

NEWSLETTER NO.12 SUMMER TERM – 17th JULY 2019



## PRIZEGIVING:

We enjoyed a beautiful celebration, coming together for the last time this academic year in the Chapel at Mayfield to celebrate the achievement of all our children. This was particularly manifest in their singing which was of the highest standard this year, enhanced by the acoustics in the chapel. The voices of even the smallest class filled the space but I am sure no-one will object to me giving a special mention to Year 5 who performed with beautiful harmony and such power that they very nearly raised the roof! In a school where music and song is a major feature, it was a very fitting way to open the celebrations and, indeed, to pay tribute to Mrs Bradford who inspires so much of the music-making in school.

Musical programme:

Reception - 'Friends'

Year 2 – 'Anv dream will do'

Year 1 - I whistle a happy tune'

Year 3 – 'Sing'

Years 4 & 6 – 'We'll Meet Again' Year 5 – 'Make your own kind of Music'

Choir - 'Sancta Maria', 'Higher and Higher'

Whole School - 'Wherever you are', 'The Servant King'

This school year ends on a very positive note for another reason: we will start in September with our highest number of pupils on role, certainly in my memory. Many factors have contributed to this growth, not least the attraction of the Foundation Stage Building which in itself inspired the 'makeover' of the whole school exterior. With a new marketing strategy and continuing competitive fee structure combined with excellent academic and pastoral reputation, it is encouraging that we continue to be a positive choice for many families.

This growth gives us the confidence to begin to contemplate the next phase in the school's development. One of our priorities is to improve the facilities for sport and recreation which would mean installing an allweather pitch on the main field. More news about this in the autumn, but naturally it is a long term project, not deliverable until summer 2020 at the earliest.

Alongside the PTA, we are focused on reducing the school's environmental impact and responding to Pope

Francis' call to 'Care for our Common Home'. You can anticipate being encouraged at home to dispense with single use plastics, switch off lights and water taps and generally to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible. The children are going to be great advocates in this respect!

Ends of term bring joy and sadness for different reasons and this year was no exception. We bid farewell to Miss Cooper, our very own 'Super Trooper', as she begins preparations to return to her beloved Australia and the guarantee of warmer weather all year round! Her impact will be felt long after she has gone, as we

continue to refer to trackie daks (track suit bottoms) and foot-free Fridays and watch her eucalyptus tree grow. Keeping in touch is a certainty so watch out for updates via the school newsletter. Miss Thatcher

leaves to embark on the next step in a new career path, starting a university course in midwifery in September. We thank you both for your contribution to the success of the Foundation Stage and wish you both every blessing for the future.





Talking of blessings...our Y6 pupils have found a special place in our hearts and will be remembered for their sense of (mischievous)

fun, their singing, sporting and academic achievements and creativity.

Between them, they have accumulated five passes at 11+; four Scholarships, as well as a 100% success rate in Maths in the end of KS2 SATs! Well done, we always knew you were amazing and we have the evidence to prove it!

To all of you we say a sincere 'thank you' for your kind sentiments and gifts at the end of this academic year. Our success depends on the strong partnership we enjoy with all parents. Thank you once again for the loan of your lovely children and the trust you place in us.

Wishing you the happiest of holidays and the precious gift of time to spend with your families.

See you in September!



## **BOOK PRIZES**

	LOVE	LEARN	GROW	WORSHIP
Reception	Harriet	Felicity	Harry	
Year 1	Alice	Eloise	Paddy	Ina-Mae
Year 2	Millie	Annabelle Emma		Luke
Year 3	Oscar	Anabel Mariella Felix M		BeaBea
Year 4	Savannah	Nate	Bella Freya	Milo
Year 5	Amelie	Oliver	Max Beatrice	
	atharine Monk former head	<b>DNESS PLATE</b> I of Nursery, this plate is award een a member of the school si		Liam (Reception)

## YEAR 6 AWARDS

		Awarded to Sophie for determination on and off the ball and great	
GIRLS HOCKEY PLAQUE	Sophie	improvement throughout the season	
NETBALL PLAQUE	Avaani	Awarded to Avaani for outstanding movement around the court and	
Donated by Tucker Family		accurate passing into the circle	
SPORTSMANSHIP	Monty	Monty has been an enthusiastic team member, supporting his team and setting a good example for others to follow	
	Elena	The Girls Cup is awarded to Elena for representing the school in every team and always performing at a high standard	
P.E. CUP	Jack	The Boys' Cup is awarded to Jack who has represented the school in every team and was awarded a Sports Scholarship to Beechwood Sacred Heart	
LOVE	Eliza	This year we have decided to change the categories for prizes to	
	Mia	reflect the school's Mission Statement and the values that we celebrate in every aspect of school life. By linking the prizes to the Mission Statement this will make the awards more relevant to children and celebrate our core values.	
LEARN	Alana		
GROW	Ilaria		
	ilana	Georgia is a naturally creative artist working across a range of	
ART PLATE	Georgia	media and has been awarded a Creative Arts Scholarship to Bethany, where she takes up her place in Y7	
DRAMA CUP (PERFORMING ARTS)	Amelia	Amelia loves to perform and entertain. She was awarded a Performing Arts Scholarship to Bedes	
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR CUP	Eliza	Awarded to Eliza who stood out and shone on both evenings of the performance of the Y4 & Y6 Musical 'We'll Meet Again'. Eliza is a naturally talented singer and performer.	
	Ilaria		
MUSICAL DRAMA	Sophie	For outstanding performances in the Musical	
CERTIFICATES	Monty		
CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL LIFE PLACE	Mia	Awarded to Mia who, since Nursery, has been involved in all aspects of school life	
PERSEVERANCE CUP	Avaani	This year our Perseverance Cup goes to Avaani, who the staff feel has consistently given her best and achieved a well-deserved place at Weald of Kent Grammar School.	
MUSIC CUP	Alana	Music is a very important part of school life at Sacred Heart and many pupils develop their singing through choir and individual lessons. Rarely at primary school do pupils progress beyond Grade 3. Last week we heard that Alana was awarded Merit at Grade 4 Singing and therefore is the worthy recipient of the Music Cup.	
GK PLATE Awarded by the Griffiths Family	Monty	Awarded to Monty, who is extremely knowledgeable and remains curious, displaying a fantastic memory for general knowledge facts.	

HISTORY CUP Awarded by the Griffiths Family	Georgia	Awarded to Georgia who has shown an enthusiasm for this subject from Ancient Greece to World War II
CREATIVE WRITING CUP	Ava	Awarded to Ava, who has demonstrated a real flair and love for creative writing. We look forward to reading her published works in the not too distant future!
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	Elena	Elena is an extremely able pupil who excels in all areas of the curriculum. Not only has she gained a place at Tonbridge Grammar School, but she was awarded Greater Depth in Writing this year. Everything she does, she does to the best of her ability and to the highest of standards with no trace of complacency.
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT	Elena	Marked out by her modesty despite being the embodiment of this particular talent in school, this person represents school and country in her 'sport'. If I say chess you say
SPIRIT OF SACRED HEART	Ava	Ava has grown to embody the aims of our mission statement, consistently living out the gospel values. She has approached everything this year with a willing enthusiasm, kindness and sincerity. Ava is a generous and loyal friend; she has grown personally and academically and has been a key member of the servers group





## THANK YOU!

• To our volunteer helpers who regularly give up their time to benefit the pupils, assisting with reading, outings, and sports fixtures. Your contribution really does make a difference; the children have appreciated your time and enthusiasm, as have the staff, and we hope that you have enjoyed the experience and will be encouraged to continue to offer your support next year.

- To the PTA Committee for their promised contribution of £8,000 towards School Development Projects.
- To our 'School Shop Ladies', Mrs Dines and Mrs St Clair Bishop who after two years of setting up an efficient system wish to hand over the reins. For further information, please enquire via the School Office.
- To you all, pupils and parents for your kind comments and good wishes at the end of the academic year. It has been a busy but enjoyable term, as ever. We all hope you and your families are enjoying a very happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.