



Newsletter



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“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents

We are nearly at the end of another extremely busy school year and this one has been an exceptionally eventful one! It is also a year that sees us saying goodbye to many well-loved members of staff. At the end of the Spring term we said farewell to Mrs Hutchins, who had taught our Reception and Year 1 children for so many years. At the end of the Summer Term, we will say goodbye to Mrs Sutton and Mrs Jones who have taught Hercules Class since Easter, Mrs Owen, who has worked with us as a TA for several years and of course Mrs HH – who has been an amazing teacher, preparing our older children for secondary school with such dedication. She is a very special person and has played a large part in making the school such a special place. She will be greatly missed. We wish her the very best of luck for the future and hope to see her again very soon. I too will be leaving after eighteen very happy months.

Despite all these changes the school is moving into a new school year in a very strong position. Mr Hearn is well placed to take on the headship of the school, and most of you have met him on more than one occasion already. We welcome Mrs Dixon, our new class teacher for Hercules Class and Miss Causer, our new Year 6 teacher. Both teachers bring a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience that will enhance the school. In addition, our Governing Body, led by David Bloomer, has gone from strength to strength over the year. They have a clear understanding of the school's strengths and areas for development, and are determined to ensure that Langley Fitzurse continues to improve and move forward.

Before we break up for our holiday, I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to make this such a fruitful, enjoyable and rewarding year.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the teachers, who have worked so hard as a team to develop a stimulating curriculum, to plan and deliver exciting learning opportunities and have strived to meet the needs of each and every child.

I know I can speak on behalf of the teachers when I thank those who have supported them in their endeavours, from the cleaners who work behind the scenes to keep us spick and span on a daily basis, to the Teaching Assistants who all give freely of their time and their many skills. Our TAs and Mrs Howe have also worked as Lunch Time Supervisors. They have juggled a million demands to ensure that the children are safe and well cared for at this important social time.

I would like to say a big thank you to our amazing admin staff who remain calm and composed even at the busiest of times. They keep the school running like clockwork and can be relied upon to help and support everyone with a cheerful smile. I personally would not have been able to manage the demands of two schools without their friendly and efficient support.

Many of you know that schools run on the good will of a wide variety of volunteers, who give freely of their time and expertise to help out in a million different ways. Without this support, our school would not be the positive learning environment that it is. I would like to thank our Governing Body, and especially Mr David Bloomer, the Chair of Governors for giving up so much time to attend meetings, read information and to offer their support, advice and guidance. Although much of their work is behind the scenes, I can assure you that the quality of support and challenge from our governors is first class.

I would also like to thank the members of the PTA who have once again done a sterling job in raising money to buy the school the extras that government funding does not stretch to, as well as putting on fun events for the children and families of our school. We have a dedicated group and their hard work under Amy Tayler's outstanding leadership has made the learning environment better for every single child in this school. So on behalf of the children, parents and staff I would like to thank them. This year we have also had a number of parents and villagers volunteering in school, and this has benefited the children in many ways.

I would like to thank all our parents for working closely with us to ensure that their children get the best possible primary education. Children can only do their best when we work in partnership, each playing a vital.

And finally I would like to thank the children for being so open, honest, hardworking, funny, caring, brave, willing to have a go, supportive, resilient, friendly, talented and generally a pleasure to teach and be with. I will think of them often over the coming years, and will remember them as a very special group of people with so many talents. I look forward to hearing about their progress as they grow.

I wish you all an amazing Summer and all the very best that life can offer for the future.

With very best wishes

Kay Vousden