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# CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to end of this academic year, the Governing Body has had a chance to reflect on the achievements and progress made.

First, we would like to specifically congratulate our Year 6s, who demonstrated our Christian values, particularly 'courage' as they prepared for and sat their SATs. They are to be congratulated for the effort, perseverance, and integrity they have committed to their last year at Chilton Foliat. They have also demonstrated kindness, leadership and generosity benefiting the school as a whole. They should feel very proud of all they have achieved and we wish them well as they take their next steps in their educational careers. We are also thankful to all the Sika team for their professionalism, support and encouragement which enabled the Year 6s to achieve so much.

With Covid becoming a more and more distant memory, we have been able to enjoy visits and visitors once again. The year kicked off with the Sika Class Team Building Day at Oxenwood, where the class was able to build new friendships and work on their Growth Mindset skills. Muntjac Class enjoyed a trip to the past visiting magical Stonehenge, imagining what it might be like to be a child living during that time. Fallow and Roe classes had a roar-some (see comment) Dinosaur Experience Day, learning how to be paleontologists and using great courage getting up close to the life-like animated dinosaurs!

Sporting experiences have also been popular this year, with our school participating in many tournaments. Hockey, rugby, football and netball have all featured. The children showed their willingness to 'have a go', try their best and work as a team. A particularly wet, windy and muddy rugby day was a real test for them - but there were smiles all round as the children collected their medals.

We celebrated the hard work of Action for River Kennet and the many volunteers that came together to build the Early Years Rainscape, with a blessing from Bishop Andrew. This lovely area has been enjoyed all year by Roe class and is a wonderful setting for parents to walk through at pick-up time.

Spring brought us the Coronation celebrations, residential trips and SATs. All this is not possible without the support of our parents and carers. We are so thankful for the positive engagement in your children's learning; reading annual reports, attending formal parent meetings and encouraging your children to help them succeed.

**With thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind**

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst". John 4:13

Thank you to those of you who have shared your views at parent forums and completed the recent parent survey. As always, if you have any concerns, or compliments, please let us know.

Many thanks must also go to Rachel Gear who chairs our hard-working Friends of Chilton Foliat, and the fabulous volunteers who come forward to help. Events this year have included a Gourmet Gamble, Coronation celebrations, Macmillan Coffee morning, bake sales, and the ever popular Ice Lolly Fridays. The money raised benefits all our children.

As we look ahead, we are looking forward to welcoming a full class into their Reception year in September. A 'New Starters' Coffee Morning was held recently, enabling new and existing parents to chat, swap numbers and buy second hand uniform. From September there will be a regular coffee morning, open to all parents and carers, held in the Clubhouse – so look out for details coming soon.

To finish, it seems appropriate to share our recently revised school mission statement -

*"At Chilton Foliat Primary School we honour our educational heritage, supported by a strong Christian ethos. We strive to provide a diverse education that inspires pupils to develop a thirst for knowledge. This is delivered in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment promoting self-discipline, thoughtfulness and excellence in all we do. We encourage strong partnerships and inclusive relationships amongst pupils, parents, carers, staff and the wider community"*

As we wish our Super year 6s a smooth transition to Secondary school life, we wish you all a safe, happy and restorative summer and look forward to starting another great year in September!

*Jenny Webber*

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Parent Governor, on behalf of the Chilton Foliat Primary School Governing Body

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