

## HACKTHORN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The summer term is always busy at Hackthorn school but this year's seemed even busier. Covid restrictions had prevented us from holding many of our traditional events but, with restrictions easing, we were able to reinstate some of these and add a few new events.

'Opportunity' is one of our school values. As such, we are always keen to give the children a wide variety of experiences. We felt that the children deserved a treat because they had worked so hard during remote learning but had also missed out on many experiences so we had a 'WOW' week at school. On Monday, the children participated in Drumba (a high-energy workout session based around a mix of popular music while learning and playing a drum) and on Tuesday the children participated in interactive animal workshops run by Zoolab. Wednesday was most children's favourite day as they all had the chance to attend a funfair on the school field. Children were shocked to see that a large inflatable slide, a swinging chair carousel, bungee trampolines and traditional stalls had magically appeared on the field, but the biggest shock was that Mrs Appleby had spent money! On Thursday, the school was filled with enticing aromas as KS2 made their own bread while KS1 created Indian take-away delights. The week ended with the current Y6s and the lockdown Y6s having a Lasertag tournament against the staff. Once again, the staff retained the title! The current Y6s then returned to school for a sleepover. Such a busy week but one that the children (and staff) will remember for a long time.

For the second year running, we held a socially distanced Leaver's Day picnic and service on the field, attended by Y6 parents. As usual, there were lots of tears as the children and their teachers shared memories.

We have welcomed 10 new children to our school this week. It was wonderful to see such happy faces on the first day as the children were able to reconnect with their friends after the holidays. Restrictions have eased so we are now able to 'mix' again and reinstate whole school assemblies. We LOVE singing at Hackthorn and have really missed it over the last two years, so you can imagine the joy when we sang together inside for the first time: it was overwhelming. KS2 are hoping that we might even be able to attend Young Voices this year!

We always ask the children to be observant at the start of the year as there is usually something new to spot! This year was no exception and it didn't take long for the children to find the new outdoor gym. This has proved a very popular addition. Mr Tuplin's memorial bench has now been installed in the reflection area and many children have been fascinated by the wonderful carvings of owls and a ukulele on it, thanks to the craftsmanship of Chainsaw Mick.

It will soon be time for parents to start thinking about choosing that all-important first school for children who are due to start in September 2022. We will be organising some activity days soon to give you an opportunity to see our school in action and allow your child to experience what we have to offer at first hand.

Contact the school on 01673 860295 to arrange a visit or to request a school brochure, or have a look at our website ([www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk)).

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