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## Farewell to our Year 6 leavers, 2021.

**What an emotional leavers service it was this year as we say farewell to such an amazing year group of resilient young ladies and gentlemen.**

In true Hartlip style the year 6 leavers celebrated their time with an emotional leavers services which left no eyes dry!

With a choice of their songs from fond memories of being at the school, they sung their hearts out to small gathering of family and staff (socially distanced and within regulations) after placing posies on the memorial of Mary Gibbon, the founder of Hartlip School.

They have had so much to contend with this year, but

have not let it spoil their passion and determination to achieve and enjoy their final year at Hartlip.

They managed to enjoy a short residential and they put on a fantastic performance of Oliver accompanied by their year 5 peers. This year group have never lost sight of who they are, and they easily show consideration and compassion to everyone around them. Making them all excellent role models and having the right attitude for their next journey to secondary school.

We all wish them the very best for their future.



# An End of Term Message



I cannot believe that we made it! I am so very grateful that we managed to deliver face to face teaching and learning from March until now without interruption. Wow! Feeling thankful!

I believe that I said it at the end of last academic year and strangely I find myself repeating it; it has been a year like no other. Back we came in September, full of expectation for the new academic year. Barely had that year begun, when we found ourselves back in to remote teaching and learning and then with the sad news that we could not begin a new calendar year together, physically in school.

Since our return in March, we have managed to fulfil our vision in these difficult times. This is for us as adults to shoulder and manage the challenges. For our children it is to continue to enjoy their childhood and their primary years, ensuring that they continue to receive high quality teaching and learning and reap the benefits of all that primary education should offer, that being to reach individual potential.

I celebrate our staff who have managed this challenge head on. They have been committed to finding solutions and ensuring that business continued as normal and that every single moment was used to advantage to ensure that no learning was lost and gaps closed.

Our Governors have supported us, taking the ultimate responsibility for the safe functioning of school. Our Trustees, have ensured that the building has been equipped for purpose, safe for all members of the school community. Our parents have supported us so well and worked with us to keep the school open at all times to deliver our vision. And our children. Every day they enforce to us the reason why we do this job. Their resilience and childhood innocence displayed each and every day, oblivious to the challenges of the outside world needs to be bottled.

Reflecting back over the year, I don't think that there is one thing that our children have had to miss out on! Our oldest children in Eagles Class still had a residential and what a wonderful experience that was, a camp in the forest! They were still able to perform to an audience, again in the forest. Our children all went on a school trip to the forest and the beach came to us. The Leavers Service all went ahead. Even clubs have happened each term after school; breakfast and after school care has been available and the children still received a specialist music lesson each and every week, facilitated by our very own Mrs (music) White!

We have achieved so much and in recognising this, I extend additional thanks to Mr and Mrs Keulemans who have allowed us to use their wonderful venue for our camp and forest school visits all year. We are so very fortunate and these guys are just the best in accommodating us. Nothing is ever too much trouble. Thank you!

Lavinia captures precious moments on camera for us and provided us with two happy occasions: the Easter Bunny visit and also the end of year beach party.

The Jennings family provided us with a wonderful Virtual School and Father Christmas visits and messages.

Mr Mark Weller, provides us with transport and goes over and above for the school.

Mrs Philimister made a kind donation for the children to have some fun.

The PTFA kept popular events running and provided Easter eggs and ice cream as end of term treats.

The school really is a community and it really is a family. Sure, we have our good times and we have our bad times. We have times when we get upset with each other and fall out. I truly believe that the way we have together held hands throughout this last year is credit to our strength!

It is now time to say good bye for a few weeks. To step back from what has been a challenging year. Reflect and refresh. Who knows what the next academic year will bring? What we do know is that we are strong together.

Stay safe, keep well and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

To our leavers, go well! Take all that you have learnt and shine your light on the world!

***Mrs Jerome***

# Glory for Gallant Golds in Sports Day Fun.

On Friday 2nd July, the whole school took part in sports day. They participated in their class bubbles split into house team groups to earn points for their on each of the events.

Great fun was had during this morning event where family was able to spectate in special coned off areas to adhere to restrictions. Each child tried their best for their team whilst having great fun taing part in running flat races, hopper challenges, hockey obstacles, obver and under and many more events.

Gallant Golds received the most points, which those in the house team in year 6 were ecstatic about - they'd never won in the whole time they had been at the school.



# Round up from the classes this term. What have they all been up to?

Have a look at what each class has been up to this term. They've all enjoyed a fun packed term 6 and really made the most of their learning experiences.

The **Robins** enjoyed playing with water bombs! What a lovely way to finish off Hartlip Beach Day! They certainly enjoyed the dancing and party games!



This term we have been learning about wild animals!

The Robins enjoyed watching the Punch and Judy Show!



**Blackbird's** class have been writing letters this term as Sunny the Meerkat, following the story of Meerkat mail and learning all about the habitats of a Meerkat and its mongoose relatives.



We have also been enjoying reviewing – practical ways of representing times tables and division facts.



Forest School was a real delight, we managed to avoid the worst of the weather in the creative construction of our wonderful kites, and were rewarded with sunshine in the afternoon to take full advantage of the blustery winds.



**Peacocks** children had a fantastic time at forest school and they were able to make and design their own kite which they all flew on the day.



In music this term the children have been learning how to play the ukulele and have even been able to perform a piece of music to everyone.



The children gave their all during sports day and showed support for their teams by creating banners which they took out on the day.



**Eagles** have had a fun packed term with their camp and performance but still managed to give great focus in all learning. They all wrote auto-biographies by becoming characters from the book 'Clockwork'. They were so honored to be able to perform their show, Oliver, to the rest of the school.



# Eagles Residential Camp and Performance of Oliver.

## **On Monday the 5th of July to the Wednesday 7th Eagles had Residential at The Dreys (AKA the forest,)**

On arrival, we got our bags/suitcases and got our tent number and settled in there, after Eagles settled in they got into teams for a long round of ambush, there were 4 teams with the names of... Pineapples, Fire, fast and furious and lastly Blood thirsty.

There were five teachers (Mrs. white, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Ewan and Mrs Calverley) there with Eagles class they went into each team so there was at 1 teacher in each and one team had 2 teachers.

After a long round of Ambush, they had pack lunch that they had packed that morning or the day before. Finally, Chill time/free time that they had been waiting for, they could go to each other's tents, have snacks even have a walk in the forest.

People kept going to each other's tents to talk and play games while they were waiting for their dinner, until Mrs. Rogers shouts dinner making time! Everyone rushed to Mrs. Rogers so she can pick them to go make their dinner first.

The children made pizza out of scratch, homemade in a pizza oven, everyone was so full after it, even though they had 2 slices (most of them.) After a long day at the forest they finally went to sleep... Or did they?

At night time people were annoyed because people kept getting out of their tents to go toilets, you might think, what is so bad, that they just need to go toilets? Let me answer your question, when people went to go toilets they kept flashings the torch lights into people's tent's (Mrs. Rogers had to stay up and make sure they stopped shinning their torches and were safe.)

The next day, the children had a very yummy breakfast, they had, beans, bacon, scrambled egg, and after, they had the choice of Waffles, pancakes, toast and cereal.

The children were so excited for the day ahead and to have free time later, but some of the children were worried yet excited for tomorrow. Only because they had their Oliver Twist play. They enjoyed another great day of activities including, orienteering and kite making.

They played catch with water balloons and also had a water fight. The pupils were challenged with an obstacle course; jumping over hurdles with a cup full of water in their hands. They absolutely drenched Mrs. Rogers while she was in the toilet! She laughed as she came out soaked.

They had a great time and even the performance was fantastic as staff and family were invited to join and watch.



# Celebrations, Fun and Learning That Makes Us All Feel Great!

**Music is such a big part of Hartlip School and it's been wonderful to see every child enjoy taking part in class sessions and special celebrations throughout the year.** It is easy to tell the positive impact music has on Hartlip pupils. When you walk around the school you hear children confidently singing what they've learnt in lessons, for no other reason than enjoyment and to feel happy.

## What a busy term it has been! But what good fun too!

### Abba

The term got off to a good start. In our bubbles on the playground, the whole school sang and danced to a medley of Abba songs – a surprise to celebrate a special birthday!

It was wonderful to hear 'Dancing Queen', 'Mamma Mia' and 'Super Trouper' in the playground and sung by staff and children. Everyone had so much fun and Mrs Jerome was thrilled!

### Robins

Robins have been exploring high and low sounds and listening and moving to lots of different music. We have been playing pitched instruments and making beautiful sounds on chime bars, xylophones and glockenspiels.



### Blackbirds

Blackbirds had great fun rehearsing 'Hakuna Matata' from 'The Lion King.' They participated in a virtual 'Kent Music Schools Summer Celebration' alongside 600 pupils from schools all over Kent. They sang brilliantly and played drums as well. The performance goes live very soon and we can't wait to see it! Watch them perform here. Presenting Kent Primary Schools with Hakuna Matata | Kent Music Schools Summer Celebration 2021.



Well done Blackbirds!

## Peacocks

Peacocks continued to make good progress on the ukulele.

Instrumental teaching in Years 3 and 4 is part of a scheme called 'MusicPlus' which is partially funded by Kent Music.

In this programme the children learn about all aspects of music – pitch, beat and rhythm, dynamics, timbre, tempo and texture – through learning an instrument. They also experience performing in an ensemble, composing, improvising, listening and of course, singing!

Each child received a certificate to celebrate their achievement in this challenging year. Well done Peacocks!



## Eagles

What a busy and exciting term!

Eagles put on a performance of Oliver! – a play based on Charles Dicken's 'Oliver Twist' with a selection of songs from Lionel Bart's musical of the same name.

The children performed so well- so many catchy choruses and some great solos! Well done all of you! You are all stars!

As well as performing the show outdoors in the woods, we performed to the rest of the school on the playground. Robins, Blackbirds and Peacocks were a wonderful audience and it was lovely to hear the younger children joining in with 'Oom pah' at the end and singing 'Oliver, Oliver!' as they led back to their classes!

**The Year 6** pupils chose their favourite songs and hymns and put together a very personal and moving Leavers Service which was held on the school lawn. They gave thanks for their special time at Hartlip School. They looked wonderful- so grown up- their voices sounded beautiful and everyone felt so very proud of them.

We will miss you!



*Thank You Mrs White , this would not be possible without you xx*

# Pupils Enjoy a Beach Day

All enjoyed a full day of beach themed activities thanks to kind donation.

Hartlip went to the beach for a whole day without leaving the school grounds. Every class took part in beach games in the morning before being entertained to a good old fashioned Punch and Judy show. Roars of laughter and shouting 'Oh yes you did' could be heard all over the school as they watched naughty Punch get up to mischief during the show.

Later in the afternoon all classes took part in water games and water fights before drying off and having some real summer dance fun.

This day was made possible due to a very kind donation from Mrs Phimister to which the children and staff are very grateful for, Thank you.





Thank you.

# House and Year Group Term Totals

What an Achievement!

Congratulations!

Year 6

## Huffing and Puffing through Term 6



Well done Year 6 for winning the huff puff highest points for term 6.

They haven't stopped this term with their performance and residential activities, so it's no surprise they have topped the totals for this term.

All received a surprise gift as a well done for being so active.

## Trophy Winners for Term 6

Radiant Reds



Radiant Red tam leaders holding winning trophy

Radiant Reds in the lead again this term with house points.

Well done Radiant Reds for gaining the most house points for term 6. You should be very proud of your personal and teams achievements to gain so many points.

Congratulations!

# Team and Year Group Winners for 2020/21



## Huff Puff Winners - Year 3 Most Active This Year

**Fantastic working out and keeping fit goes to year 3.**

Year 3 are the overall huff puff winners for this year, having topped the lead for many weeks in a row throughout the year.

Minutes are added for physical activity in and out of school for each year group.



## Congratulations!

## Brave Blues - Team Leader Holds Trophy With Pride



**It has been so close throughout the year as the points have been adding up each term, but Brave Blues are the team to have gained the most house points for this year.**

Team leader Ella held the trophy with pride on Friday as the Brave Blues were congratulated on their success. Ella thanked her team for their hard work and praised them for being a great team.

The new house groups and point system was introduced at the beginning of this academic year and children have really enjoyed the healthy competition, as well as them all being able to enter into a true team spirit during events.

# Tasty Treat for Last Day of Term

The PTFA put on a super cool and tasty surprise treat for the whole school.

Pupils enjoyed their ice cream and lollies on their last day of term which was organised by the PTFA.

It was clear they all enjoyed the surprise, as squeals of delight could be heard from the youngest members of the school as they walked out of the hall and were greeted with the familiar sound of the ice-cream van.

Thank you.



Wishing  
you all a  
wonderful  
summer  
break.

*'Learning to live, living to learn'*