



May 2021

Dear Parent/carers,

Thank you for your support with Climate Heroes. We have received lots of great photos from many of you and we are pleased that so many children have completed their pledges at home, their names will be sent to Blue Peter. Keep up the good work, don't stop now!

Values - thank you for the return of the Values questionnaires, again a good response from staff, children, parents and Governors. The choices made have been counted and compared. The final six are Creativity, Respect, Friendship, Compassion, Perseverance and Truthfulness. An excellent outcome. We will now look at how we embed those Values into everything we do. Whether it's lessons, the school environment, daily worship, how children work and interact with one another and how we respond to the outside world. I hope the children will get involved in some art work that will ensure everyone knows our Values.

Don't forget after half term we have a **PD Day on Monday 7th June**, and the children return on the 8th. I hope the first thing they will see is the new playground markings that they & FOCSA helped raise money for! Photos will follow.

Staff changes - This half term we have seen some changes. Mrs Lowe leaves her role as Breakfast Club Supervisor and MDSA. We thank her for all she has done. Miss Mann is covering her role. Mrs Gommersal, known as Mrs G to the children, left last week. She had moved house and found a job nearer to home. Mrs Metcalfe replaces her after the half term. Sadly, Mrs DiCioccio, TA in Willow, remains unwell and she will leave at the end of summer. Mrs Humphrey's will be staying on with us and she will be taking her place. We say goodbye to Lynne in the Kitchen this summer. She works for EATs and they will recruit a replacement for us. Lynne has been with us for 9 years approx' and knows the children well. She will be missed by many and we will make sure we give her a good send off.

More bad news - Mrs Card is leaving at the end of this term. She is becoming a Sports Coach and we wish her well in her new venture. In the meantime, I will be advertising for a new Birch Class teacher. This time last year we said goodbye to Mr Mills, who is enjoying life in New Zealand. I will keep you posted and if possible I will involve the children in the recruitment process.

Do take a look at our school website for any new key dates (plus see the att'd) and recent photos.

Mrs Harkin

Key dates

Half term w/c Monday 31st May

Children return - Tuesday 8th June*

30th June - Y5 visit to Thurston

2nd July - Class Photos

w/c 5th July - Environment/ Science week

5th July - 6pm New parent evening

6th July - Lime/Oak visit to Bradfield Woods

7th July - Wear It Wild Day

9th July - Willow/Birch visit to Bradfield Woods

w/c 12th July - Reports to go out/ parent consultations TBC

12th July - Sports Day (back up 19th)

13/14th July - Y6 Moving Days at TCC

13th July - School moving up day

15th July - Visitor (Paralympian)

16th July - Archery Day/proposed Y6 leavers disco TBC

20th July - Year 6 Leavers service at Church

Last day - Tuesday 20th July*

21st July - PD Day

Summer holiday 21st - 31st August 2021*

PD Days 1 & 2nd Sept' 2021