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START OF TERM
Thursday 2nd Sept

Well what a year it has been! I don't think this time last year we could have predicted what the academic year would hold! Our school community have risen to what has been a challenging time in education- the children adapted to so many things, from bubbles to parts of the year learning remotely. They have continued to strive to challenges set and made fantastic progress. Each child has been given a special certificate this year for being awesome! Some families will receive these though their letterbox soon.

The staff at Newbottle and Charlton primary school have been absolute superstars, rising to anything that was thrown at us and adapting to changes quickly; striving to ensure the children were settled in class and develop their love of learning. Teachers also had to adapt their teaching to offer face-to-face and remote learning at the same time which wasn't an easy feat.

The governors found that they still couldn't come in to school but have supported and been a critical friend virtually to ensure the school continued to strive forward. The PTFA had to adapt to working out how to keep funding raising by offering different events including the pet show and Christmas hamper raffles and you, the parents, had to change how you worked with us from wearing masks to supporting your child in virtual learning and taking on board the changing protocols around school. Thank you for your support and for everything you have done this year.

I was bitterly disappointed we couldn't have the whole school community together at the end of the year but we have been very lucky to not have to close any bubbles before Wednesday. I hope that everyone will be able to relax and enjoy the sunshine this summer. Please do email us to let us know up until the 19th July if your child starts to have any symptoms and tests positive.

This week has been one of the busiest of the year- The production was able to go ahead outside on Tuesday. Birch class were amazing and it was a lovely atmosphere. KS2 also had a great sports day afternoon and we have planned a KS1 sports day for Wednesday 8th September. Today we said goodbye to the Year 6 leavers! They were my first class when I joined the school 5 years ago. I wish them all the best of luck for their future adventures.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to thank you for our lovely cards, gifts and well wishes and hope to see some normality for September. Have a lovely summer!

Mr Peter Smith
(Headteacher)



Tackling Litter Animation Competition

Well done to Elm class for entering the West Northants Animation competition on tackling litter in the country. I am proud to say our school came 1st and were also runners up in this competition.
Well done to William K who had the winning animation and Imogen and Athena who were the runners up.

[Click here](#) to find an article explaining all about Litter Champions

Mini Mud Run- So far we have raised over £500. Any sponsorship money would be gratefully received when we come back in September. Well done all!

Mini Mud Run and KS2 Sports Day videos- Mr Smith is currently trying to create photo slideshows for all these events and links to them will be put onto Seesaw soon. Leavers' slideshow will be emailed out asap.

Achievers Assembly

A video was sent out with this week's achievers, please find on Seesaw.

Year 4 all received a gift of a bible.

Two awards are given out every year and are voted by the staff linked to PE/RE.

- Heidi won our Bishop's RE award this year for outstanding contributions in RE.
- Henry U won out Sports Leader award for amazing support in PE this year.

Birch class all got swimming certificates for their great work this term in the pool.

September Arrangements

Last week the DfE published guidance to schools which provides an outline on how schools should operate in September. The guidance *'marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from the stringent restrictions on everyone's day to day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others.'*

Key operational points from the guidance are as follows:

- Bubbles are no longer required
- Assemblies/ Act of worship can resume
- Students can mix at lunchtimes
- Face Coverings are not required

Over the summer I will be creating a new risk assessment and plan which will be communicated with you nearer the end of the summer holidays, as guidance may change between now and then.

Here is what we have planned for the timings of the day from Thursday 2nd September (may be subject to change):

8:40-8:50 Children can arrive by the side entrance and come up onto the playground.

New reception starters will go into their classroom.

Year 1 and 2- School day will be 8:50-3:15

Year 3-6- School day will be 8:50-3:30

Wrap-around care 7:40-8:40- Breakfast club, 3:15/30-5:30 M-Th and 3:15/30-4:15 Fri- After-school club