

# FHA Newsletter

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Broadening Horizons

Welcome to the last newsletter of the academic year – and what a year it has been! September seems a very long time ago but, as ever, our school has been extremely busy with events both in and out of school.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was our OFSTED inspection during May which saw the school move to a judgement of 'Good' after much hard work from pupils, staff and governors. However, there have been many other events that have also been highlights. Seeing Year 5 perform at the Royal and Derngate as part of the Shakespeare For Schools festival was a pleasure and I know how much the children (and parents) enjoyed it as well; the various Christmas services that were held in December helped create a festive mood; arriving at school and seeing 52 pupils in Year 6, plus their staff, dressed as Wally on World Book Day in March and most recently the excellent effort put in by our team at the DRET Summer Cup.

All of these events, and more, have been well supported by parents and carers and we value the effort that you go to in order to support your child and our school.

We have already started to plan for next year and identify the priorities we will be working on which will be shared with you early in the new academic year.

As well as several staff goodbyes (see below for further details), we also say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. They have been a credit to the school and themselves – hard-working and with a positive attitude, they have approached the challenges of Year 6 with an outstanding attitude and we wish them the very best for the future.

On behalf of all the staff at Falconer's Hill Academy, I would like to wish you an enjoyable summer break, wherever you might be going and whatever you might be doing and we look forward to welcoming you back when we return in September.

Mr Reetz



19/07/2017 Year 6 Leavers Event – see below

20/07/2017 Year 6 Trip to Wicksteed Park

21/07/2017 Last day of term

05/09/2017 Children return to school for new academic year

If you require further information regarding any of the above, please call or pop into the school office.



### **Summer Cup**

We took a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to the annual DRET Summer Cup in the first week of July. This gave the pupils opportunities to meet sporting legends such as Sir Steve Redgrave and Colin Jackson as well as take part in a range of competitive sporting events. The children acted as excellent ambassadors for our school and came first in the hockey tournament (beating The Abbey in the semi-finals) and joint 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 20 primary schools. Well done to everyone who attended.

### **Summer Fair & Sports Day**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Summer Fair and Sports Day on Friday last week. We all had an amazing time, and we hope you enjoyed it too. Feedback from those parents that I spoke to on the day was very positive. Our Year 6 team managed to raise £350 through their enterprise scheme during the morning and thank you to all those who contributed to this total.



Also, we plan to draw the raffle later this week – if you wish to purchase raffle tickets, these are on sale from the school office. Details of winners will be notified following the draw.



### **DRET Inspiration Fund**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who took part in the recent Crazy Hair Day, Falconer's Hill Bake-Off and the Sponsored Run. The children have all had so much fun in all of these events, and they wouldn't be possible without your support, so thank you again. So far, we have made over £830 and money is still coming in for the sponsored event. If you still have money to collect, please can you hand this in, along with your sponsorship form, by Friday, 14/07/17.

### **Year 6 Leavers Event**

All Year 6 pupils and parents/carers and family are warmly invited to attend school on Wednesday, 19/07/2017 for the Year 6 Leavers event. The event will start at 6.00pm prompt.



### **Communications**

We are pleased to confirm the Trust are currently looking at a new provider for all school/home communications to help improve the flow of information. In the meantime, may we remind you that as well as issuing paper copies, we also post all trip and event letters on our school website – [www.falconershillacademy.co.uk](http://www.falconershillacademy.co.uk) – under the Parent Info section.

## **Happy (but a little sad for us) news**

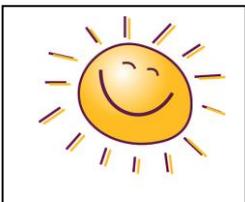
We will be saying goodbye to several staff members at the end of this term. Firstly, Mrs Hudson will be leaving us to take up a Headteacher post at another school within DRET, Rockingham Primary. Mrs Hudson has been a key figure in driving forward improvements in the school over the past few years and she will be sorely missed. Miss Petruso has been appointed as interim Deputy Head from when we return in September.



We also say goodbye after 14 years to Miss Barton. She has had a considerable impact on the school through her work with pupils and families and I know that you will join me in wishing her the very best as she takes up a role at Greenacres. Some of our children visit Greenacres and so they will have to keep their eyes peeled for a familiar face the next time they are there! Mrs Emma Whittle has been appointed as Learning Mentor and I am sure you will make her feel welcome when she joins us in September.

Finally, Mrs Vogt has made the decision to retire and will be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Vogt has worked with a huge number of children during her time here and we wish her well for the future.

## **Hot Weather**



Whilst we only have just over a week to go, it does look like the weather may warm up again, so please can all parents and carers ensure children have a water bottle in school every day, as well as a hat and sun cream if appropriate. Children can concentrate much better if they have plenty to drink in hot weather.



## **Parking**

Northants Police have asked us to pass on the following reminder regarding parking:

*Parking outside schools is a significant problem across the county. With the new school year fast approaching, parents and carers are reminded to be mindful when dropping off or picking up their children and not to fall into the habit of parking illegally or in a thoughtless or dangerous manner.*

*The area outside school entrances must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders or children wanting to cross the road. Road markings are there for a reason and drivers must not wait, park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers on school entrance markings.*

*Parents and carers are also reminded not to park inconsiderately and in a way which will inconvenience residents, other road users or in a way that obstructs the road.*

*Parents are advised to not stop or park:*

- Near a school entrance
- On any zig-zag road markings
- Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus or taxi rank (including the one outside the Parker school)
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend