



The St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School, Burgh-Le-Marsh

# July 2019 Newsletter

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## ANOTHER YEAR OVER!

Phew! I think we have all (children, parents and staff) made it to the end of the academic year in one piece. Term 6 seems to get busier each year, although perhaps that's just because I'm getting older!

Of course, in amongst all the 'fun stuff' the children have participated in this year, our core function is to educate. If you cast your minds back 12 months I was writing about the fact that we had received the two scheduled Ofsted visits (another one is due) and how they had noted how ambitious we were. The report also praised our school for how the previous 'turbulence' had been dealt with. Over the past 12 months, all 'stakeholders' (it's a horrible, business-like word, but it is shorter than writing children, parents, staff, the Local Authority, the Diocese and the local community), have seen that we have continued to 'strive for excellence', continually aiming to provide our children a high quality education. Perhaps one measure of how well we are doing is the continual stream of appeals to join our school when all of our year groups are already over-subscribed!

As always, thank you for your continued support during 2018-2019. We are already looking forward to working with you all again in 2019-2020!

**Mr. Hurdman**

*Headteacher*

## GOODBYE Y6 – GOOD LUCK!

As always, it is with both sadness and pride that we say farewell to our Y6 children. We're not going to pretend that we aren't going to breathe a sigh of relief when we finally wave goodbye, but it is not personal Y6!

Over the past 7 years, they have presented a number of logistical headaches for a school that simply isn't structured for two classes! Most people will know that this particular cohort has been unusual for our school, going against the norm of single-form, 30-children entry. Out of the 56 children who leave us on Friday, only 43 actually started with us back in September 2012! However, solutions have been found at every obstacle such as entering additional teams in competitions, extra shows, extra Sports Day races and so on, ensuring that the cohort hasn't missed out. Even the issue of constantly having to have appropriately sized furniture for the group as they moved through the school has had to be considered. As for the mobile, even now its fate still rests in the hands of the Local Authority!

It has been wonderful to see this cohort grow and develop academically and socially over the past seven years. Reading their reports, looking at their academic progress and even surveying the group last Friday evening at Bottons, watching the children interact with one another and conduct themselves appropriately in public, they are ready to move on and are equipped with the skills necessary to take on the challenges presented at Secondary school. Goodbye Y6 and good luck!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Note: Some dates may be subject to change.  
Please also look out for ParentHub notifications, letters and notes.*

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Leavers Service @ Church (2pm)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Leavers Assembly for parents (2pm)  
End of Term 6 2018/2019

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
*INSET days for staff*

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Start of Term 1 for children

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
End of Term 1

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
*INSET day for staff*

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Start of Term 2 for children

w/b Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Y6 Bikeability week

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
End of Term 2

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Start of Term 3 for children

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
End of Term 3 for children

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
*INSET day for staff*

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Start of Term 4 for children

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Y6 PGL Residential

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020  
End of Term 4

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Start of Term 5

w/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Y6 SATs week

*No Y6 absence other than illness will be authorised*

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020  
End of Term 5

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020  
Start of Term 6

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020  
End of Term 6

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## GOODBYE MRS. KIRK & MISS BEARMAN – GOOD LUCK!

As noted previously, it is with great sadness that we will be bidding farewell to Mrs. Kirk at the end of the school year. Mrs. Kirk has been a valued member of the teaching team here at school since joining us back in 2013 and we will all miss her passion and creativity tremendously. Our loss is definitely someone else's gain though, as Mrs. Kirk is taking up a teaching position at another Lincolnshire school.

We also say goodbye to Miss Bearman, one of our midday controllers since 2016 and a valued classroom helper. Again, Miss Bearman is taking up a teaching and learning position at another Lincolnshire school and we are sad to see her go. I am sure you will join us in wishing them both every success for the future!

## BURGH BONANZA & THE PFTA

Despite the 'will it rain/won't it rain' dilemma, the Burgh Bonanza was a huge success on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, raising in the region of £2000. A huge thank you to Mrs. Allen, the wonderful members of the PFTA and all the additional helpers for their hard work once again. Thank you also to all the stall sponsors (in no particular order): Rod & Line Country Park (Thorpe St. Peter), Gleam Team (Skegness), Basement Barbers (Skegness), Sills & Betteridge Solicitors (Skegness), Hodgkinson's Solicitors (Skegness), East Coast Motors (Horncastle), The Caravan Decking Company (Skegness), Cherry Park (Chapel), Rolls Ahead Carpets (Skegness), Rolls Ahead Home Furnishings (Skegness), Malc Homes & Sons Ltd (Burgh) and Lincolnshire Fitness (Burgh). The raffle prizes were once again incredible. In addition to the £200 cash first prize, the Amazon Echo and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize from Holmes Butchers, prizes were also donated from the Bridge Chippy, Skegness Raceway, Jolly Roger Adventure Golf, Pleasure Beach, Coco Bongos, The Mill, Loewen Cinema, Skegness Aquarium, Hardy's Animal Farm, Fresh Fitness, McDonalds, The View, Burgh Spar, Lincolnshire Fitness, Butlins, Fantasy Island, Sainsbury (Spilsby) and Natureland. We would also like to thank our other supporters: Roman Bank Bakery, the Hot Roast Company, Paul McDonald, the Baptist Team, PCSO Jayne and Group Together. Sorry if we've missed anyone!

We are so incredibly grateful for the support of all these local businesses and, of course, to everyone who supports the PFTA events and initiatives. All the money goes back to the children at our school in some way. The PFTA donates to classes for smaller purchases, as well as supporting some of our 'extra' trips and visits. It is also important to highlight how the PFTA has, over the past 2 years, funded some significant projects at our school. The crucial safety rails and much-needed additional stage panels and supports used during our productions have been purchased by the PFTA – they were not cheap, coming in at a four-figure sum. More recently, the PFTA were incredibly generous in purchasing 32 Chromebooks (mini-laptops) and charging trolleys for use by the whole school to enhance learning opportunities for all the children. You can imagine the cost of these yourselves!

## BURGH BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENT

### 'BACK PACKERS' HOLIDAY CLUB

23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July, 10am -12 noon

£1.50 day or £6 for the week

Children of Primary school age (including pre-schoolers)

To pre-register and guarantee a place ring Colin on 01754 811260

or email Colin at [depasta@talktalk.net](mailto:depasta@talktalk.net)

## CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS

Clearly as a school we endeavour to 'get it right first time'. Stakeholders (it's that horrible word again) tell us that we generally do. However, there may be rare occasions when we do not quite meet expectations. Our school takes concerns seriously and will make every effort to resolve the matter as quickly as possible. Many issues can be resolved informally, without the need to use the formal stages of the complaints procedure. Usually this can be achieved by arranging to have a conversation with your child's Classteacher.

We understand however, that there are occasions when people would like to raise their concerns formally. In this case, the school will attempt to resolve the issue internally, through the stages outlined within our complaints procedure, available from the website ([www.burghschool.org.uk](http://www.burghschool.org.uk)) or from our office.

## SPORTING SUCCESS – AGAIN!

Since the last newsletter, teams from Y3/4 have competed in a Tennis competition in Horncastle, winning the 'Sporting Values' trophy in the process. Meanwhile Y5 and Y6 took part in the Kwik Cricket tournament in Skegness. Y5 won their event and were able to go to Lincoln to compete in the County Final! Most recently, almost 60 children from Key Stage 2 took part in the 'School Games' in Skegness, finishing third overall. Well done to all the children involved in these and all the other competitions we have taken part in over the course of the year!

## "GOLD" SCHOOL GAMES MARK AWARDED FOR 2018-2019!

For the second year in a row, our school have yet again been awarded the "Gold" School Games Mark award for the contribution and opportunities we provide for our children in regards to sport and physical education, during school time and for extra-curricular activities. For a relatively small school such ourselves this is a fantastic achievement! Well done to all!



The School Games Mark is now in its 8th year and continues to reward schools and other educational establishments for their commitment to and development of competition, school sport, physical education and physical activity.

## Y6 MOBILE PHONES - A REMINDER

Can we remind parents and carers that only Y6 children are permitted to bring mobile phones to school *if absolutely necessary*. They must be switched off at all times on school premises and also handed in to an adult. Children ignoring this rule can expect to have this privilege removed.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE (PHYSICAL OR DATA-RELATED) TO ANY DEVICE BROUGHT ONTO SCHOOL PREMISES.**

If you do not agree to this, then please do not allow your child in Y6 to bring their phone to school.



## 'F1 MATHS' MATHS IN MOTION WORLD FINAL

In 'virtual sports' news, we recently took part in the 2019 Maths in Motion World Final. This was a live online event, and, as noted previously, included schools from across Europe, Asia and Australasia. This year's team, comprising Alice, Amelia, Isabel and Millie from Y6 spent the morning carrying out extremely high-level mathematics to set-up a virtual F1 car to race against the other 29 schools in the World Final.

The four girls did incredibly well again, finishing 11<sup>th</sup> in Primary in what was one of the toughest races since we have been involved in the competition. Well done to the team and, once again, congratulations to the whole F1 Maths club for getting us to the final.

Oh, and how did reigning Teacher World Champion Mr Hurdman fare? Well, he finished runner-up in the 2019 Teacher World Championship. As he keeps reminding everyone though, he was the top British Teacher!

Find out more about the challenge at [www.mathschallenge.com](http://www.mathschallenge.com). You can also (if you are a grown up!) find their YouTube channel by searching YouTube for 'Maths in Motion'.

## ELITE GYMNAST TRAINING SESSION

Last Friday eight lucky children from Y3-Y5 were invited to Skegness Grammar School to take part in a training session with former Team GB Olympic Gymnast Kristian Thomas. Kristian is a former elite gymnast, boasting a career that resulted in him winning 10 medals at major championships, including being part of the team that won a historic bronze medal at London 2012. Since retiring, Kristian has become only the second person to be inducted in to the British Gymnastics Hall of Fame. An exceptional all-around gymnast, particularly strong on floor and vault, Kristian has won multiple medals at British, European and World Championships. The children found all about his career, were able to see some of his many medal and, most importantly, took part in a fantastic series of activities led by Kristian and the team at Skegness Grammar School. Sadly, Mr. Hurdman and Miss Newman forgot their kit and were not able to wow the children with their back somersaults, aerial walkovers and their synchronised 'Yurchenko'. Maybe next time?

## PARKING REMINDERS

Please park responsibly around school, respecting our no-parking/dropping off in the school car park rule. Only those individuals to whom we have given permission for individual reasons may do so. Also, please do not block residents' access, do not park on grass verges and certainly do not park in the Surgery car park! Inconsiderate parking can be dangerous, reflects badly on our school and means that as a school we have to waste time dealing with complaints that are not actually the school's responsibility when we should be concentrating on educating our children!



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*If you have problems registering, just let us know and we will try to help.*

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## COMPASSION IN ACTION!



An enormous THANK YOU goes to Elanor and Zia in Y5. If you came along to the Burgh Bonanza, you will have seen Zia and Elanor sat behind a stall, selling some rather stylish wristbands that they made. This was not for the PFTA, but to raise money for one member of our school community who is very poorly at the moment. It was Elanor and Zia who came up with the idea of raising money for him. They then ran it past the PFTA and prepared (with the help of grown-ups at home) for the day of the Bonanza. The stall was a tremendous success, raising over £120, which is going to support the person in question. What an incredible show of compassion from Zia, Elanor, their helpers and everyone who supported their stall! THANK YOU!

### Y6 LEAVING EVENTS

Y6 had a fantastic evening at Bottons on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, as did the accompanying adults. Thank you to the PFTA for facilitating this traditional event.

Thank you to the committee of parents who organised an additional 'prom' event last weekend too. We really do appreciate the wonderful support shown towards the children and the school over the past 7 years!

The final two events on the calendar for Y6 are the Y6 Leavers' Service in church at 2pm on Thursday, followed by the Y6 Leavers' Assembly in school at 2pm on Friday. We look forward to seeing our Y6 parents. For many it will be the final time! Tissues at the ready!



### HOT MEALS - REMINDER FOR 2019/2020

**Hot Meals paid for weekly must be paid by the Thursday of the preceding week at the latest please.** If orders and monies are not handed in on time, meals will not be ordered. Sorry!

### PE KIT - REMINDER FOR 2019/2020

PE kit (including footwear) must be in school every day please, regardless of the 'usual' PE day.

### Y6 WALKING HOME- REMINDER FOR 2019/2020

Y6 may only walk home unaccompanied with written permission from parents, stating the days this will happen.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**Start of Term 1 for children at Burgh School**

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