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## ***Learning and living as children of God***

*(Ephesians 5:1) (You are God's children whom he loves. Try to be like God)*

Wednesday 15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Governors,

### **Final Update**

I cannot believe we are almost finally at the end of our academic year! What a year it has been for everyone!

### **Awards**

We usually, as you know, end our school year with a really big celebration award ceremony but this year we haven't been able to do that. I hope you managed to watch the video I sent out detailing the achievements of the children this year.

My first announcement is the very exciting appointment of our next new Head Boy and Head Girl. Those positions go to Lewis and Alice this year for the next academic year. Congratulations to them both, I am sure they will do a fantastic job. Thank you to our outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl, Daniel and Rona, who did a fantastic job!

Next a huge well done to the following children who have been carefully selected by the staff in school for the special awards we give out in the final term:

Henry Bromberg Award - Daniel

Music - Orla

Expressive Arts- Betsy

Sports Boy - Jake

Sports girl - Megan

Reader's award - Rona

Writing award - Daniel

Club award - Evelyn

Exceptional Achievement - Ellie

Best Progress award - Harvey

Value's award (CARE) - Oakley

Art award - Ava



## **Time Capsule**

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Murphy who have donated a Time Capsule to school recently, the children in school and all those other year groups attending school for the two days have all contributed something to it. The children had some very interesting ideas about what to put in it as you can imagine! There will be more about this in the autumn term.

## **Thank You**

We have had several donations recently from three anonymous people and the school would like to say a huge thank you for those. There was a total of £210 donated to us so we are very thankful. Fifty pound of that came with a card through the post box for the school with a lovely message but it was unsigned so I hope the thank you reaches them.

I would also like to thank you on behalf of myself and the staff for the presents that you have sent in for us. It is amazing how fast chocolates disappear in a school even with social distancing!

Thank you also to Mr Longshaw who has fitted all the hand sanitising machines in school, Mr Ahearne, Mr Hoarau and Mr Longshaw for clearing an enormous mound of earth outside Class 2 so we have safer distancing opportunities, Mrs Hoarau who has organised the working party for painting fences over the next weekend and all of you that have volunteered for that! Thank you to Mrs Witney for organising wooden bunting for Year 6s in the Spiritual Garden and Mrs Mackenzie for organising the Year 6 hoodies. Thank you to Mr Butler who rescued us with some DIY and to readers who have come in to help this year, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Ross. Please forgive me if I have missed you off the list but a general thank you to those of you who have come into school for various things and Mrs Buxton who brought in Freddie the dog throughout the autumn term. The list goes on and we are privileged, thank you.

## **Social Distancing Tea Party**

The children in Year 6 had a lovely afternoon with nibbles and treats for their socially distanced tea party (thank you to Mrs Hoarau for organising). They made a very interesting video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wbVw9gvVBaNyciTA-t4Ac0nw2h51Eny/view?usp=sharing> and were awarded some very special certificates along with leaving presents.



Each year, as you may know Year 6s leave a parting gift for school. This year they left a huge selection of non-fiction books for our topics in the autumn. It was a wonderful gift to leave.



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## September

Thank you for your swift responses to the organisational things for September. I will ensure that the Pinch Point Time Table is clearly displayed on the gate so you have quick access. It is also on our website if you need a reminder about anything. Please remember to order your Black Pepper lunch boxes if you have opted not to send your own in. You will have received an email from Mrs Mottram reminding you of when the ordering date starts.

It has been a very strange year indeed, I have seen some fantastic Home Learning in school and that is a credit to all of you parents and children. I am immensely proud to be part of such a good partnership. I hope you have felt you have been supported by all of us at school; I have an outstanding team of professionals here who truly do have the interests of your children at the heart of everything they do. We all look forward to having your children back at school in September, seeing their smiles and hearing their laughter so we are all back together once more. Have a wonderful break and please keep safe.

Best wishes  
JNeveu

