



# Church Hill Infant School

## Summer Newsletter 2019

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### Dates for your Diary....

#### Autumn Term Dates:

##### Term Begins:

Thursday 29th August 2019

##### Half Term:

Monday 14th October 2019 to

Friday 18th October 2019

##### Terms ends:

Friday 20th December 2019

All term dates can be found on our website

#### Year 1 Parent Forum

Tuesday 3rd September 2019, 2.30

#### Year 2 Parent Forum

Wednesday 4th September 2019, 2.30

#### Foundation Stage Curriculum Meeting

Thursday 26th September 2019, 2.30

#### Year 2 Beaumanor Residential Meeting

Tuesday 1st October 2019, 2.30

#### Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Wednesday 2nd October 2019, 2.30

#### Parents Evenings

Tuesday 29th October 2019

Thursday 31st October 2019

### Message from the Head...

This school year has been so eventful with a vibrant curriculum, crammed with lashings of fun; resulting in high outcomes for our pupils. The most important aspect of school life will always be the children; their behaviour and attitude to learning has been impeccable this year. This is continually evidenced in every aspect of school life and noticed by all who visit our school.

The end of the academic year is also a time to thank the staff and governors who have worked exceptionally hard to ensure the children receive a first class education at our school. Church Hill Infants has truly evolved into a child centred, caring and nurturing school which keeps the best interest of the children at the centre of everything we do.

Our staff are so passionate about our school and I am sure you will agree that they all make a difference to each and every child's educational journey whilst they are with us. There will be a few changes next year, with Mrs Phipps retiring and Mrs Broom starting her maternity leave. I would like to wish them all the best as they start a new chapter in their life and welcome the new teachers who will be joining our team. I would also like to congratulate Mr Mayhew who will be getting married in two days! The next few months will be full of celebration, fun and a well deserved rest for our Church Hill Team!

Lastly thank you to all of our parents for their continued support over the year. The kind words, cards and gifts are much appreciated. I am sure you will welcome the summer break so you can enjoy doing the special things as families; having picnics, climbing trees, pond dipping and simply having fun with your loved ones. The staff and I look forward to working with you again in the new academic year.

*Mrs Balsara*



## Year 2 Leavers Concert—Church Hill's Got Talent

We are sure those parents who watched the Year 2 leavers' performance of "Church Hill's Got Talent" will agree that it was a huge, laughter filled success. It was a joy to see how they have grown in confidence and to share these special moments with their families.

Although we are sad to say goodbye; we are sure the children will have many fond memories of their time at Church Hill Infants. On behalf of all 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, may they continue to blossom at their junior school!





We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to our wonderful PTA. Doughnuts for Dads, The Summer Fete and the Luau Disco were a great success and we are looking forward to planning some great events next term. They raised a fabulous £1,600 this year! Thank you for your continued support with events.

**A huge well done for all those who organised and helped!**

## Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Bingo!				
Read outside on a sunny day	Read to someone younger	Read a book with a red cover	Read a book that you borrowed or swapped	Read a poem
Date Title	Date Title	Date Title	Date Title	Date Title
Make a den and read inside	Read to a soft toy or a pet	Read in the dark using a torch	Read a book that you had never heard of before	Write your own story and read it
Date Title	Date Title	Date Title	Date Title	Date Title
Read	Read to	Read	Read a book	Read in the

It is so important for children to continue their learning over the holidays so they start back in August feeling ready to take on the challenges of their new year group. So this summer we will be giving the children a reading challenge to encourage them to continue reading over the summer. All children will come home with a reading bingo sheet asking them to read in different places, or with various people in their family. We are challenging children to complete at least half over the summer. Please can children bring back their completed bingo sheets in the new academic year and we will make sure they get a certificate for their hard work.

## Daily Mile Track



Over the summer holidays we are planning on having a Daily Mile Track installed on the school field.

The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of all children. The idea behind it, is that children spend at least 15 minutes a day outside doing some physical exercise and then come back into the classroom ready to learn. It also increases children's awareness of their own health and fitness.

We look forward to sharing with you in September how we will be using our track.

## Year 1 Roots Farm Visit



In May, as part of their learning about animals and lifecycles, the Year 1 children visited Roots Farm in Barkby Thorpe. During the visit the children experienced what it would be like to be a chicken, watched alpacas being fed, looked at the different foods being produced locally and planted corn seeds. It was great for the children to have hands on experience of a working farm.

## Sports Day



It was perfect weather for our annual sports day! It was lovely to see so many families and friends supporting the children. The whole school had lots of fun, and showed great team work and determination as they took part in the mornings events.

## After School Clubs



After school clubs offer our children a great opportunity to enjoy something they may never have tried before, as well as providing opportunities to improve skills in a range of areas such as sport, music and gardening! We are planning to put on lots of afterschool clubs next year, full details will be sent out at the beginning of the Autumn term.

## Free School Meals & the Pupil Premium



Whilst all our children receive a free school meal, it is still important to apply for "Free School Meals" through the Leicestershire County Council if you are entitled to do so, as this enables our school to vital "Pupil Premium" funding. Pupil Premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise attainment. For more information on how we spend our Pupil Premium allocation and the impact it has please see our website.

If your child is entitled to a "Free School Meal" we will support them further by providing a **uniform package, free milk after your child's 5th birthday and subsidised trips and clubs.**

To register your child for "Free School Meals" please either contact the school office for an application form or call School Food Support Service on 0116 3056588. Applying and registering for FSM is always confidential.

### Year 2 Cadbury World Trip

The Year Two children had a choc-tastic time in May, when they visited Cadbury's World. The trip provided a fascinating insight into the ancient origins of the cocoa bean and the history behind the success of Cadbury, the nation's favourite chocolate brand. Throughout the day the children were given different chocolate tasters and were involved in a number of engaging demonstrations, including the chocolate writing and making workshops (not that they lasted for long!). The pupils also had fun exploring the large outdoor play area, the Cadabra ride and 3D cinema experience!



### Project X



Congratulations to the Year 2 boys for excellent reading during the Project X Club.

### Numicon

Well done to all those involved in the Numicon Maths Sessions, you all worked very hard!

### Mrs Phipps

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mrs Phipps who will be retiring this year after 23 years at Church Hill Infant School. Mrs Phipps will be greatly missed and there are children in and around Thurmaston who have learned many a skill during their time in her class.

Our younger teachers have also flourished through her guidance. We are so thankful for having an amazingly dedicated colleague who has supported our school for so many years.

Mrs Phipps is looking forward to spending time travelling and enjoying watching her grandchildren grow up. We wish her a Happy Retirement and promise to make her traditional, homemade Christmas Chutney as we have been taught by the best!



## Staffing Updates

Best of luck to Mrs Broom (Year 2 Teacher) and Mrs Jones (Midday Manager) who are starting their maternity leave during the summer break, we look forward to meeting your new arrivals!



We would like to welcome the following new members of staff who will be joining our team to cover maternity leave:

Miss Dolby - FS Class Teacher

Miss Jones— Year 2 Teacher



Welcome back to Mrs Purnell, Mrs Hussain & Miss Winnett who have returned to work after maternity leave.

Finally we would like to congratulate Mrs Corcoran on the birth of her beautiful little boy!



## School Staffing Structure

All the children have taken part in a transition afternoon, and will have met their teachers for the new academic year. The staffing for 2019/20 school year will be:

### Senior Leadership Team:

Mrs M Bulsara—Head Teacher  
Mrs C Elliott—SEnCo & Deputy head  
Mrs H Creighton—Assistant head  
Mrs Basigara—Foundation Stage Lead

### Foundation Stage

Mrs B. Basigara (**Cherry Class**)~ Mrs Hussain  
Miss W. Kirby (**Magnolia Class**) ~ Mrs H. Parker-Bates  
Miss E. Dolby (**Willow Class**) ~ Mr Vazifdar

**Pastoral Support**—Mrs V Corcoran

### Year 1


Mrs N.Purnell/Mrs H. Creighton (**Silver Birch Class**) ~ Mrs M. Dalton  
Miss A. Dickens (**Sycamore Class**) ~ Miss D. Lodhia  
Miss J. Jeffery (**Maple Class**) ~ Mrs K. Thompson

### Year 2

Mrs R. Lissaman and Mrs C. Elliott (**Oak Class**) ~ Mrs Z. Walkden  
Mr O. Mayhew (**Fir Class**) ~ Mrs L. Clarke  
Miss L. Jones (**Mimosa Class**) ~ Mrs F. Lidder

**Pupil/Group Support**—Mrs T. Beall

**Office Staff** - Mrs Weston and Mrs L. Petcher



All of our classes next year will still be named after British trees.