a group of friends and help the PTA plan an event for all the children to enjoy!

Christmas Fair

A group of 3-5 people to form the leading team to coordinate the event, following the regular format of assigning stalls to classes for the reps to run. Planning starts in September.

Family Fun Night & Elangeni Disco

A group of 4-6 people to take the lead on this, and with initial guidance/information on previous FFNs & Elangeni Discos from the co-chairs, own the events and coordinate the activities for a great night out for all. Planning starts in November.

Summer Fair

A group of 3-5 people to form the leading team to coordinate the event, once again with the help of the class reps to run the stalls. Planning starts in February.

CLESA Shopping Giftcard Scheme—replacement needed ASAP

We urgently need to find someone to take over if we are to continue with this key source of fundraising, which raises thousands of pounds each year for CLESA—it was our biggest source of money during Covid and it will be a real loss to CLESA if we cannot find a replacement. The time commitment is only a few hours per month, and involves explaining and promoting the new parents, answering queries, submitting and managing monthly orders and payments and reporting financials to the CLESA Treasurer. For more information please contact Trudie at clesagiftcard@gmail.com or speak to Nicola or Sophie ASAP.

