



Dear Parents and Carers

The penultimate week of term is always a busy one and this has been no exception. On Monday the whole school was treated to a performance of the Year 6 production *Moving On* before the performance for the parents on Wednesday. The children put on a terrific show with a lot of great acting, wonderful singing and plenty of humour. This is always a highlight of the year for me, seeing our oldest children giving their farewell performance to the school with such panache. Our present Year 6 class has been a real treasure of a class. They have led the school in style through the many leadership roles they have taken on and we wish them all the very best as they prepare for their journey into secondary school. Tonight they are looking forward to their end of year party and it's yet another reminder that they will soon be leaving us.

On Thursday morning the children had the chance to meet their new teachers and we were delighted that Ms Simpson, our new Head, could be with us for Collective Worship before being interviewed by the School Council. We wish our new members of staff, Ms Simpson and Miss Blissett all the very best as they join the Monken Hadley family.

Today we have turned the school into 'The Big Top' with our whole school treat day. Mr Phil came along and taught the children some great circus skills including walking the tightrope and spinning plates. We had activities going on in classrooms as well. The centrepiece of the day though has to be the circus activities that Helen and her team created on the Common and in Oak classroom where the children carried out a circus-themed obstacle course, made juggling balls, developed parachute skills and made puppets for a diorama. We all enjoyed a sunny lunchtime picnicking on the Common which Mavis and Esther had specially prepared for us. Many thanks to all the people who have supported the cake sales through the year which raised the money for the treat day – it was certainly a thoroughly enjoyable one and as a number of children commented, 'The best day ever!'.

At the end of today our football teams put on a great show against Lochinver House and Hadley Wood schools and although the score wasn't what we wanted, the boys put in a great team effort worthy of the England squad!

Miss Froud

Dates for the Autumn Term

Please note children return to school on Wednesday 5th September (Reception children on Monday 10th). Half term is week commencing Monday 22nd October.

Inter-House Football Challenge

Juniors will partake in the Inter-House Football Challenge on Wednesday 18th July. Please make sure that PE bags are in school for the Juniors for that afternoon. Children should take their PE kit home on Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th July.

Leavers' Service

This will take place on Thursday 19th July at 1.30pm at St Mary the Virgin Church. We would love to see parents of children in Year 6 and other parents of children who are leaving but unfortunately due to the size of the church, we can't accommodate other families. Year 6 children should all wear smart winter uniform.

The Friends

The summer party put on by the PTA last Saturday was a great success. The location, food and music were all fabulous and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thank you to everyone who either came to the event or supported it through bidding at the auction. An amazing amount was raised through ticket sales and the auction - £2525.26!