

JULY NEWSLETTER 2015

ILSHAM C OF E ACADEMY

'Excellence for All'



Head of Academy Update

Dear Parents,

Another busy year draws to close. Wow... what an action-packed year it has been!

It is wonderful to look back on the last academic year and celebrate so many successes in every aspect of school life.

What has been wonderful has been the opportunities to welcome so many of you into school to share with our exciting learning and so many of you have shared your talents to support our learning in school and that has been hugely valuable.

This year has been another incredibly successful year for us at Ilsham and more widely at the Learning Academy Partnership. Ilsham has realised it's highest ever set of results at the end of EYFS, KS1, KS2 and Phonics Screening. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our amazing children and are dedicated to ensuring that every child fulfils their potential and reaches for the stars.

The children have worked so hard this year and they have been challenged, supported and nurtured by an amazing team of teachers, support staff and administration staff. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their continued hard work and commitment to the children and the work of the academy. If you ever have any concerns, then please come and see me, or catch me on the gates, before or after school. We try hard to respond to feedback which improves the quality of provision for your child.

This year has seen the number of After School Clubs and opportunities almost double the previous years and the take up increase by 21%. The variety of provision has also been extended to include new clubs such as: Pet Club, Athletics Club, Scratch Club alongside all of the old favourites: Football, Cricket, Samba, Chess, T.U.F.C, Netball and Tennis. I would like to thank all of the staff involved in the running of those clubs; without whose hard work and dedication the rich provision would not be possible. Over the year it has been wonderful to welcome so many of you in to school during events such as: Class Act of Worships, Open Classrooms, E-Safety Workshops, Reading events, Curriculum meetings and celebratory events. Have a wonderful summer break!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the responses you have made on end of year reports and also feedback throughout parent consultations and over the year – they have been overwhelmingly positive and recognise the amazing achievements our children are making. Can I remind you that if you are happy with the provision for your child, it would be helpful if you could visit the Parent View website in addition to your feedback on the reports.

Mrs E Bone

Dates for your Diary

21st July	Monkey Puzzles leavers Service at 2pm
23rd July	Last day of term
2nd Sept	Autumn Term Starts
28th Sept - 2nd Oct	Residential Trip
3rd Nov	Individual Photos
6th Nov	BAG2SCHOOL
26th - 30th Oct	Half Term
18th Dec	Last day of term
4th Jan	Spring Term Starts

Summer Reading Challenge 2015 Record Breakers

Please get involved with this challenge at your local library.

It's free and fun and designed to have maximum child appeal - this year the theme is record breakers. There are lots of sticker and medals for encouragement.

I look forward to sharing in your child's reading successes in our first Act of Worship.



Rowans - Art Exhibition



Thank you to local artists Kim & Mike Freeman who have worked in the Rowans for the last couple of months supporting them in their project on Space.

We were delighted to celebrate the amazingly high quality outcomes at our exhibition on Tuesday 21st July.

Thank you to all family and friends who attended.



Britain In Bloom

It was a pleasure to welcome the Britain in Bloom judges last week to meet with our Gardening club and judge our Ilsham Garden. We had some really positive feedback and the children enjoyed thoroughly the opportunity to share their passion and hard work.

We eagerly await the outcome!



Maples & Hollies - Eden project

The Maples & Hollies have been working with a local artist (Mea'li & Daisy's mum!) to create these beautiful canvasses for the Eden Project Art Competition.

The children worked hard to design these reflecting their learning about the Amazon this term.



Alpaca

Our LAP artists have enjoyed working collaboratively on creating our Aztec Alpaca. They also

enjoyed attending the opening of the Torbay Alpaca Trail at Occombe Farm. Don't

forget the map in the Torbay Herald Express.



Isham Sporting Success

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our Sports Day this year. Thank you for all your positive feedback it was a great blend of competition and team work on the track and field. Thanks to PTFA and Westlands for their support on the day and to Miss Young for organising the entire event so successfully.



This year we decided to give special awards to our year 6's for endeavour and these went to James Rowe and Sophie Packer



PTFA

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair was a huge success raising an amazing £800. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Barfield and all members of our PTFA for their commitment over the year. With out their organisation skills these events would not happen.

Au revoirs and Goodbyes

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children, Storm, Thomas, Alex, James, Ambra, Adele, Archie, Olivia, Cameron, Chris, Ollie, Rosie, Evan, Sophie, Isabelle, Reuben, James R, Henry, Jodie, Adam, Charlotte, Maia, Dawid & Oscar.

We also say au revoir to Miss Coombe who is going on secondment & Miss Hylands who has taken on an amazing opportunity to develop her skills further to become a teacher within the LAP. Goodbye to Miss Taylor, Miss Cuss and Mrs Blaker.

Welcome

We look forward to welcoming Miss Coombs & Mr Grinsill who will be joining us in September. We also welcome back Mrs Kelly and Mr Noble and are delighted to welcome Mrs Crotty to our Ilsham family from All Saints Marsh.

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School Dinners

Don't forget you can pay online and book your child's meals in advance.

Go to the website and search for Ilsham C of E Academy

www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/

Worship



It has been lovely to welcome our families and friends in over the last half term to share in our class Acts of Worship.

As you know we have been thinking, this term, about our Christian value of Responsibility and how we have a responsibility to use the gifts and talents that God has given us to the best of our ability but also a responsibility to look after and care for each other and the world around us.

As always as the year comes to end we look back on the members of our Year 6 who have shown our 4 Christian Values during their time at Ilsham. They are then presented with an award during the Leavers Service.

Humility - James Rowe

Responsibility - Olivia Godfrey

Respect - Henry Sandford

Friendship - Sophie Packer

The Good Shepherd School

We have been working really hard all year to raise money for the roof of The Good Shepherd School in Zambia.

The children have raised money through cake sales, multi days and retiring collections.

We are delighted to share we have raised £1010.

Thank you all you support !



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