



# FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you



What a year it has been at Fishbourne Church of England Primary School! We are so proud of all our children, staff and families who make up our learning community and always amazed at what we can achieve when we are all pulling together. There is so much to celebrate about our school and this newsletter is dedicated to doing just that. Here's a roundup of some of our highlights of this academic year!

Our whole school learning experiences have continued to be a very special time at Fishbourne. Children often talk about the impact these experiences have on them as learners and they are talked about so fondly. Staff also appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively and plan together and benefit from professional development in other areas of the curriculum. On our website, there is a synopsis of each of these events going right back to our first one, A Small Miracle, for those of you whose children were with us at Christmas 2015! We love learning through experiences at Fishbourne Primary, this is a key part of what makes us unique and special as a school. This year we have enjoyed four whole school learning experiences:

## THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

**\*Where in the world?** A geography based learning experience which gave us the chance to jet off to some exotic locations around the world and see them from different perspectives. These perspectives challenged our views and encouraged us to think deeply about the world around us.

**\*Choose Respect** was a PSHCE based learning experience and gave us the opportunity to talk about bullying. We challenged the children to debate what should happen if someone is being bullied in school and the children were in almost total agreement that a bully should be both helped and punished. As a result of this experience, the children collaborated to write our anti-bullying booklet for children which can be found on our school website.

**\*Chicken Clicking** was our first one day learning experience and coincided with National Safer Internet Day. It provided an opportunity to celebrate how amazing the internet is while also raise awareness of some of the dangers. During the day, the children wrote a pledge about keeping themselves safe. These are on display in the ICT suite as a daily reminder of our commitment to staying safe online.

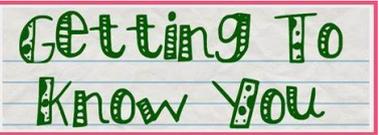
**\*Review!** Our final whole school learning experience of the year was a writing based one and involved the children learning to become theatre critics. Every child visited the theatre and watched their production through a different set of eyes... coming back to write some insightful and powerful reviews!



We have already mapped out our whole school learning experiences for the coming academic year and these promise to be just as exciting

and irresistible for everyone involved. We will have three of these experiences dotted throughout the year and we have already started planning for them. The first of these is called **PERFORM** and will be taking place during the week beginning the 30th September. Details about this will be coming home to you during the first week back after the holidays and we look forward to sharing with you more about it!

We believe that positive relationships underpin everything we do in school and so we have spent more time this half term getting to know the children who will be coming into our classrooms in September. By knowing the children really well and understanding their starting points, we are able to personalise learning highly effectively to meet their needs. This half term, the children's new class teacher/s have spent the last part of every day with them! This time has been spent enjoying a class story and spending time in their new classrooms. As a result, these relationships are already being built up and formed. It has been lovely to see story-time taking place in every classroom each day and the children having this opportunity to get to know their class teacher.



The work we have been doing to develop teaching and learning in maths is well underway and will continue into next year. We are delighted to be working with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCTEM) in the coming academic years through which Mrs Buchan and Mrs Harris will be involved in

some fantastic professional development. The focus will be on developing deep and lasting understanding of mathematical procedures and concepts. We are really looking forward to being involved, informed and inspired by the NCTEM and will share more about our School Development Plan early in the autumn term. Over the holidays, those of you with children who will be in Key Stage 2, please do continue to take advantage of our subscription to Times Table Rockstars which will support your child's ESSENTIAL fluency in their times tables. It makes such a tremendous difference when children can recall their times tables quickly and easily.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019

**SUMMER HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE**  
Coming home this week will be a challenge that has been inspired by the children who go to Mrs Webb's reading for pleasure club. We cannot stress more how essential it is that children read at

home... a little bit every day makes a HUGE difference to the children's fluency, confidence and enjoyment of reading. This summer, you could really make a difference to your child by pledging to support our reading challenge and encouraging your child to read. Look out for the challenge coming home later this week. Do send your photos in so that your child feels a part of something special:

[summerholidaychallenge@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:summerholidaychallenge@fishbourneprimary.co.uk)

Huge congratulations to the children in Year 5 and 6 for their performance of Mary Poppins this week. It is always lovely to see our children having a platform on which to showcase their talents. The children have worked hard and deserve to feel really proud of the show. A big thank you to Mr Servant, as ever, for working with us to produce the show and for championing our children to be the very best they can be.





Sports Day was a gloriously sunny one and the children took part in all the activities with great enthusiasm and effort. It was great to see the determination, courage and collaboration shown by so many of the children who took part. The children supported one another and celebrated their achievements so well. We, as staff, all felt very proud of them.

We are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful Panda class who have been truly fabulous role models to the rest of the school this academic year—both in terms of behaviour and attitudes towards their learning. They have achieved exceptionally well and we are very pleased with our SATS results in terms of both attainment and progress. A very big well done to them all! Our chair of governors, Julie Barwell, sent this message to them all:

*'Can you also please pass on our congratulations to the Yr 6 pupils. Each and every one of them did their own personal best and they*

*should all feel proud of their achievements. This is probably the first of many exams that they will take, but we hope that as they leave Fishbourne, they will take our learning behaviours with them. Certain in the knowledge that people will not always judge them on exam results but for the kindness they show to others and for a smile and positive attitude when things don't go as well. We wish them every success as they embark on their next adventure.'*

A lovely reminder that there is so much more to celebrate about our children than simply SATS results. We are enormously proud of our Year 6 children for their unique talents and wish them well as they go off on the next stage of their own personal adventures. We look forward to welcoming our new reception cohort to the school in September and hope that each and every one will be happy in our learning community.

I would like to finish this newsletter at the end of the school year with a BIG THANK YOU to the whole staff team at Fishbourne CE Primary who work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities they can for the children at our school. Thank you also to our governing body who support our vision for the learning community and champion us to be the best we can be. The families who make up our learning community are equally as important and we are grateful to those families who support our school in so many ways.

We hope you enjoy the summer break and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 3rd September.

Kindest regards,  
Naomi Day and the Fishbourne Team



**Mon 22nd July—OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY**  
Children can come to school wearing Forest School clothing appropriate to the weather. Hats, sun cream and water bottles if it is sunny too please! The children will be outside for the whole day! Look out for an update of what we get up to on the school website!

Tue 23rd July—Leavers' Assembly at 9am.  
Tue 23rd July - Break up for the summer holidays

#### Next term:

Tuesday 3rd September: First day back for children

**Meet the teacher meetings** will be held for each year group at 2.30pm on the days indicated below. These are important meetings where we talk through arrangements for the year ahead and ways in which you can support your children's learning at home.

Tue 10th Sep: Year 2

Wed 11th Sep: Year 5 (this will include information about CYE residential)

Thu 12th Sep: Year 3

Tue 17th Sep: Year 4

Wed 18th: Year 1

Thu 19th Sep: Year 6 (this will include information about Fairthorne residential)

#### **INSET Days for 2019/20**

Provisional INSET days for next year are as follows:

**Monday 2nd September**

**Friday 20th December**

**Monday 6th January**

**Friday 22nd May**

**Monday 20th July**



#### **NEW SCHOOL YEAR RESOLUTION!**

Please can we remind you before you go shopping for the new term that all children should be wearing **BLACK SCHOOL SHOES** to school throughout the year. The children may not wear boots or trainers to school, even in the winter. Please also make sure that hair bands and any simple accessories are either brown, black, yellow or maroon.

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