

# **Brent Knoll Primary**

**NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> July 2022**

**'Let your light shine'**



Dear Parents/Carers It is hard to believe another year has passed. It has been an eventful few months: we have had to continue to steer our way through the ravages of Covid (especially way back in the Spring term), and then we took time to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the early summer; it has been a year of contrasts. Now we have reached the end, the staff and I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer break.

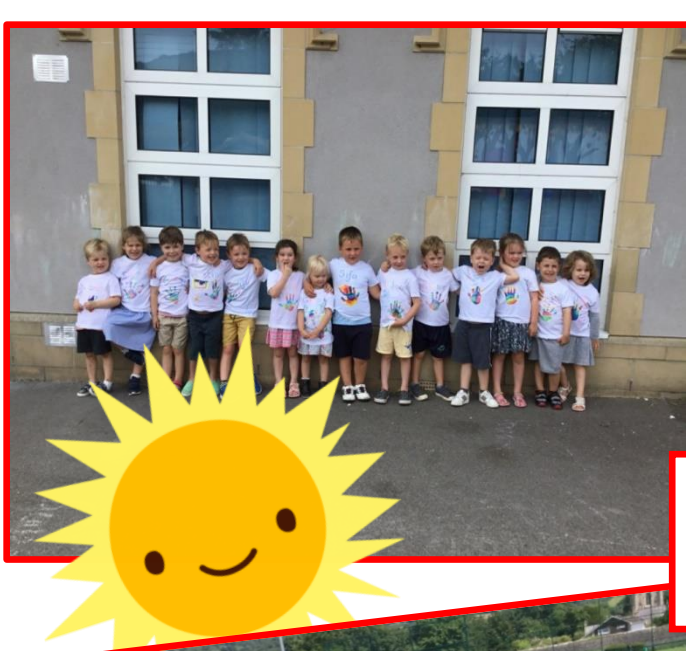
Kind regards Chris Burman



From Monday to Wednesday this week, the members of Kitsune and Pegasus enjoyed a fantastic trip to Magdalen Farm. The children experienced a range of activities, including a bat hunt, feeding the pigs and chickens animals, discovering the delights of home-grown organic vegetables, den building, mud slides and river exploration - which involved getting very wet for many! This was the first post-Covid residential and it was lovely to be able to return to such an activity.



At the end of last week, the Year 6s came back to school for their leavers' party - photo left. The children enjoyed an outdoor barbeque, games and a disco in the school hall, courtesy of former pupils Ollie Baker and Alfie Dean. On Thursday we held a leavers' assembly and said farewell to this lovely group, many of whom have been with us for their seven years of primary education. In September some will head off to King Alfred's and some to Hugh Sexey. We wish all of them the very best of luck in year 7.



Our pre-schoolers enjoyed an end of year party last week in the company of staff and Boogie Beats, who provided the entertainment. Many of the pre-schoolers are joining us in YR in September, which we are very much looking forward to. We will similarly be pleased to welcome our new 2 and 3 year-olds. From September, the pre-school is just about full for every session which is great news.

The staff have once again been very appreciative of end of year gifts and cards, not least as they appreciate the economic situation is becoming quite difficult. Thank you.



To celebrate the end of their year in sporting style, the members of Unicorn Class recently attended a swimming and sports gala at the Kings Sports Centre in Cheddar. The children joined in a variety of sports (photos left). Swimming lessons for next term are already booked and we hope the new YRs will do as well as this year's.



Members of Phoenix and Griffin classes enjoyed a walk down Brent Street to the Raffill family's farm on Wednesday to find out about farming and how our food is produced. After the tour of the farm, the children then took turns to go into the village shop to buy some treats with their £1 coins. The day was very informative and everyone was very appreciative of the time given by Mr and Mrs Raffill, along with the volunteers at the community shop. For the full story, along with lots of other local information that might interest local families, click onto: <https://www.burnham-on-sea.com/news/brent-knoll-schoolchildren-learn-about-money-management-at-village-shop/>

#### Diary Dates:

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September: New term begins

Sat 17<sup>th</sup>. Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: Scarecrow week-end

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October: INSET and end of half term

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October: New half term begins (Term 2)

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: End of term (Christmas holidays)

And finally...we all wish Mrs Jo Woods, our pre-school leader, all the very best as she begins her maternity leave next week.