

20 July 2020

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

Saying Goodbye to Year 6

We were able to hold a small gathering today for our Year 6 pupils, who were all able to come to school as a whole year group this morning. It was great to be able to share our fond memories of the children as they have progressed through the school and to wish them all the very best for the future. A lot of the stand out memories featured the field trips to Brancaster and How Hill, as well as funny moments from when the children were much younger. We were able to show the "memories" video to small groups of parents at the end of the morning, before the children went off to Fairhaven for a fun afternoon organised by their parents.

Thank you to FOSA for once again providing the leavers t-shirts gifts for the Year 6's, they are super!

During the assembly, we gave out our progress cup, for KS2, to Sam Painter and our Roy Coppak citizenship award to Olivia Fisher, for all she has contributed to our school community during her time at school. Well done to both of them.



We will miss our Year 6 as they move on; they have been a credit to themselves over the last few months and have supported one another in many different ways this year, showing how much they have matured and developed in Year 6.



Message for the Governing Body

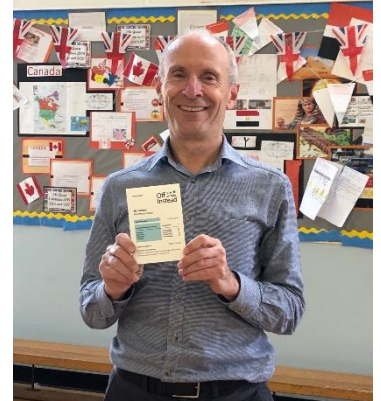
The Governors would like to pass on our thanks to all the staff who have worked so tirelessly through lockdown to provide both home learning online, and education to Key Worker children and each year group as they have gradually returned to school. It really has been an unusual year and we are so impressed how the school staff and children have adapted to the challenge.

The Governors also want to pass on our very grateful thanks to Mr Henery who leaves us this term. He has steered the school so well and created a lasting legacy of kindness, and thirst for learning which will continue in his absence. We wish him well and a well-deserved rest in his retirement.

Goodbye from Mr Henery

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind words, gifts and sentiments as I leave the school. It was a lovely surprise to receive my "Ofsted report card" and generous gift this morning from parents (which I will gladly use on my next trip to Europe, hopefully in the very near future)! Many thanks indeed.

I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to serve the community as Headteacher here for the last 11 years, having started at the school in 2003 as Deputy Head, with class teaching responsibility for Year 5 / 6 pupils. Looking back, there are many great memories I will take with me into "retirement", too many to list here. I will always be grateful to all the dedicated staff members at the school, past and present, who have worked together to enable our pupils to enjoy their learning, to become tolerant and respectful young people and to be the best they can be. I would also like to thank all the parents for the ways in which they have encouraged and supported their children's learning and contributed to the overall team spirit at Acle Primary. I wish Mrs Clarke every success as she takes on the headship role here in September.



School Games Mark

The School Games Mark is not being awarded this academic year due to the Covid 19 pandemic and subsequent lock down of schools.



In recognition of putting in a lot of hard work and time, both in preparation, and participation in our Norwich East SSP Level 2 (intra school) & Level 3 (School Games Finals) events, Acle Primary has been selected to receive the Youth Sport Trust School Games 2020-2021 award.

Also, in recognition of Acle Primary School's participation in virtual competitions/challenges during the 'lockdown' period, we have been awarded the School Games 2020 Virtual award. This includes participation of your children, both in school, and those at home this summer term. Well done!

PARENT ZONE

A hub of advice from Parent Zone, giving your family the tools to make the most of your Tech safely over the summer including:

- fun, free activities
- a fortnightly parent bulletin
- Be Internet Legends livestreams
- expert online safety advice

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/>

Music

We are unable to offer music lessons in school, for the Autumn term at least, due to COVID 19. The music teachers are able to offer alternative lessons for this time direct. Please see below for details.

Guitar lessons will once again be available for children in Year 3-6 from September, this will continue online via Zoom. Elaine Brown has been teaching guitar since 1987 and from school for the last 20 years. Lessons are fun, teaching children to read music and play through games and techniques. All children learn Classical Guitar and follow the Trinity Guildhall Exam syllabus. Chords, strumming and composing music are taught after the basics – so when a child is at Grade 1 standard. Entry to exams is encouraged, but not compulsory, as the emphasis is on enjoying music for life. If you would like to register your interest in lessons from September, or have any questions, please contact Elaine direct on musicejb@outlook.com

Brass & woodwind I would like to offer online musical instrumental lessons. The following instruments are available; flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, french horn and trombone. An instrument can be hired at a cost of £25 per term. The online system for lessons is 'Zoom' The cost for a 25-30 minute lesson is £10 payable direct to Ann Smith Music Service. You can choose from a weekly or fortnightly lesson. Please contact Ann for more details. Ann Smith Music Service, email annsmithbrass@aol.com Tel: 01493 750465, Mobile: 07714144451.

Piano & violin I hope all my pupils are well. I wish the departing year 6 children all the best with their move to Secondary school. The pupils who remain at Acle and have any lessons outstanding are welcome to make up the time privately over the summer. Lessons will also be available privately in the autumn term. My contact email address is Pianomasterson@mail.com I hope you all have a lovely summer, Anna Masterson.

Summer School Workshops

Norfolk Music Hub are delighted to be offering free online workshops over the summer. These have already proved very popular with young people from across the county signing up.

<https://www.norfolkmusic hub.org.uk/site/summer-school-workshops/>

Ensembles

There are also County Ensembles. Although it is unlikely that these will recommence with face to face meetings immediately in the Autumn term, they have lots of exciting digital opportunities to offer any students who are learning an instrument in the county and would like to work on ensemble projects. More information can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.norfolkmusic hub.org.uk/site/about-lead-organisation/ensembles/>

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