



## End of the School Year Newsletter

### **Change Happens...but some things stay the same**

Another school year has come to an end. Ashwood has seen some changes this year; staff changes, new security gates, our new website, amongst many others. What has remained a constant throughout this year is the total commitment of every member of staff to caring for and educating every child we are privileged to teach. Your support, as families, is vital to this and I would like to thank you for bearing with us through the changes and continuing to trust us to keep your children at the very heart of everything we do.

### **Successes...**

- Your children have worked hard and played hard this year. They have risen to the challenge of understanding 'growth mind-set' and I'm so pleased that they are using the term daily, when they need to refocus their energy to solve a problem, when they make a mistake and need to bounce back and when they show their support for a classmate. I loved reading about this in their reports. I hope you'll agree that the Records of Achievement were superbly crafted by the teachers and really reflect every child as an individual.
- We have had great success with phonics this year, with 85% of the Y1 children passing their phonic screening check. This is our best percentage yet and is higher than the national average. Our foundation cohort have also done well this year, with 77% of them achieving a 'Good Level of Development'. Key Stage 1 results look to be broadly in line with National averages, with an increased proportion of children achieving at 'greater depth'.
- Our fundraising has been amazing this year! We have raised money for Post Pals; our Y5s bake sale raised funds for improving the garden at Broadacres care home and we had some amazing donations towards revamping our playtime equipment too! Our Summer Fayre was a fun, vibrant, community event, on a beautiful day! I'm delighted to say we raised just over £900! Mrs Unwin, the School council and the PTA will be busy in September, deciding what we might spend this on and what other fabulous events we can hold. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please see Mrs Unwin. We would also like to thank all of the following for their help and support: Iceland, Playworld, all stallholders, the PTA, volunteers, staff, and all parents and carers who donated, attended and supported this wonderful event.



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- The children re-imagined our values to match our new leaf logo. The winning definitions for our 7 key values are displayed in our waiting area for all to see and will be on our website soon. Please pop in and have a look.

Our values spell out RESPECT. They are:

Resilience  
Empathy  
Support  
Positivity  
Excellence  
Community  
Team work

### **Goodbyes...**

We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Davis, our Y6 teacher, today and I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing her all the best for a great future. She is one of the most dedicated and talented teachers I have had the pleasure of working with and she will be sorely missed. Miss Davis and I went to RCS to see the Y6 – now Y7- children receive their awards yesterday and were so proud that 25 of the awards went to Ashwood kids. Miss Davis did a superb job of preparing them for 'life at the comp' and ensured that they all achieved as well as they could in the SATs tests. Although our KS2 results this year are down on the previous year, those children could not have worked harder than they did in the last year – and nor could you, Miss Davis! Thank you from all of us and good luck in your new job!

### **INSETs**

We have set four of our five INSET days for next year, so please add them to your diary. We will let you know the date of the fifth INSET as soon as we can.

These are:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Consultation Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: joint with all WPT schools

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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