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Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year.

### **Music Evening**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July saw a superb music evening take place at school. We had around fifty pupils from KS2 performing with a mixture of our quintet, groups, duets and individual instrumentalists showcasing their talents. We also enjoyed a great collection of five songs from the Ley Hill Choir culminating in a beautiful version of 'Lean on Me' plus a fantastic encore of 'Blackbird' with guitar and piano accompaniment.

A new addition and definite highlight was the inclusion of Sonic Pi. Mr Kilcoyne's Raspberry Pi after school club has produced two very talented musical programmers. Well done to Olivia and Daisy from Y6 for their superb compositions using the Sonic Pi live coding facility.

I would like to thank our music teachers; Paul Sweet - guitar, Marcus Bates – brass, Hilary Haworth - piano, Julie Rennard – recorder, Helen Tullie - Cello and Carolina Del Tradici - orchestra leader, for all their hard work and dedication. In addition thanks are due to Mr Kilcoyne for the Y5 ukulele orchestra. Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Mortali our Y4 teacher and music leader for her superb coordination of the evening.

Thank you also to the ninety or so parents who joined us for your support. However, the most important thank you belongs to the children who performed with such confidence and vigour. We are all very proud of them.

### **Open Evening and 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**

What a superb event this was. The school looked fantastic with the decade displays in the corridors freshly completed for the evening. The display of the history of the school in the foyer coordinated by Mrs Hillson is very special. Thank you to our parents and friends who also contributed with photos and press cuttings.

I sincerely hope all of you who made the effort to attend enjoyed the displays and the wonderful class presentations. The children have really got so much out of our history fortnight and the staff have enjoyed reminiscing about their favourite decades.

The Silver Ghosts and our dance teacher, Tanya Clarke-Davis, really rounded the party off superbly with the bar, BBQ and Hog Roast doing a roaring trade. Thank you to all who volunteered to run the refreshments and to again to everyone who came along to join us and celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of our fantastic school.

Here's to the next ninety years!

### **Thanks to the Friends of Ley Hill School**

In these times of budgetary austerity the work of fund raisers has become increasingly important to schools across the UK.

I would like to whole heartedly thank the superb Friends of Ley Hill School for their amazing efforts over this year and also to everyone who has supported their events.

This money allows the school to continue to add value to our pupils' educational experience and to alleviate to some degree the monetary pressures we find ourselves under.

This year the funds allocated back to the school will be funding;

- SMART screen in the Y5 refurbishment
- New school kitchen
- Funding the Lexia reading programme for three years
- £100 extra for each teacher to spend on their classroom resources

We look forward to working together next year to continue their wonderful support.

### **Reception and KS 1 Cake Sale**

The children in Reception and KS 1 with the help of Mrs Hanley organised two Thursday cake sales recently to raise money for some additional playground equipment.

They have decided to spend the £196 raised on games such as big dominoes and nought and crosses as well as two dimensional boules! The money will also pay for five lovely leaf shaped chalk boards.

A huge thank you to the children and parents for their superb efforts and of course for the fabulous organisational skills of Mrs Hanley.

### **Sports Day Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Over the last two years we split Sports Day into YR, Y1 and Y2 in the morning and Y3-Y6 in the afternoon. This proved to be universally popular allowing parents with children in different key stages to see their children compete.

The timings will be: **YR, Y1 and Y2 10-12 noon** with a (hopeful) picnic lunch on the field. Please bring a blanket and lunch for your children. If you are unable to come then please provide a packed lunch on the day; there will be lunchtime supervisors on the field. Last year this was well attended and a lot of fun.

### **KS2 in the afternoon, 1 pm start.**

Sports Day is always a superb celebration for the end of term. Let's hope for favourable weather on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.

NB. If the weather is bad on the 19<sup>th</sup> we will *attempt* to run Sports Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

We will be saying goodbye to a fabulous group of pupils on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of July as Y6 leave and move on to secondary school in the autumn term. This class has been a joy to have in school

throughout their time at Ley Hill. All the teachers have such fond memories of them all and I know that they will be sadly missed by all of us. However, we are pleased to see them all leave well prepared for their transition. Well done and the best of luck to them all.

**For parents of children in Y6: please arrive at 10.45am for the Leavers' Assembly at 11.00am**

### **A message from the Reception teachers**

If you are doing any clearing out during the summer holiday and find anything suitable for Reception such as toy cars, small world resources/toys, toy kitchens ,dolls' prams, dolls' pushchairs, small bikes for outdoor play or similar we would certainly give them a good home as our resources are becoming old and denuded. Thank you in advance.

### **Ley Hill Challenge 2017**

**Sunday October 1st** sees the annual trail running experience of the year once again taking place! This is always a superb community event, expertly organised by our very own Mr and Mrs Ellis-Jones. There is a 5 km and 10 km course to choose from. Get on board and set a personal best! Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/leyhillchallenge/> for further information.

If you would like to be involved but don't want to run then there is always a need for marshals and other help on the day. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping out and I can give your details to Mark and Helen.

See you on the start line!

### **Resilience meeting**

On **Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>** there will be a parent workshop hosted by Hester Bancroft an experienced therapist. She will be basing her talk around the important topic of child resilience. We along with other schools are growing increasingly concerned about children who seem to have difficulty dealing with small setbacks and their apparent lack of ability to view things in context. I really hope that the meeting will be well attended. Please see the attached flyer.

### **End of KS 1 and 2 Government leaflet links.**

Please see the following PDF documents from the government related to the end of Key Stage results.

KS1:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/625034/Information\\_for\\_parents\\_-\\_2017\\_NCT\\_results\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stage\\_1.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625034/Information_for_parents_-_2017_NCT_results_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1.pdf)

KS2:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-assessment-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-2-information-for-parents>

### **Important Dates**

The Nursery will finish on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**.

**The last day of term for the main school will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of July.**

**YR and KS1 finish at 2pm and KS2 finish at 2.15pm.**

The 2017/18 academic year begins on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 8.55am.**

INSET days next academic year will be;

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Final pupil day will be **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

Term dates can also be found on: <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/education/schools/term-dates/>

I will take this opportunity to say that our school continues to grow, develop and consolidate.

In February we successfully negotiated our expected OFSTED inspection.

The team were rightly proud of the resulting OFSTED report and welcomed their conclusions and recommendations. If you need reminding of the findings from this important audit please follow the link below;

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/110243>

The school remains full which is a testament to the high regard the school is held in and a reflection of the quality of service the team here provide.

The staff team are clearly looking to the future and have an unwavering commitment to ensure that the pupils benefit from the best possible primary educational experience that we can provide.

We truly value your support and we look forward to working alongside you all into the future.

We all hope that you have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours sincerely



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