



Church Hill Infant School

Newsletter

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Thank you

It has been a tremendously successful year for Church Hill Infant School. There has been a vast array of achievements throughout the year but the most memorable has been our recent OFSTED outcome which has left the whole school community bursting with a great sense of pride.

Although our official end of KS1 results are not published as yet we are extremely pleased with the outcome as there are many improvements to celebrate. This information will soon be available on our school website. There is no doubt that the children's achievements and the successes of the school are down to the excellent team of staff, governors and parents. However, the true merit of these successes shines through the children and their passion for learning – a life skill we are very proud to nurture in our young children.

You will have recently received the end of year report outlining your child's achievement. We have a very positive and open relationship with parents, and staff are happy to discuss any aspects of your child's learning should you wish an informal meeting at the end or beginning of the day. Equally, any feedback from parents is always appreciated.

Over the course of the year, I have got to know many families and parents. Thank you to all of the parents who have supported the school by offering their views and opinions. We have often listened and improved how we do things at school. I hope that we can continue to strengthen these partnerships in the new year.

Thank you yet again to all the staff who have worked extremely hard in providing exciting learning opportunities to ensure that every child's experience at Church Hill is happy and enriching. Also, a big thank you to all the governors for their ongoing support and commitment to the life of the school.

I wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to working with you in the new school year.

Mrs. M Balsara



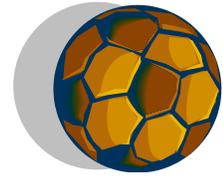
Have you seen our new school mascots?

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Stickley for creating these wonderful new additions to our school!

Being Sporty at Church Hill

Sports Day

The weather was fair for our annual sports day event. It was lovely to see so many families and friends supporting the children. Thank you for the positive comments which were received from so many parents. (I think we will definitely have to plan a teachers' race too!)



Loughborough Multiskills

30 of our Year 2 and 20 of our Year 1 pupils took part in the Loughborough Multiskills competition. Well done to all of the children who took part. We were very proud of all the children who competed against 10 other schools.



Swimming

Swimming will run again next year.

Year 1 and Year 2 – Autumn Term

Foundation Stage – Summer Term

More information regarding swimming arrangements will be provided at the start of the term.



Year 2 Leavers Performance

Our Year 2's performance of "Eddie the penguin saves the world" was a huge success. It was a proud moment for all. It was lovely to see our children so confident.

Although we are sad to say goodbye; we are sure the children will have many fond memories of their first years at Church Hill Infants. We continue to have close links with the Junior school and know that the children will settle into their new classes very quickly.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all of the parents for their continued support and I would especially like to thank the children for trying their best and working hard at all times. We wish you continued success at Church Hill Juniors!

After school clubs

Our afterschool clubs have been growing from strength to strength. From cheerleading, fencing, dancing with props and multiskills – we really are trying to provide a range of experiences for our children. The feedback has always been positive and the children have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing these extracurricular activities.

The Gardening club run by Mrs. Phipps has been really popular. Children and parents have grown a range of seasonal vegetables. Children were really excited to dig out their first batch of new potatoes!



We have been reviewing our clubs for next year and you will get further information in the new school year about the clubs on offer.



Reading, Reading, Reading

We would like to encourage all of our children to read as much as possible in the summer holidays. Reading Eggs is an online world created to help children aged 3-13 to learn how to read. It is a programme which allows each child to follow

the lessons at their own pace. You will be able to access the online reading eggs programme over the six weeks so please use this valuable resource to help your child.



Improving our learning environment



There will be a few building projects over the summer break. When the children come back the boys toilets and Foundation Stage base will be fully refurbished. We take a pride in the way our school looks and know how important it is to continually improve the learning environment for our children.

New Classes

We had a transition afternoon last week where all of the children met their new teachers for the forthcoming school year and spent time getting to know each other.

The staffing for next year will be:

Foundation Stage

RB -Mrs Randle (Deputy Head/ Foundation Stage coordinator) and Mrs Borman

DC - Mr Corcoran

NS – Miss Gilbride

Support staff – Mrs Clarke, Miss Mistry and Miss Allen

Year 1

P/B – Mrs Phipps/ Mrs Bell/ Support staff – Mrs Bailey

BS – Mrs Sarai /Support staff – Mrs Lidder

JM – Miss Sharpe /Support staff – Mrs Dalton

Year 2

L/E – Mrs Lissaman/ Mrs Elliott (SENCO/Assistant Head)/ Support staff – Mrs Weetman

WK – Miss Kirby/ Support staff – Mrs Thomson

FI – Miss Harris/ Support staff – Mrs Walters

New staff in September

Miss Harris will join our teaching team in Year 2

Mrs Wren will be taking on the new role of School Business Manager

Mrs Bailey - new Learning Support Staff in Year 1

Mrs Hancox will join Mrs Roberts as a member of the school office team.





We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Turner, Mr Mayhew and Miss Myler. I am sure you will join us in thanking them for the contribution they have made at our school. We wish them all the best for the future and hope they will come back to see us soon.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Norton who will be leaving our school at the end of the term. She has contributed a great deal to the life of the school over the last 27 years. We wish her all the best for the future.

Universal Free School Meals



We want as many children as possible to trial hot dinners at school next term. In order to make the experience as positive as possible; we want the children to learn valuable social skills through developing a family feel to lunch times. Lunchtimes and cooking food grown by the children will also form a major part of our science curriculum. Staff will be joining the children and our new tables will be arriving soon too!

Unless you have opted out, your child will receive a free hot meal at school next term at school.

Forms for medical dietary requests are available from the school office. Please ensure that you let us know before the end of term if possible.

Save the dates!

Year 2 Parent Forum Meeting – Wednesday 10 September at 2.30pm

Year 1 parent forum meeting – Tuesday 9 September at 2.30pm

Foundation Stage Phonics Meeting–Thursday 25 September at 2.30pm

Year One Phonics Meeting – Thursday 9 October at 6.00pm

Year 2 Beaumanor Residential Meeting–Tuesday 14 October at 3.30pm

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Remember the Holiday Rules!

Stay safe - Have Fun

Read plenty of books! (Visit the library)

School will be closed from Friday 11th July 2014

School will reopen on Thursday 28th August 2014