

Dear Exbourne Families,

It has been a very exciting end of term! Here are our highlights:

### **Sports Day**

A brilliant afternoon of competitive sports including the traditional egg and spoon race and sack race! This was followed by the PFA Summer Fair which featured a very popular BBQ and Bouncy Castle.

### **Worship**

We really enjoy our daily time together. This is a time to listen to Bible stories, and act them out, think, sing, pray and reflect. *We consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* Hebrews 10:24-25



When Rev Leigh comes, he often brings puppets which the children love!

### **Morwellam Quay**

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children had a wonderful time at Morwellam Quay, they enjoyed the soft play and sang all the way home (I hope the bus driver enjoyed the free concert!)

### **France**

Our Year Six had a wonderful time in France! On Monday they told us all about it in an assembly. Unfortunately, they had a particularly rough ferry crossing back and many were sick, but apart from that they had a great time! They learnt all about the D Day Landings, used their French and experienced opportunities to learn more about history and also modern French life.

Please see the blog here for photos and details of their adventures!

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This was paid for through a grant the Trust were able to secure. Massive thanks to Madame Jordan, Mrs Underwood for organising and leading this trip and all the staff, including our Miss Weber and Mrs Willis for giving their time and care to our children for the trip.

## The Moon Thieves

Our Class 1 performance of the Moon Thieves was an absolute delight. The Class One staff suggested to the children that they performed some singing and dancing – they said ‘no, we want to do a whole play with acting too!’ And so they did!







The Moon Thieves was lovely story with a powerful message about having hopes and dreams and someone watching over us to guide and support us. The children did a marvellous job of performing the story with singing, dancing and acting too!

### **Macbeth**

A complete contrast was our Class 2 and 3 performance of Macbeth. I have seen this play many times, but never set music! This was dark, menacing and moody, as it should be, but with lots of humour and catchy songs too. The children were so impressive with their acting, timing and confidence. The props were fabulous and the moving dagger was a brilliant surprise! A phenomenal production – well done!





## Donations

Thank you for your kind donations at the performances. We are delighted to have raised £80.69 This will be split between the PFA and Our Church Roof Fund.

Trips and performances take a lot of organising and hard work. Thank you to our wonderful staff team for going above and beyond to give our children these wonderful opportunities and lifelong experiences.

## A message from our Hub Principal

I hope you are enjoying the end of term and engaging in some positive activities with your school communities. I was hoping to come and see you this week to say hello as I have not been to your school for a little while. I have been supporting children in another of our schools and have not been able to pop in. Sorry this has not happened but I am very much looking forward to starting as your Hub Principal after the holidays. I am excited about the work we are all going to do together as we move into the next chapter for Exbourne Church of England Primary School.

Have a lovely break over the summer.

Best Wishes

Lisa Paton

## **Farewells**

Farewell to our Year 6 cohort. We wish them all the very best in their learning and adventures ahead. We also say a sad farewell to Mrs Hazeldine who has been supporting learning in Class 1, Mrs Willis who has been teaching Class 3 and to Mrs Dart who has been our SENDCO. We hope they all take with them happy memories of their time at Exbourne.

Our Leaver's Service will be a sad farewell, but a happy time to say thank you and wish all our leavers the very best in the future.

## **Final Thoughts and Reflections**

Lord, You are my Rock and Guide;  
You lead me through life's dark tide.  
Your love is true, Your will is right,  
And You protect me day and night.  
I know that when I am lost,  
You'll help me find the path again.  
In times of trouble and distress,  
You grant Your peace within my heart.  
– Ruth Ann Mahaffey

With very best wishes for the summer holiday,

Tara Penny  
Principal

