



Ardeley St Lawrence C of E Primary School

# Newsletter

12 July 2019

Dear Parents,

The last newsletter of the year and it is packed with news. I can't believe how quickly this year has gone and all the wonderful things we have packed in!

## Events...

What an INCREDIBLE show! The children were absolutely fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as I know the audience did. My thanks to all the staff who helped put together the show - it is a huge undertaking. My thanks also to FAS who provided some lovely refreshments.

Please remember our Leavers' Service is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon. Children will be collected by parents at approximately 1.15pm and then we will walk down to the church for the service together before the early finish at 2.30pm.

It will be an emotional event as we say goodbye to our Y6 children and some of our Y4 children but I hope that they know that we are proud of them all and that they go with our best wishes for a successful future.

An information sheet will come out on Monday regarding the service - we ask all children and parents to attend.

## Good News...

We have a huge collection of children gaining their final merit certificates of the year this week. So many children surpassed themselves at the Summer Show and this is reflected in the numbers:

RED: Rosie

ORANGE: Harry

GREEN: Stanley, Evie

BLUE: Alessia, Crobie, Holly, Joshua S, Rocco, Archer, Sophia, Filip, Isla, Stanley, Dominique, Molly, Oscar B, Joe

INDIGO: Jasmine, Lenny, Ivy, Rocco, Emily, Jack C, Liana, Dominique, Jose, Mei, Bea

VIOLET: Daniel, Maddie, Henry, Amelie, Woody, Joshua, Theo

RAINBOW: Laylah, Eden, Lilly, Milo, Noah, Lyra-Rae, Lillie-May, Seren, Mia

We have a few children who will receive their Gold Merit certificate at the Leavers' Service on Tuesday; they have shown an outstanding attitude to behaviour and learning over the whole year.



## A round up of the year...

We have had SUCH a busy year and the children are so lucky to have had all these wonderful experiences:

We won the Scarecrow competition, made some beautiful wreaths for Remembrance and created recycled Easter Gardens. We took part in the Bishop's Appeal Launch - 'Give peas a chance'. We celebrated Holi through Bollywood dancing and a paint festival. We have also had visitors in to talk to us about the Jewish faith and being a Methodist.

Every child created Christmas crafts and we had our Christmas Fair, complete with Father Christmas. He also visited every class and brought them a present. The children held a community carol afternoon for invited guests from the village and helpers.

The Nativity was in the church, along with our harvest service, our Eucharist services and our Easter service. Class 1/2 also interviewed Father Mike. The whole school went to the 'panto' and many came with us to St Albans for the Residential trip. The rest of the school went to Shepreth on a lovely day out. Year 5/6 finished the year with a trip to Harry Potter World.

We have hosted a SETPOINT maths workshop which was attended by some of our children, as well as going to the Inter School Sports event at Roger de Clare school. Our sports day was great fun and not quite so hot this year!

Some year groups have been over to the farm for egg collecting and woodland walks to see the bluebells. We made birdfeeders and hung them in our grounds.

We hosted and performed at the Mothers' Day Tea Party and made a variety of 'flight based' items during Dads' afternoon. Everyone dressed up for World Book Day and enjoyed sharing favourite stories.

EYFS have held a Queen's tea party and made sandwiches for Paddington Bear. There has been baking for fundraising too for Sarah as well as a PJ day.

We had a 'mad scientist in - Professor Brainstorm who performed a roadshow and helped children to conduct experiments.

We have supported Red Nose day and Children in Need as well as continuing our sponsorship of Sarah. We donated to the Haven at Harvest and the Food Bank at Christmas through our reverse Advent Calendar!

Our wonderful singers opened the village fete, we have had assemblies from the PCSO and Class 3/4 interviewed Miss Sheldon's nan for their History project.

We have run a wide variety of clubs, Tag Ruby, Art, handprint club, gardening, Happy Chill club, drama, multi-sports, choir and construction along with tennis, football and french.

Finally, (as the rest is not in strictly chronological order!) we had our Summer Show in which every child played a part.

And with all of that going on we have thought about our mental health, practising Yoga and other mindfulness techniques. Every child created a tile on our Mental health theme day and of course...we have welcomed Miss Honey to the school!

We hope to have an equally busy year next year...



## Good bye...

Some sad news this week...Mrs Walsh has been offered a new job at Barclay School which is a significant promotion. So we say 'congratulations' through the sadness at losing someone who has become such a crucial part of the school over the last 8 and a half years. I know Mrs Walsh is looking forward to the new challenges her role will bring and we wish her all the best for the future. I know she will be missed by the entire school community and we thank her for everything she has done. Mrs Sendall will be covering extra duties while we recruit.

## Finally...

In this last newsletter of the year I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff at Ardeley. Every single one of them comes in, every day, determined to do the absolute best for the children in our care. We don't always get it right but we always try our hardest. It is lovely to see so many of you engaging with all the events, helping and encouraging your children to participate and make the most of every opportunity. We always appreciate your support.

With kind regards,  
Mrs Connolly



### Summer Diary Dates



End of Term Service	19 July 1.30pm
End of term	19 July 2.30pm
INSET day	2 September
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Back to School	4 September