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Helmdon Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a newsletter of thanks. So many people make a difference to our school and it is always appreciated. Firstly, thanks to our regular volunteers who have given up their time throughout the year to come in: Niki Phillips, Graham Butler, Lilian Hosier, Julie Crouch and Jo Furnivall, and also the volunteers who are there when we need them: Chris Mount, Tom Kirkham, Roger Davies, Chris Smith and Paul Duncombe. Thank you to Rachel Hurcombe for her gardening help and running a Wildlife Club.

Thank you to both Dan Phillips and Mark Gilbert who manage to fit us in when jobs need doing; we are always very grateful and often they are responding to a problem which we think is urgent!

Thank you to FOHS for all the effort you put in to organise fun events for both the children and the adults, I am certainly hoping to come along for next year's quiz night! Thank you, of course, to all you parents that support the events as your generosity has benefitted the children in so many ways and makes a difference.

We are very fortunate to have fantastically capable and supportive governors and I would like to thank them, both past and present, for all they do to ensure the school is running smoothly.

A big thank you to Brackley Butchers and Smith & Clay for their generous support of our Year 6 Leavers' Fest. Their kind donation of burgers and sausages will help make the celebration a memorable occasion for our children. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and for supporting our school community.

Message from FOHS

Thank you for all your support over the last year. You've given an incredible amount across the various fundraisers and we've raised over £10,000! This has enabled us to make some big purchases this year, including a new interactive whiteboard, 20 refurbished laptops and a suite of sensory and accessibility resources for every classroom, as well as funding half of the school trip and many other little treats for the children. We really appreciate your help and contributions and we look forward to another successful year next year!

There are so many people I would like to thank individually but please know I have appreciated every kind word and smile today and throughout the year. One of my favourite memories will be of each morning coming up the steps to unlock the gates and seeing the children playing and then by the time the bell goes there are staff, parents and children all happily milling about with a shared goal of making it a good day. This is such a wonderful school because of the strong tripod of great children, hardworking staff and supportive parents. I look forward to hearing about future successes as I know the school will go from strength to strength.

Thank you, parents for the lovely gifts this morning, it was very unexpected and means so much to me. I love this school!

Have a relaxing and peaceful summer break,

Amanda Zdyrko

Headteacher

Upcoming events at a glance:

Community News and Attachments (these can be found in the Community section of our school website)

- Youth Zone Open Event for year 6

- Morrisons and Kelloggs free breakfasts throughout the Summer holidays
- You will find a link to the Sway Newsletter on our website which is from West Northamptonshire Stay Connected and will be updated throughout the summer holidays

We will be welcoming you back to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

We have been advised by a representative from NMPAT that they will have capacity to provide Guitar lessons through our School starting in September. We understand that there was interest during this year, please follow up your interest with NMPAT. Thank you.

Please be reminded that we are a Nut-Free school, as there are people within our community that have nut allergies. Please do not provide nut products as part of the packed lunches.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

If you have any concerns about the health, welfare or safety of a child in the Helmdon Primary School community please come and see me or email me at head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead at school and I access my emails regularly. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Samantha Castle and Clare Hedley and they can be contacted via email: s.castle@helmdon.org and bursar@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk. However, if you think a child is in immediate danger, please call Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 126 7000 and/or call 999.

Online safety

The school's online safety team are myself (as DSL) and Michael Felce as the subject co-ordinator. Please speak to either of us if you have any concerns about e-safety. We can also be contacted by email: m.felce@helmdon.org and head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk