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"Together we plant the seeds for success"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Leavers: Pupils

The children in Year 6, who are leaving today to transfer to secondary school, have had a busy few days attending the Leavers' Party yesterday and saying goodbye to their friends and staff from school today. At this morning's assembly, we were grateful to the PTFA for presenting to each Year 6 leaver a special leavers' book and also for enabling children to keep their portfolio of work, a suitcase of history of their progress while at Birch Copse. It is also the end of the first stage of schooling for our Year 6 leavers and we wish them all lots of success and happiness in their new secondary school from September.

The Helen Clark Memorial Award for Art

At this morning's assembly, the Helen Clark Memorial Award for Art was presented to Teddy Ordidge. We congratulate Teddy on being the twenty-third recipient of this Award.

Vera Madden Good Citizen Award

The Vera Madden Award for Good Citizenship was presented at the Leavers' Assembly this morning to Maurhys Bartley. We congratulate Maurhys on his achievements in recognition of his good citizenship qualities while he has been at this school.

The Howard Sport Award

The Howard Sport Award for outstanding sporting qualities shown while at this school was presented in the Leavers' Assembly to Teddy Warwick and Maya Dowling. We congratulate Teddy and Maya on their achievements in sport, particularly their qualities of good sportsmanship, while at Birch Copse.

The Whittington Spirit of Birch Copse Award

The Whittington Spirit of Birch Copse Award was presented to Lottie Kinsella in this morning's Leavers' Assembly. We congratulate Lottie on her achievements in all six school values and general attitude to learning.

The John Micklewhite Leadership Award

The John Micklewhite Leadership Award was presented to Jolaade Adebiyi. We congratulate Jolaade on her achievements and good leadership skills demonstrated while at Birch Copse.



Birch Copse School Values Awards

The Year 6 School Values Awards reward pupils for outstanding demonstration of our School Values throughout their time at Birch Copse. This year's awards were presented to the following children:

Kindness – Hamish Grant
Respect – Harvey Anderson
Politeness – Archie Wearing
Trying their best – Bailey Mason
Challenging themselves – Violet Ordidge
Perseverance – Zacariah Fox-Matu

The Year Group School Values Awards were presented to:

Reception – Kyanna Gonzalez-Grimmond
Year 1 – Devon Thomas
Year 2 – Jaye Adebisi
Year 3 – Lydia Grove
Year 4 – Beynon Phillips
Year 5 – Rory Tipper

We congratulate these children on being such great role models for Birch Copse School.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Deer Class as they achieved the highest overall attendance for the whole academic year (up to and including 21st July). Well done to all the children! The individual class attendance figures for the year are as follows:

5Deer	97.70%
6Dolphin	97.57%
2Otter	97.42%
2Squirrel	96.78%
3Mole	96.67%
5Rabbit	96.58%
1Hedgehog	96.52%
4Fox	96.46%
1Mouse	96.35%
6Seal	96.11%
3Badger	95.96%
4Hare	94.68%
Newt	93.37%
Frog	93.10%

First day in September

On the first day back in September, the children should line up in the playground at the beginning of school. The teachers will meet the children in the playground.

Staff News

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Jewell has been appointed Assistant Headteacher starting in September.

Next Term

Next term's dates are as follows:

Staff training day:	Wednesday 2 nd September
Term starts:	Thursday 3 rd September
Term ends:	Thursday 22 nd October
Half term holiday:	Friday 23 rd to Friday 30 th October
Second half term starts:	Monday 2 nd November
Term ends:	Friday 18 th December

The children seem ready for their summer holidays and so are the staff! Thank you for the many ways in which you have supported your children in school during this year, be it helping the staff in the classroom, through PTFA activities or as Governors. I am so grateful for the many ways in which you continue to offer support to the school, and through that, your children's education here. We in school hope that you all have a very enjoyable, relaxing and restful summer break with your children, wherever you choose to spend it.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Massey