



## Final Newsletter!



19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

I can't believe that I am writing to you for the very last time – these last weeks have flown by and we are now on countdown to the end of the year! As much as I will miss my lovely class, they are now ready to move up into the juniors and to face new challenges and experiences. Having taught Year 3 and 4 for many years at St. Peter's, I know that the children will love Key Stage 2 and I am sure they will settle into their new surroundings quickly.

We have spent time reflecting on this last year together and all the many happy memories – our Harvest service in church, performing our Nativity on stage, class concerts and parties, 'Game of Beans', the Euros, squeaky chicken and the class bears, forest school, rainbow laces, the pantomime at Newark Theatre... – the list goes on but I think almost every child agreed that our residential visit to Beaumanor Hall in March was the best thing ever!

On Monday morning there were a lot of tired children as many of us had watched the final game of the Euros in the hope that England might finally win something – but sadly it was not to be. However, we agreed the best team won. To cheer ourselves up, we were able to watch a dress rehearsal of the Year 5 and 6 end of year show in the school hall. The children really enjoyed it and were a fantastic audience.

Last Thursday was our teddy bear's picnic where we enjoyed playing lots of games from the past and a picnic lunch with our teddy bears to celebrate our school being 160 years old.

We were also treated to a recorder 'taster' session which I arranged with Mrs Willis last Wednesday. Mrs Willis gives up her time every week to teach recorders to children in Key Stage 2. It was a very noisy affair as you can imagine but the children enjoyed themselves!

Yesterday, we made the most of the sunshine and enjoyed a morning of rounders. There were ice lollies for every child!

I will be collecting all school reading books in at the beginning of next week and would appreciate it if you could check if you have any other schoolbooks lurking around at home. I have reminded the children that it is important to keep their reading going over the summer holidays with either their own books or ones from the library. All reading books need to be returned to school by Monday 22nd July – thank you!

We would like the children to bring in a small board game or some Top Trumps to use next Monday and Tuesday afternoons if they would like to. Please do not send anything electronic or a game that has lots of small parts that could get lost. We have a small selection of board games in school also.

We also have potted sports, Race for Life and a little Key Stage 1 dancing party to look forward to next week!

Well that's it! All that is left for me to say is that I have absolutely loved teaching your children this last year. I shall be interested to watch this group flourish in the juniors and maybe our paths might cross again at some point in the future...

As always, I am so grateful for all of your support, lovely comments and kindness this year – you have been a truly wonderful group of parents/carers and I really hope you all have a lovely summer break whatever you are doing!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Gilbey 😊 x