

SCHOOL NEWS

In July the school will be saying goodbye to the children in Year 6 who are leaving ready to start at Larkmead School in September. The five children who are leaving have summarised their thoughts of their time at Marcham Primary School.

Olivia: I really enjoyed my time in Duffield Class - Mrs Reed was a really nice teacher and I loved the water tray and the sandpit! That's been useful - knowing what the little ones enjoy as I'm a Playtime Buddy this year. I'm also the Secretary for School Council so I have to keep all our notes. We've raised lots of money by running cake stalls and selling healthy fruit snacks. I'm looking forward to being more independent at Larkmead, and to meeting new friends and teachers.

James: I really enjoyed Anson Class because that's where I learnt how to write in sentences. I've enjoyed playing in the school football team. I'm looking forward to making new friends and learning new things.

Adam: I really enjoyed being in Anson Class-Mrs Johnson gave me a triangle grip for my pencil to help me write. Now I'm Treasurer on the School Council, which was easier than I thought - counting out floats and sorting out our takings. Kingswood was THE BEST! Archery was my favourite activity. I'm looking forward to seeing what Larkmead will be like and making new friends.

George: I have loved PE and Art. I especially love athletics and drawing with charcoal. I'm looking forward to Larkmead - it's a much bigger school and they have a tarantula and giant African land snails.

Chloe: I think Denman Class has been fantastic for me, especially after SATs because you feel like you've done really well. I've enjoyed being a Buddy - you can join in with the younger children playing! School Council has also given me big responsibilities. I'm looking forward to Larkmead, to being taught by new people and to going to school with my sister!

We have really enjoyed having the children at the school and wish them best wishes as they start the next stage of their education at Larkmead School.

Victorian Sing-Song

During June the children in Denman class have been learning how to sing with expression. They asked if they could dress up and perform a Victorian Sing-Song to the rest of the school and parents. The children really enjoyed practising for the event and their performance was brilliant.

Comments from children who took part included:

Bertie: I had to sing a harmony to Molly Malone. It was hard, but it sounded great.

Ashley: Louis and I had to sing a verse on our own. It was scary because we stood at the front.

Matthew A: I was Master of Ceremonies. I practised my words as I had to be quite 'over the top'!

MRS ROOKE, Denman Class Teacher

FROM THE SCHOOL'S PTA

On Saturday 10th June the School's PTA held its summer fête. This year we were competing with the World Cup! We had a TV and beer tent to cater for our football fans. Everyone who attended appeared to have a good time and we were really pleased to have raised over £700. Thanks to everyone who came along to the fête to either help out or to spend their money



Fun on the bouncy castle

If you run or are a member of a group, why not write a short report about it?

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Our theme this term is 'food' and we've been tasting lots of different fruits and breakfast crumpets and still have a teddy bear's picnic and Chinese takeaway to look forward to. Yummy! We can still collect any old mobile phones and inkjet cartridges to go towards next year's Tesco Computers for School scheme, so if you, (or your workplace, friends or family) can help please get in touch.

Unfortunately, we've been experiencing some problems with the outside toys. The Pre-School have limited storage space and had hoped it would be safe to leave some of the larger items in the garden. We appreciate that it may be quite tempting to 'have a go' but please remember that these items are designed for the under 5's and several items have been damaged/broken recently. We have also 'lost' a pink scooter so if anyone knows of it's whereabouts we would be very grateful if it could be returned.

Despite this we've been enjoying the warmer weather and trying to use the outside area as much as possible. As you can see the children have had lots of fun 'painting' the fence!

If you would like any further information on what we do at Marcham Pre-School or would like to arrange a visit please telephone 07749 245313.

MARCHAM CUB SCOUTS Family Camp

Our family camp seems to be becoming an annual event, not at the request of the cubs but at the request of the parents. But can you believe it with the weather we are having we picked a wet weekend at the end of May. However, it seems that the cubs and parents are resilient to anything that may come their way, and it was still enjoyed by all.

The theme of the weekend was "Cowboys and Indians". The parents had to wear cowboy hats all weekend, and the cubs and siblings were the Indians. It is amazing to see what you can actually get the parents to do!!!! They all made their own totem poles and then were asked to make up and perform a war dance around the poles. It was hilarious. They were then asked to go into the woods and make a wigwam. The mums and dads take up these challenges so seriously you wouldn't believe. You spend all your time explaining to the cubs how dangerous pen knives can be, so you send them off with a ball of string and scissors. But that's not good enough for the Dads, and within an hour of sending them off, we have two Dads had cut their fingers with their own penknives, one was so bad he had to go to A & E and have stitches!!!!!! They are worse than the cubs!!

This year is the 90th Birthday of Cub Scouting, and every cub pack has been given 90 challenges to try and do within the year. One challenge is to cook 90 marshmallows over the camp fire, so with all those mums and dads to help out we were able to achieve this easily. Actually it was a pity there wasn't a challenge to drink 90 bottles of wine during a weekend, because we could easily have achieved that one.

The Cubs have been trying some of these challenges during our pack meetings. They have tried walking on stilts unaided for 90 seconds, seeing how many cream crackers they can eat in 90 seconds, eating as many doughnuts as they can without licking their lips, skipping, sprinting and sit-ups for 90 seconds, but we still have a long way to go with these challenges, so they will be keeping us busy for the rest of the year.

If there are any young lads in the village 8 years old or over who wish to come along and join in this fun, we meet on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm in the cricket field, you are more than welcome to pay us a visit and maybe join the pack.

CHRIS RICKETTS