

17th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We were all amazed by the **Year 6 performance** last week. The children exceeded all our expectations and put on a truly fabulous play. Many thanks to Mr Bird, Mrs Driscoll, Mrs Benfield, Miss Jaworska, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Finn and all of the children who worked so hard to make this a truly memorial experience for us all.

The money has been counted, and the staggering amount of over £1,000 pounds was raised at the **PFTA summer fayre** on the 6th July. Well done! But this is not all.....the PFTA are selling tickets this week, to raffle a "**Huffy Machine**". Tickets are priced at £1 and will be on sale at the end of the school day today, and tomorrow, Tuesday the 18th July in the junior playground.

It's back! Great news the **Summer Reading Challenge 'Animal Agents' 2017** is now live in your local library. Go in and register for the challenge, it's FREE! Children need to read at least six books during the summer holidays and help the agents 'Crack the case'. They will then receive their own certificate and medal, with a few other surprises along the way. Parents, please encourage your child to participate in this free event. Not only is it exciting but also rewarding in so many ways. Reading is the best form of learning, whilst having fun. Every year 'Shepway' schools participate in this wonderful event and are put on to a league table. This year here at Christ Church we are aiming high! So we would like all of our lovely children to head to the library and get reading. Challenge finishes September 16th 2017, so there is plenty of time to join up.

Our **choir** performed well at the **Leas Bandstand** on Saturday, once again distinguishing our academy by their excellent behaviour and varied talents. My thanks to Mrs Driscoll and Ms Conybeare for their support and guidance throughout the event.

We begin "**Whirl around the World**" week with all our children participating in sporting, art, music, dance and drama events. We will have a range of visitors to the school, including the incomparable Randolph Matthews on Wednesday, 19th July. Please ask your child's class teacher for further information about the inspiring week ahead.

On Wednesday, children of Year 6 will have a **special leaver's service at Holy Trinity Church** beginning at 9.30 am. Parents of children in Year 6 are most welcome to join us.

On Thursday, 20th July, we will recognise and reward children who have maintained **excellent levels of attendance** at school this year, with a special assembly in the morning. They will also receive **extra time/extra fun** on the bouncy castles during the day. Later in the day, from 4.00 -5.30 pm, Year 6 children are invited back for their own barbecue, cooked especially for them. It's an opportunity for the staff and pupils to have an informal goodbye session.

We welcome any contributions you may have for **SALS Shoes**, a charity that collects unneeded, outgrown shoes; flip flops, sandals, school shoes, slippers, trainers, winter boots, football boots to name a few. You can find more about this worthy charity on info@salshoes.com or www.salshoes.com. Please bring your outgrown shoes to the school office.

We also welcome any **large sized swimming trunks**, especially for our older boys in Years 5 and 6 who may require the use of these from time to time. Any donations most welcome.

Finally on Friday, 21st July at 9.00 am, Year 6 pupils will put on their own **leavers assembly for parents**.

We conclude the school year on Friday, **finishing at the earlier time of 1.15pm**. Children will return to school to begin the 2017/18 academic year on Monday, 4th September.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and fun filled summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Kreiselmeier
Head Teacher