



Clarendon School
Primary Centre



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Primary News

From the Headteacher

It feels very strange to be writing my final piece for a Clarendon newsletter, with just a few days left before my retirement. I very much hope that I will see



some of you over the coming days at the secondary production of "Mr Kipps; the Musical" (please contact the school office if you haven't got your tickets yet). I'm touched, embarrassed and deeply honoured at the prospect of being the subject of a musical production!

Leaving the school after thirty years will, of course, be emotional for me. It

has been made a little easier by the appointment of my successor, Mr Dumigan, who has visited the school a number of times since he was appointed, and has proved extremely popular with our learners. I am very confident that he will continue to champion children and young people with SEND locally, and that the school will flourish under his leadership.

The school is very different from the one I came to in 1993. The intervening years have seen us take on management of a number of other provisions (including the Gateway Centre), move into new buildings, expand, become an academy and propose (and subsequently open) a new Free School, Capella House. This evolution is set to continue - I'm delighted to report that we have been granted planning permission for a further large expansion of Clarendon in a new building in Petersham, which will (at long last) include some post 16 provision - something I have been wanting for many years. The new Centre is due to open in 2025, and will eventually provide a further 76 Clarendon places.

Being the Headteacher at Clarendon has been a profound honour. I'm immensely grateful, of course, to our deeply committed and caring staff team and to you, the families, for your ongoing support. But most of all, a huge thank you to the pupils who have made (nearly) every working day a delight. I'm really proud of what they achieve, and they should be too.

John

Summer Term Learning and Fun

Pupils have enjoyed developing their team building skills, during a range of outdoor learning opportunities, including adventures outside of school:



All Primary pupils were thrilled to see the coaches arrive to take us to Hobbledown Farm earlier this month, with a huge thank you to Hampton School for co-ordinating this with sixth form pupils from Hampton and LEH. Pupils across all classes really enjoyed sitting with Hampton and LEH pupils on the coach and having lots of fun throughout the day.



Visit to West Wittering Beach



Pupils excitedly boarded coaches and inquisitively took in all the scenery and the tunnel as we drove to West Wittering beach last Friday. Pupils were fantastic, having fun in the sea, building sand castles and enjoying ice creams despite the drizzly weather.



Celebratory End of Year Assembly and some Goodbyes

It will also be a sad time to say goodbye and farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils and their families on Friday. We wish them every success for the future at Clarendon Secondary and one pupil going to a secondary school out of Borough. We thank you for your superb contributions at Clarendon Primary.



We hope you all have a relaxing and fun summer holidays. We look forward to seeing Clarendon Primary pupils back on Wednesday 6th September.



Jack, our school dog, is now on Instagram. If you would like to follow Jack to find out a little bit more about what he gets up to in and out of school then please follow him using this QR code. This summer he is following the

FIFA Women's World Cup and will be finding out facts about the different countries in the competition. He also shares updates on his therapy school training and education content.