



Friday 5 July 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Where has time gone? This year seems to have flashed by and so much has been achieved by all the pupils here. At Final Assembly I spoke about the need to have a metaphorical 'toolkit' to be able to deal with the varied challenges that life brings, using an expedition I undertook many years ago to Lake Turkana in northern Kenya as an example. I also presented the coveted House Cup which was won by Crescent this year.

The summer holiday enables our maintenance team and external contractors to get to work uninterrupted. The main project is the replacement of the lantern light windows either side of the main entrance to Lyncombe House, together with general redecoration and repairs to the cloakrooms directly below. Learning Support is moving home and will be relocated in what is currently the back room of Squirrels Pre-School. We are also refurbishing a number of loos and carrying out other essential maintenance tasks that go with running a busy, listed building! As ever, SuperPirates, Camp Teepee, Art School and Cookery School will all be running at various times in the holidays.

Of course we have the End of Year Celebration to look forward to but could I thank you all for your unstinting support this year. It is when the school and parents work in collaboration that the optimum learning environment is created. We at The Paragon are hugely excited by the year ahead and if I don't get to see you between now and the official end of term, I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful summer break.

With best wishes,

Andrew Harvey

Paragon News & Notices

TUESDAY 9 JULY - END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

On the last day of term, Tuesday 9 July, we will stage our celebration of the school year in a marquee at Prior Park College. Coffee and croissants will be served from 10.30am and the Celebration will start at 11.00am. Every one of our children will be involved and there will be prize giving for our leavers in Year 6. Families of



Year 6 pupils will have reserved seating. The Celebration will **finish at approximately 12.15pm, at which point term ends** and all children should be collected from their class teacher. After-school care is available with SuperPirates from this time. They will be running a club at The Paragon from 12:30 - 6pm. If you would like to book your child in, please email alice@superpirates.co.uk. Snacks will be provided for all children staying past 3pm; however, they will need to bring their own packed lunch. Any pupils attending will be taken to The Paragon by minibus at 12.30pm.

Year 6 pupils and their parents are invited for drinks in the Mansion House after the Celebration event and will have an opportunity to take photos on the Mansion steps.

Please note that families are welcome to picnic on the lawn at Prior after the event.

We anticipate most parents will drop children off at the following times. However, the Early Room will operate as normal at The Paragon. Pupils attending this will be supervised at school from 8.00am until being taken up to Prior Park for the Celebration. If you wish to make use of this facility, please email reception (reception.paragon@priorparkschools.com).

Orchestra and Wind Band	Drop off at Prior Park College (marquee) at 10.00am prompt.
Pre-Prep/Prep children	Drop off at Prior Park College (pavilion) 10.30am – 10.45am

MONDAY 8 JULY – REHEARSAL FOR CELEBRATION

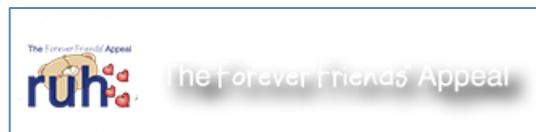
Orchestra, Wind Band and Joyful Noise	Drop off at Prior Park College (marquee) at 8.10am prompt.
Pre-Prep/Prep children	Drop off/collect at The Paragon at usual time.



There is a Doodle Maths Summer Challenge that starts on the 1 July (don't worry, you can still make a start now!). All details are here: <https://www.doodlemaths.com/doodlemathschallenge/> #DoodleMathsChallenge

THE PARAGON SCHOOL CHARITY 2019 – 2020: RUH THE FOREVER FRIENDS APPEAL

We would like to thank all the charities who submitted their proposals to the PTA to become our school charity for next year. It is always a difficult choice to pick a worthy cause from a list where each charity makes a difference to those who they are trying to help, but in the end the school choice has been The Forever Friends Appeal. <https://www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk/> We look forward to working with them next year, but in the meantime we will be saying farewell to Jaime and Greig and 52 Lives in our final assembly on Monday.



BACK TO SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

Our school wear department is extremely busy in the school holidays, so to improve our customer experience for this year's back to school, we will be operating an appointment system. So if you are new to the school or require a



significant amount of new uniform, we highly recommend that you book an appointment. Appointment holders will be given priority. [More details attached.](#)

HEAD OF PRE-PREP'S BLOG

In her final blog of this academic year, Sarah James has set some summer challenges to keep little ones (and grown ups!) occupied. See how many you can complete, there may be some sticker rewards in September! www.paragonschool.co.uk/current-parents/pre-prep-blog



MUSIC NOTICES

Music star of the week is.....Milla H in 4H for practising her piano piece really well and performing it at the lunchtime recital.

Thank you for all your kindness and support in my first full year at the Paragon. Wishing you all a happy and sunny summer holiday.

Sarah Kettley



ART NOTICES

Jackson from 3S is our art star this week for drawing and painting this beautiful bug!



INTER-HOUSE POINTS COMPETITION

The race for the top spot was close this year with Milsom rapidly gaining on Crescent as the Summer Term wore on, but in the end the results were as follows:

1st Crescent 2nd Milsom 3rd Abbey 4th Holburne
and the House Shield was awarded to the House Captains, Eliza T and Charlie M, in this morning's assembly.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

CRICKET:

The U11A boys' team beat Monkton by 122 runs.

THANK YOU for your support this year. It has been another exceptionally successful year with all our teams from Year 3 to 6 performing brilliantly in a very wide range of sports. We are delighted with how the children have progressed and we are grateful for your support. Here's to a happy and healthy summer break.

VISITING THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM THIS SUMMER

Don't forget to pop along to the Holburne Museum this summer to visit the Lauren Child exhibition, 'The Art of Illustration' which has been sponsored by The Paragon. Featuring many of Child's original drawings of Charlie & Lola, and a magnificent dolls' house, it is well worth a visit. The museum is free on Wednesdays between 3-5pm.

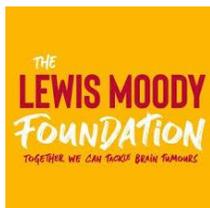
THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST - Year 6 Pupil Raising Money

Dilys in Year 6 has taken the brave, selfless and compassionate decision to cut off her hair for The Little Princess Trust (www.littleprincesses.org.uk).

Two close friends of hers have sadly gone through a very stressful and emotional time and have lost their hair, one almost completely. As two young ladies finishing primary school and about to start senior school, their confidence has really been tested and Dilys wanted to show support but also do something to help other children in a similar position. As such, she has decided to raise funds and as soon as she finishes her school year, will be in a salon donating as much of her long hair as she can. More information and her story can be found here: <http://www.justgiving.com/DilysSian>

We ask you to please support Dilys in her endeavour to raise as much as she can for this worthwhile cause.





This July, Clare Coverdale (Year 4 mum) along with Annie Moody, (Year 4 and 6 mum), will be taking on Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest mountain, with an amazing group of people, to raise funds for The Lewis Moody Foundation (administered by The Brain Tumour Charity). Over the course of eight days, they will be hiking for over 55 hours, following a new route up the remote North face of Kilimanjaro, to reach the summit at 5,895m above sea level. Please

support them if you can:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claretakesonkilimanjaro> and follow their climb on Instagram: @clarecoverdale @anniemoody7

All money goes directly to the foundation to fund vital research projects, awareness campaigns and family days through the Brain Tumour Charity, their mission being to increase survival rates by reducing diagnosis times, to reduce the harm caused and to support all those affected.



CHARITY SONG

Daisy in 5B has released a song, Keep on Going, and is donating all the proceeds to The Grand Appeal, the charity that supports Bristol Children's Hospital. The charity is close to Daisy's heart as she had her second

leg operation there just a few weeks ago. You can download the song onto Spotify, iTunes, Apple Music or Amazon through the link <https://daisyfilby.hearnow.com/>



CLASSIFIEDS

A link to our classifieds can be found [here](#).



LOST PROPERTY

In order to help us reduce the amount of lost property and return it to its owner, we ask parents to:

- ensure all uniform is named
- remove redundant name tags from second-hand uniform
- avoid naming uniform using ink which will wash out
- remind your child to collect any uniform which has been discarded after dismissal

Please check your children's uniform to make sure they have brought the correct items home this weekend. If you would like to report any lost property, please email reception. **Please also let us know when you have found an item so we can remove it from the list.**

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Lilli M 5G – named blazer

Ned B 5B- named (sticky labels) zippy top and tracksuit top, cricket box

Prior Park College lost property - there is a Paragon boot bag initialled MRP.

Finlay S 2GH has lost his waterproof coat.

Charlie W- 3S has lost his blazer.

Freddie C-B 4IH has a lost a green (named FC-B) welly.

George J in 5G has lost his named school blazer.

Isaac W in 4IH has lost his named navy blue wellies.



Holiday Clubs



The Paragon Summer Tennis Camp

Monday 12 August to Thursday 15 August

9.30am - 12.30am

(Age 5 and upwards)

Please see [attached booking form](#)



CAMP TEEPEE in the Summer Holidays

Fun filled days in the great outdoors for children ages 6-11!

This summer, Camp Teepee will run from **22-26 July**, and **27-30 August**.

To book your place visit: www.paragonschool.co.uk/holiday-club



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Class Updates

Squirrels

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful year it has been. We are so proud of all the Squirrels children and will miss them dearly as they move on to enjoy their Reception year. We know they will love every minute of the new and exciting times that lie ahead.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful gifts that you have given us. They were all very much appreciated and we were touched by your generosity. A huge thank you to everyone. Please do make sure that you take all your child's belongings, including welly boots, by Monday as this will be our last day in school.

On Tuesday 9 July at 11am we will have the end of year Celebration at Prior Park College. Please see the main bulletin for further details. Please note that we will be up at the College to greet you and your child from 10.30am, allowing you to then take your seats in the marquee. Please ensure your child has been to the toilet before joining us as we have limited access to toilets once we are in the marquee. We anticipate that the Celebration will last for approximately 1 hour, officially ending the school year. At this time, we request that parents and carers collect your child from us in the marquee as we will not be returning to The Paragon.

We wish you all a wonderful summer with lots of sun, relaxation and fun.

The Nursery Team

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Reception

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy final week and made the most of the glorious weather.

In English we have recapped on rhyme and written sentences in response to different words. For example, 'The cat sat on the mat wearing a hat.' Writing sentences is something the children need lots of practice with, along with continuing to recognise and write the tricky words and digraphs (eg, ai, oa, ee etc)

In Maths we have had lots of fun in the water and sand, learning about capacity. We were estimating which containers would hold more, and less, and then tested to find out if we were right. We have also revisited number pairs to make 10, which the children are getting quite confident with.

Next week, Monday is a normal day. Tuesday is our final celebration, meeting at PPC. Please see the main bulletin for details and timings.

We are sending home a Summer Holiday pack that your children may like to look at over the summer. It would be advisable to keep your child's skills going over the summer; writing, reading and counting whenever you can. Enjoying real books is something that we recommend.

So here we are, very nearly at the end of Reception! Thank you for a wonderful year, your children have all brought us so many happy times and smiles throughout our time with them.

Have a fantastic summer!

The Reception Team

P.S. Please keep up the reading!



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Year 1

Dear Parents,

This final full week has been filled with Celebration practice, playground scavenger hunts, tally charts and pictograms! The children have also enjoyed learning about the author and poet, Shirley Hughes. They chose a poem to perform to their peers in pairs or small groups and performed them brilliantly!

The children in Year 1 have visited their new classrooms this week. Rather than going into the current Year 3 classrooms as originally planned, next year they will use the current Year 2 classrooms, situated around the courtyard. They were most pleased by this change!

Please could we ask for any outstanding library books to be returned on Monday. Also, if you have any reading books lurking around the house we would be most grateful to have them back – thank you.

This is the last bulletin you will receive with your child being Year 1. How quickly the year has gone! We wish you all a wonderful, relaxing, fun-filled summer, and hope to see you at the Celebration on Tuesday.
The Year 1 Team

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Year 2

Dear Parents,

The last whole week of the year - we can't believe how quickly it's passed!

There has been a change to the classrooms that the Year 2s will be moving into. On reflection, the current Year 3 classrooms are better suited and therefore, the Year 2s will be moving here. Miss Barnes' class will be in Mr Millar's current classroom and Mrs Millard's class will be in Mrs Summer's classroom.

In English, we have been working on our 'Take One Book' unit. We have used the book as inspiration for some report writing and descriptive writing.

In Maths, we have revised place value, working with hundreds and thousands.

The children should have taken all their work home. Please take some time to look through it with them as I am sure that they will love showing you what they have learnt.

We hope that you will be able to come to the Celebration next Tuesday. The children have been working extremely hard on their song and are getting very excited about showing you what they can do. Please read the main part of the bulletin for more details.

On Monday, it would be good if the children could bring a board game to school. Please send one that they can play independently and that doesn't take too long.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 2 Team

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Year 3

Dear Parents,

The final bulletin of Year 3 and what a lot we have achieved this year!

In English this week the children have been working on 'Performance Poetry'. They have created their own versions of Robert Hull's 'Please do not feed the animals...' and performed them to the class with some very humorous results! We have also continued preparing for our performance at the Celebration. During Maths, we have been recapping on all of the different calculation methods we have learnt this year and had a go at creating and playing games to test our knowledge.

It has been a pleasure to teach all of your children and they have added much to our lives this year. We would like to thank you for your support and hard work with the children throughout the year. It is hugely appreciated.

Best wishes,

Mrs Summers and Mr Millar.

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Philosophy questions:

3S – Will the human race always exist?

3M – Why are animals treated differently to humans?

Year 4

Dear Parents,

This week was great fun in a 'hands-on' practical sense. Tuesday we devoted entirely to Science and did two great friction experiments. One was to invent a parachute (for chess pieces) that could descend safely, slowly and accurately out of paper and string. This was good fun and a tricky task to get right. Our other experiment was designed to test the frictional resistance of three types of line (washing line, string and nylon). To do this the children created 'cable cars' out of card that would be safe enough to transport a thrilled teddy bear to safety below.

The rest of the week has been devoted to D&T. The children designed and made dioramas of the play, 'The Adventures of Super Stan'. There was a particular focus on problem solving and fixing problems themselves. It was fiddly but rewarding.

Monday, the children can come in wearing their PE kit - it will be cooler and useful for doing things outside later on. They must also bring in some large bags to take home all their books and belongings.

This year group have been very special and a delight to get to know and teach. They will be greatly missed by the team.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer,

Mr Hinde and Mrs Howden

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No Philosophy this week due to D&T project.

Year 5

Dear Parents,

The final bulletin for Year 5! What a pleasure it has been teaching your children over the last year. It has been great to see them progress and develop as the year unfolded and we have been so impressed with them all.



This week, we have been busy rehearsing for the end of term performance. The pupils have worked hard towards the rather ambitious performance of 'Lion King'. In English, they have been working through their projects created up at PPC during the play rehearsals.

We had a fabulous time up at Prior for the Science Day, in which they investigated three different habitats in the school grounds and Prior Park Landscape Gardens. These included woodlands, pond and meadow. It was lovely to see how much the pupils took from the day.

It really has been a privilege teaching the Year 5 pupils this year and we are proud of what they have achieved. We are both looking forward to following their progress in Year 6 and hope they don't forget us too quickly!

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable and restful summer holidays,
Miss Barnes and Mr Guest

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Philosophy questions:
5G & 5B – Is life a dream?

Year 6

Dear Parents,

The children have spent their final week at The Paragon finishing pieces of work, writing letters, talking about their memories of school and rehearsing for their last Prize Giving, where they will take centre stage. Those moving on to the College also thoroughly enjoyed acting as tour guides to some members of the Upper Sixth who returned to The Paragon on Thursday to reminisce on the happy times they remembered from all those years ago!

In PD we have talked about moving on and the pupils have mixed emotions about leaving; they are excited, sad, anxious and yet looking forward to the new adventure ahead. We will miss them enormously next year but we wish them every success and happiness in their new school, wherever it might be.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all you parents for your support throughout the year. It is a big change for the children as they take on more responsibility, sometimes have difficulties with relationships and have the pressures of exams on their shoulders. Through all this you have supported them, and us, admirably in helping them through these changes. You have also been so, so generous with all your gifts, cards and kind words that mean so much. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

Next week:

Monday: the pupils will be given their yearbooks and enjoy spending time writing messages in them for each other. It is traditional too for pupils to bring a Paragon dress/shirt in for the community to sign. For both signing activities please make sure your child has a couple of named 'sharpie' type pens which are perfect for the job.

Tuesday: Celebration; and we look forward to chatting with you all at the drinks reception at the Mansion afterwards.

We wish you all a wonderful summer break!

Kind regards, it's been fantastic!

Fiona Bromley and Tom Isherwood

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Philosophy questions:
6B & 6I – Can you be friends forever?

