



Crayke C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems hard to believe that we have reached the end of term – in many respects it seems a lifetime ago that we opened the doors on 1 June for Reception and Year 1, followed the week after by Year 6; in other respects, this half term has flashed by in the blink of an eye.

Farewell Year 6...

It seems fair to say that it is a bittersweet time at the end of any academic year but perhaps never more so than this. I know there will be many mixed emotions today, particularly amongst Year 6 pupils and parents. The virtual Leavers' Service led by Revd. Liz earlier this week was a wonderful way to say farewell and also shows how far we have come in terms of embracing new technology.

The Year 6 pupils have done us all so proud; they have never once grumbled about the things that they have missed, the Crayke end of school experiences which they have seen and aspired to – they simply took the new experiences in their stride. This is, I have to say, in large part due to the relentless enthusiasm and creativity demonstrated by Mrs Chandler over these past few weeks, who has gone absolutely above and beyond the call of duty in her determination to give Year 6 a send-off to remember. I will always be grateful to for



thinking so carefully about a way to ensure that our oldest pupils go on their way with fond memories of their time at primary school in these uncertain times. She has been well supported in this by Mrs Shirley. I would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Sharp who has created an absolutely amazing Leavers' Yearbook for the children that I have no doubt they will treasure forever.

As this photo demonstrates so well, this group of pupils will leave us with smiles on their faces and a confidence and resilience that I hope they will never lose. We are so proud of each and every one of you.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Halliday and Mrs Bramall-Smith and wish them both all the very best for their future endeavours.

Welcome new starters – September 2020!

Hopefully you received an email yesterday with a video tour of the classroom and bedtime stories read by both Mrs Hetherington and Mrs Helfferich. If you didn't, please do let us know.

Full reopening of school – Autumn Term 2020

Watch out for a Parents' Guide which will be posted on the website towards the end of the holidays with further details about the arrangements for school next term. Please note that staff will be in school on Monday 7th September for a training day and that school will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 8th September. We will look forward to greeting you all at the gate!

Summer Camp – 20 – 24 July 2020 **Fully Booked**

Next week's summer camp is now fully booked with a waiting list. A reminder that children will need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle, sun cream and sun hat. They will be outside for the majority of the day.

Return of Reading books – message from Mrs Dobson

A big thank you to everyone who has returned their school reading books so far! However, we are still missing some books which creates gaps in our reading scheme. It is important that we collect them in so that we can quarantine them over the summer ready for September. Please double check your child's book bag to see if you have any to return. There will continue to be a 'drop box' outside school tomorrow for them or they can be posted through the letterbox during the summer holidays. Many thanks.

CHASA – message from Chair

Dear All,

As another school year draws to a close, on behalf of CHASA I just wanted to share some thanks and to look forward.

It has certainly been a year of change and challenge but the positivity that runs through the school has shone through.

The school wished Mr Buttery farewell and welcomed our new head Mrs Jackson, whom I think all would agree has led the school through the past few months superbly well. Under the care of the school staff, the parents, carers and of course the children have been so well supported, especially in the recent times. On behalf of CHASA, thank you to all of the staff for being, well, awesome!

As we think ahead to next year we look forward to welcoming the new pupils of Class 1. To those children who will be moving up to Secondary School we wish you success in your future studies and trust that your time at Crayke Primary School has given you the best possible start.

To all our families, whether it's a Staycation or a Vacation, we hope you enjoy the summer holidays and we all look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes,

Jonathan Dawson

CHASA Chairperson

And finally...

Thank you to you all, as parents and carers, for everything you have done over the past few months. Thank you for embracing home schooling, even when it was difficult and it seemed never-ending. Thank you for keeping in touch with us about the achievements of your children, to help keep us connected even when we couldn't physically be together. Thank you for adapting so well to the various start and finish times of the school day, without murmur or grumble. Thank you for your generosity in purchasing books to replenish our school stocks – the shelves are already looking so much better and brighter. Thank you for the messages, cards and gifts we have received not only this week, but throughout lockdown - we are all truly grateful.

On behalf of the entire Crayke team, I would like to wish you all a fabulous summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

With very best wishes,

Judi Jackson

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Where's Church this summer?

The simplest answer to that is: everywhere that you are. We will be continuing with some online services at <http://bylandchurches.net/>. In particular, the online service on 26th July will be organised and led by our family service team. Your children may enjoy joining in and seeing some familiar faces.

We have also been able to start small services in person. The first service in the building at Crayke will be this Sunday at 4pm and there will be one at Brandsby on 26th July at 3pm. Please book a space by texting 07388 510894 or email revliz@trundlebug.co.uk or contact the wardens using the information in the parish magazine.

I look forward to seeing you all in September and I hope you get a rest and a break over the summer.

With best wishes,

Revd Liz