

# Wildmoor Heath School Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Farewell to Year 6

We say a very fond farewell to Year 6 today, who leave us for secondary school. They can be incredibly proud of all



they have achieved during their time at Wildmoor Heath and especially in Year 6. They could not have worked harder in the SATs and they did themselves proud with their version of Romeo & Juliet. It was also great to see them grow in maturity and confidence at RYG – from reading their reports, it's clear that they enjoyed and valued the experience. Year 6 leave us well prepared for Secondary School and we wish them the best of luck in the next chapter of their education. I hope they remember to keep **REACHING for your BEST** by continuing to work hard; showing courage, resilience and resourcefulness in the face of challenges; being collaborative and using mistakes and feedback as tools to learn. If they do, I am sure they will be successful in all that they do.

## Farewell from Mr People

I have had the most amazing 6 and a half years as a member of the Wildmoor Heath community, as a teacher, Deputy Head, choir leader, talent show host, bingo caller and Woody Woodpecker/BFG/Willy Wonka/Miss Trunchbull impersonator and! I know it will be hard to ever find a school as special as Wildmoor – the pupils, parents and my wonderful friends and colleagues will always hold a special place in my heart. It is now time for me to 'spread my wings' like a Wildmoor phoenix and 'go for it' in the next stage of my career as a Headteacher.



I wish everyone at Wildmoor Heath best wishes for the future and I look forward to hearing about how you are all getting on! I'll leave you with a little quote that sums up my outlook on education (and life in general!)...

*"You'll miss 100% of the shots you never take."  
Take care, everyone, and have a fantastic summer!*

Mr A People ☺

## Crowthorne Carnival

On Saturday 7th July parents and children came together to take part in this year's Crowthorne Carnival. Wildmoor Heath entered the procession with a Rotten Romans theme. The Roman soldiers marched us all into battle and this year, as I'm sure you are aware, we were announced as the winners! Not only did we win the school's category but we also won overall winner of the whole carnival! The day was incredible. Everyone was in such high spirits and really got into character. Being awarded first place was a really proud moment! It was so lovely to see the children chanting our school name through Crowthorne, waving to friends and family and singing along to our carnival songs. Hopefully it was a day that they will always remember. This year's carnival would not have happened if it wasn't for a small group of parents and teachers who gave up a lot of time to help sew, paint and organise the day. We want to thank each and every one of you who contributed in some way, you are all the reason as to why the carnival was such a huge



success! Wildmoor Heath really came together on the day. Whether it was face painting, hair braiding, toilet runs or snack supplying, you all helped and we cannot thank you enough! But of course an extra special thank you goes to Mrs Green. Mrs Green created the whole vision for the float, handmade all of the children's costumes and gave up a lot of her time to make items and run the Carnival clubs. Without Mrs Green we certainly would not have had such a wonderful Winning carnival. Mrs Green we all so grateful for all that you did, thank you so much!

## Other Staff Changes

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Talbot, who is leaving her post as Family Support Advisor (FSA). I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Talbot for all she has done for the school over the last 12 years, in particular for the support she's given to some of our most vulnerable children, and to wish her the very best of luck in whatever she decides to do next. Miss Hodges is also leaving her TA post, but she won't be going far as she will be in a new role from September – Trainee Teacher. We wish her the best of luck too!

### Farewell from Mr Strudley

It has been an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of Wildmoor Heath and I will miss seeing the children and being part of the school community in September. We



have come a long way since I started in January 2013. Back then the school was in 'Special Measures', we had 163 on roll and the building needed some TLC. I was, however, fortunate to be working alongside a dedicated and committed team of staff and governors and together, we have moved the school to where it is now. I am particularly proud of our inclusiveness - the 'unconditional positive regard' we show to all the children - and our desire to continue to learn and improve both as professionals and as a school. The journey hasn't always been easy and there have been some tough times over the last 5+ years. The support of children, colleagues and parents, however, have made these challenges possible to overcome! I know that the school is in good hands as I move on and I wish Mrs Semper and Mr Thomas all the best.

I hope I leave the school 'better than I found it'. I would like to thank the children, colleagues and parents for making being Headteacher at Wildmoor Heath a real joy! Have a wonderful summer and remember to keep **REACHING for your BEST!**

Mr G Strudley

### Happy Holidays!

From all the staff, we wish you a very happy break, we hope you enjoy the rest and all have lots of fun in the sunshine!



Children - come back in September safe, well and ready to learn! **We start back on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from 8.40am** – we look forward to seeing you refreshed

and ready for an exciting Autumn term. Keep an eye out for news and updates on e-mail, Twitter and school website.

### Attendance & Punctuality

Our attendance for the year was 96.9%, just below our target of 97.0%. This remains in-line with the national average for all schools in England, so thank you for sending your children into school regularly! For all children, the percentage of late arrivals has remained at 0.2%. So, thank you again and keep it up!

### House Cup

Congratulations to **Sandhurst** for winning the House Cup for the second time. The cup is awarded to the House which has accrued the most points during the year, including competitions in hockey, rugby, netball, spelling and athletics. The children also earn 'house points' when they demonstrate the school's values during lessons. It was brilliant to see so many parents at Sports Day, the culmination of the House Competition and to see the children participate and compete with such great spirit too!



The House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2018-19 are:

Easthampstead	Charlie Crewe & Erin Nothard
Wellington	Hattie Smith & Harry Plant
Sandhurst	Mia Thurgood & Henly Higgins
South Hill	Kristian Mietle & Mya Rahman

### Chair of Governors

A huge thank you is due to Karen Roche, who is standing down from the Governing Body at the end of this year, having served as Chair of Governors for over 5 years. She has had a significant impact on governance at the school and I have appreciated her support and advice during my headship. The school is in good hands for September with Stewart Mackie and Jason Cooper becoming co-chairs. Karen remains a Trustee of the Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT), so will continue to be interested in Wildmoor Heath! I am sure you will join me in thanking Karen for her service and congratulating Stewart and Jason on taking on the role.



### Dates for Your Diary

- 3rd September Closed for Staff Inset Day
  - 4th September Term starts for all children
  - 11th September Year 3 Swimming commences
  - 12th September Meet the Teacher
  - 14th September Year 4 Brass lessons start
  - 15th September PTA Camp-out (Sat-Sun)
  - 17th September PTA AGM 7pm
  - 21st September Macmillan Coffee Morning (Meet the Head/ Deputy)
  - 26th September PTA Sponsored Walk
  - w/c 1st October International Week
  - 3rd October Year 5 trip to Winchester Planetarium
  - 4th October International School Dinner day
  - 5th October Y6 Assembly at 2.40pm
- (Remember to check the website and Twitter for updates)*



**EnergyKidz – Holiday Club**  
The club is running at Wildmoor Heath School from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. To find out more about the club and to book, visit their website: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/crowthorne-wildmoor-heath/>