

# Summer 2 Newsletter

Where has this year gone? It seems like only a few weeks ago when Mrs Plews and I walked into Quinton to meet the staff and children. It has been an incredibly difficult year which as we all know has had highs and lows. Having said that, we are so glad that we have been given the opportunity to become part of the Quinton Community and we would like to thank the many parents that have welcomed us and spurred us on. We are very much looking forward to September and we hope the next year brings some much needed stability and continued success. The children are wonderful ambassadors for the school and as parents I know you are very proud of all the things your children have achieved. Now it's time for them to relax for a few weeks so that they can come back in September ready to face the challenges that the new academic year brings.

## **Hello**

Miss Emily Connell joins us in September as she begins her journey into the teaching profession. I know you will welcome her.



## **Goodbye**

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Arnott-Job who is retiring at the end of this term. She has shown loyalty and commitment to Quinton for many years and we know she will be missed by all. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

## **Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6**

Once again we come to the sad time of year where we say goodbye and good luck to the year 6 children as they move onto pastures new. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know these children even though our time together has been relatively short. They have been excellent role models for the younger children and I have no doubt that they will achieve great things as they move through the next phase of their school life. Good luck Year 6 and we know that you will pass the baton onto the next class who are ready to lead Quinton Church Primary School through the next academic year.

## **Events this academic year.**

So much has taken place this year it's impossible to know how we have managed to fit in the day job!

All classes have had curriculum enrichment this year including trips to the theatre, cinema and other places of worship.

There have been numerous sports tournaments which have allowed us to show case our sporting prowess and several musical events that the children have participated in.

The children have supported our Fair Trade causes and parents have been invited in to work with their children so that they can see what they learn in class. The family lunch was a roaring success (especially the chocolate concrete) and we have no doubt that these events will continue to be well supported over the next academic year.

We would like to thank Mrs Nikki Martin for training the children with the Heartstart materials; the children really enjoyed the experience and the PFTA for all their hard work putting on discos, fayres and other fundraising events.

We have had visits from the RNLI, the Bishop of Malawi, Villa Coaches and the Birmingham City Mission to name but a few.

This is just a handful of the many events that have taken place this year and it is always nice to celebrate them as often many happen unbeknownst to parents. We believe it is as important to nurture the whole child and work with the talents they have rather than just working at getting them through the formal assessments that take place.



### Diary Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July (am)– Year 6 to St Martin's Church  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – 3pm Prayer group (all welcome at church)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm Parent's Afternoon  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm Leavers Assembly (school)  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July -100% Attendance Assembly (9.10am)  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – School Disco (details to follow)  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day (details to follow)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Goodbye Service (at church 9.15am)

Congratulations to:

**Caitlin Norman** for successfully auditioning to join the Birmingham Schools Junior Sting Orchestra and the Birmingham Schools Training Wind Orchestra.

**Christopher Hughes** for successfully auditioning to join the Birmingham Schools Training Guitar Ensemble.

**Jessica Russell** for successfully auditioning for the Birmingham Schools Training Wind Orchestra.

Well done to you all!

### Karen's Bench

As you are aware the children raised money for a memorial bench last year for Karen Spencer. This has now been purchased and Rev Arnold will be holding a dedication service on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July for the children.

Please keep Karen, her family and the Quinton School Community in your prayers.

### 1 minute silence

Please note that we will be holding a minutes silence tomorrow to remember those who were affected by events in Tunisia.