



Baydon St. Nicholas

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Succeeding Together

End of Year Newsletter July 2017

Bristol Zoo Trip

Robins and Goldfinches enjoyed a day at the zoo in June as they visited Bristol. Our pupils loved seeing the different animals and enjoyed workshops where they got to meet and stroke different animals, including rats and reptiles!

Science Trip to INTEC

In May, the whole of Key Stage Two visited the INTEC Science museum in Winchester. The museum is very hands on and all pupils loved getting involved with the exhibits. Many pupils'



best experience of the day was the planetarium where it felt like we were flying through space, a great day!

Thank you to our supporters

A huge thank you to all our parents and volunteers who have supported our work over the past two terms and indeed this year, we couldn't have done it without you!

A special thank you to the wonderful team of FOBS. The money raised contributes to the whole school body and makes a tremendous impact. Well done for a fabulous year!



Welcome to the end of term newsletter! It has been a wonderful year packed full of exciting events, trips, OFSTED and so much more! How lucky we are to be part of a school which has a '*supportive and family ethos*' with '*well-mannered and eager learners*' who consider our school to be '*amazing*'!

A huge thank you to all members of our school community who voted for our school values. Our values are as follows:

Respect, Kindness and Perseverance

In September, we will be exploring our values in classes as well as through our worship themes.

Goodbyes and Hellos

Even though we will miss them greatly, it is time for our wonderful Year Six to leave Baydon and begin fresh new adventures at secondary school! This year, pupils are moving from Baydon to St John's in Marlborough, John O'Gaunt in Berkshire and King Alfred's Academy in Oxfordshire. Year Six have been a wonderful asset to our school community, they



Church School Fete

The annual school fete took place in June and was well attended. The total amount raised on the day amounted to £2,600 and will be shared between the school and church.

Dogs Trust Visit

We were fortunate to have the Dogs Trust visit our school in Term Six and hold workshops for every class. Workshops varied in content (depending on age) from how to be safe around dogs to how dogs have evolved from wolves. As always, our pupils were enthusiastic and keen to listen to learn more.

Discovering Bees

A few weeks ago, Baydon was visited by bees! We learnt how hives work and how the produce of bees can be used by humans. A fascinating day!

Have you visited our website recently?

On our website you can find a range of information including our most recent OFSTED report. Find us at <http://www.baydon-school.org.uk>

Working together with parents

Our school continues to support parents in providing information sessions. It was great to see a high turnout in Term Five of parents interested to see how the work in school on 'High Challenge, Low Threat' was coming along. The butterfly display in the school was beautiful. Many thanks to those who attended.



have worked solidly over the past year in their academic work (which is represented in their fantastic SATS results), and have given above and beyond in many more areas of school life. So thank you Year Six, and best wishes for the future to Tristan, Lucy, Bill, Charlie, Ethan, Amy, Theo, Sarah, Ellie, Monty, Lauren, Millie, Caitriona, Jacob, Ruby, Lewi, Thomas and Matilda.

In September, we have 19 pupils starting school with us. We are much looking forward to them joining us and send them a huge welcome!

Sports Day

Sports day took place in very hot conditions this year but this did not put off our enthusiastic children! The day consisted of field events in the morning (with Year 6 leading the KS1 tournament as part of their Sports Leadership Course) followed by track events as a whole school in the afternoon. This year Craven house was victorious!



Sporting Tournaments

Lots of pupils have represented Baydon over the past two terms in many team events including Rounders (Year 6), Quad Kids (Year 5), and Athletics (Year 4), and Sports Leadership Training (Year 6). A big well done to all the pupils involved in these events but also the parents of these children for helping transport to and from these venues.

Music for a Summer's Evening

On Wednesday 5th July, a group of Key Stage Two pupils performed at the Music for a Summer's evening concert at St John's in Marlborough. As always, the performance was lively and the enthusiasm of our pupils was a joy to watch.



Orison Prayer Day

Key Stage Two and members of our prayer committee visited Aldbourne Church in June to experience the prayer workshops. The workshops were set up to allow pupils to explore and experience different ways to pray. Many thanks to all those involved.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our musicians among us including Matilda Roche who successfully passed her Grade 1 Harp exam with distinction, Anna Turner who passed her Grade 2 recorder, Eve MacLeod who passed grade 3 flute, Ellie Howell who sang her way through Grade 2 with merit and Beth Breese who also gained a merit in her grade 1 singing exam. Well done also to Lucy Bartlett and Lauren Gregory who passed their Grade 2 piano exams (merit) and Rebecca Turner who passed her Grade 6 saxophone with merit.

It's wonderful to hear that Charlie Hallsworth has again gained his place on the under 11's County Cricket Team. Fantastic! And finally a huge well done to our Bikeability group this time! All pupils completed Level One and Two. So congratulations to Thomas B, Tara, Charlie C, Eve, Charlie McD and Alina.

School Council

School Council have continued to make an impact upon our school life this year, including holding a gourmet gamble and holding a mock General Election to decide, as a school, what to do with the money. The 'save' party won the vote in the end, so watch this space for future spending!

The school from above

COBI Aerial Images visited us in early Term Four and kindly took a drone aerial photograph of the whole school. The children loved hearing how drones worked and watching it flying into the air. What a different perspective! Many thanks to them for their time and generosity in taking the photograph.

Joining together in the Whitton Benefice

Year Six pupils joined in the annual Leavers' Day with pupils from other Church of England Schools (St Michael's in Aldbourne and Chilton Foliat Primary School) in the Whitton Benefice near the end of Term Six. The day consisted of workshops including Forest Schools, music from the talented musicians Bassistry and a prayer workshop led by Reverend Heather and Jackie Hollander (one of our Governors). The service at the end included a performance from the Open the Book team. Thank you to all those involved with the day.

Aladdin

Pupils rose to the challenge of bringing together a spectacular version of Disney's Aladdin in Term Six. The singing, acting and enthusiasm was second to none and as always they have impressed us no end!

Pirate Drama Day

The Year Six pupils sailed off on a swashbuckling drama day in May. They joined with children from other schools in learning how to fire cannons, finding pirates in a forest, firing pistols and so much more! The day even ended in a mock siege!

Looking Ahead

In September, we begin a new year filled with exciting changes for our building inside and out. The adventure playground area will be refreshed early in Autumn and, into winter, work will commence on the school building to extend Magpies classroom into an actual sized classroom!

Wagtails will be extending their provision to include Fridays from September and, in classes, pupils will be starting the year with the topic 'Food Glorious Food', which sounds, well, glorious! Have a wonderful Summer holiday!

Mrs Knighton, Mrs Gilbert and all the Baydon Team.

