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Dear parents/carers,

As we draw to the end of the school year I wanted to write and thank you all for your support of the school and your children.

Our tests for this year have been the best since before COVID and have come out that that we are either the same as other schools nationally or even better. This is phenomenal and couldn't have happened without all the hard work of the staff and the children.

Mrs Ainsworth has left us to go on maternity and as I write this there is no baby yet, but I will keep you posted. Miss Rowley will be covering the Year 1 class until she returns. There are no other updates on staff as everyone else is staying - which is great news, some schools are really struggling with recruitment.

This year has been a very busy one as usual:

Foundation 1 have been to the Butterfly House and F2 have been to Whistlestop both these trips were great. F2's have also had science tots which they have loved.

Y1 and 2 went to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The work they did on their return has been fantastic.

Year 3 went to Magna and showed off their scientific skills. They had a great day.

Year 5 and 6 have had their residential trip to Robinwood which was amazing. The children absolutely love having a go at all the fun activities

Year 4 went to The Galleries of Justice to support their topic and loved it.

Y5 went to the national coal mining museum - this is a great trip where you go down into the mine. This gave the children lots of information for their topic.

Year 6 chose Twin Lakes as their end of term treat for all their hard work. Hope you enjoy it.



The KS2 children have taken part in Small Steps in conjunction with the Health Hub. They have loved it and it was amazing to see the children supporting each other when they won prizes for their full target cards. We will relaunch this in September and hope that more children fill in their cards. We were the pilot school for this and Vibrant Warsop are hoping to take it into other schools

We had Charlotte Henshaw, the Olympian, visit us to give us an inspiring assembly and we also had disability sports week which the children adore. It helps them understand the challenges people face.

Back when it was cold we had our first Church Vale lantern parade. We loved doing this and seeing so many members of our community coming out to support the school and their children. We will definitely be doing it again next year.

Year 6 children got to take part in bikeability and learned to ride safely on the roads.

And of course, one of our firm favourites was World Book Day. We will definitely be doing this again next year. The children all have a great day, and it really promotes the love of books, which Church Vale is all about.

We wish all Year 6 and their families all the best as they move on to their next stage in their school lives. You have been a great Year 6 and we will miss you!

Next week we are having the foundation safety surface replaced so if all the foundation parents could use the back gate. Staff will be on hand to help direct you. All children will enter and exit school by the Foundation 2 door. Children will still get to do their outside time and will use the field and under the canopy.

INSET days for next year are:

- Day 1 1st September 2025
- Day 2 3rd November 2025
- Day 3 1st May 2026
- Day 4 1st June 2026
- Day 5 27th July 2026

We look forward to all the children returning to school on Tuesday 2nd September at 8.45am.

Although we are doing amazingly at our attainment, the area we do need to improve on as a school community is attendance and lateness.



Just a reminder about holidays. If you have taken a holiday this year and have been fined, the next holiday you take you will not have the option to pay the reduced amount. The third one you take goes straight to court. Schools are not allowed to authorise holidays at all in term time. Please look at the attendance policy on the website to check out what exceptional circumstances are.

Unauthorised absences could also mean fines and court action or involvement of the enforcement team if attendance falls short. I ask that if you can bring your child every day. If they are too poorly to attend that's fine but we may need medical evidence of this (again in the policy and usually by day 3). The 48 rule for sickness bugs still stands but if you are not sure please ring the office. We have the guidelines for every illness to hand. As ever, we want to support our families, so they don't get fined or have to have other agencies involved but once a trigger level has been met school has no choice. Let's work together to get our attendance levels up - ultimately if your child is absent they are missing learning, and it does affect friendships. Why not try to book holidays when we have put INSET days in, going one day earlier or one day later sometimes does make a difference to the cost.

Lastly thanks so much for all the report slips that have been returned. We love to read comments and suggestions. As always if you need anything please come speak to us. We may not have all the answers but can sometimes send you in the right direction or simply help with spare uniform etc.

Have the best summer holidays. Don't forget the family fun day on Friday 18th July, all welcome from 1.30pm.

See you in September.

Mrs Yardley and all the staff at Church V ale

