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# The Mordiford Mail



Thank you for our lovely new lectern Y6, we will think of you fondly when we use it in collective worship and at school events. I can just picture next years House Captains giving their speeches from here.

We have loved spending the past few weeks with you back at school and hope that you have enjoyed

spending time with your friends and some of the treats and activities. I know that you will flourish at high school and that you are ready to take on the new challenges ahead. Be brave and embrace all that lies ahead....you will shine very brightly.

Best wishes, Miss Finney

Thank you for the hard work of all the Y6 parents who helped staff to organise the Y6 Leavers event.



Thank you also to the whole staff team at Mordiford who have been tireless in their efforts, often doing unfamiliar roles to keep the school working during the pandemic, most importantly for keeping our children safe and happy. I hope that everyone has a well deserved rest.

I am very grateful for the support of the families and school community during this academic year. Knowing that you were there has helped me to carry out my role to the best of my abilities and I am so appreciative of your kindness. I wish everyone a peaceful, healthy and hopefully a fun filled summer spending time with your loved ones.

We will see you again in September and are very excited about having everyone here and meeting our new YR. We will keep in touch so that once final arrangements are made for the Autumn term we will let you know. Our website has a handy new ticker tape on the home page for new messages....

Miss Finney



This week and throughout the Summer Holidays too...

Jayden, Austin, Kacey, Ben W, Freya, Noah, Elisabeth, Ffion, Armani, Charlie, Elliot, Gracie, Ben P, Lois, Emelia, Tobias, Kyson, Kaliyah, Erin, Rohana, Levi & Elvis

Can you please save over the summer any clean plastic bottle tops/lids in colours of the rainbow that you have, as we would like to create some art work in the new academic year.



## Governing Body

We say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Margaret Gerring and Mrs Becky Watts. Mrs Gerring has been instrumental in fostering better links between the school and the church community and looking out for our most vulnerable children. Mrs Watts has been an effective member of the Finance and Resources Committee.

We welcome two new governors for the new year.

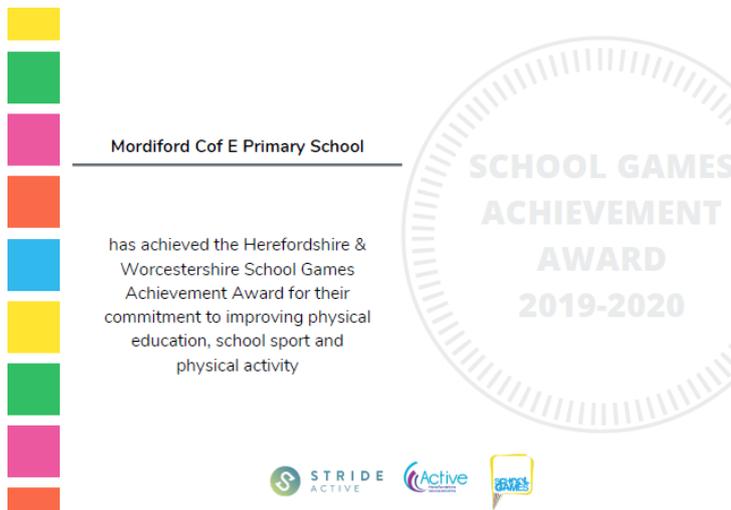
Dr Mark Chattington as Parent Governor and Mrs Emma Roberts as Foundation governor. We very much look forward to working with them.

## School Lunch Booking

For the first few weeks of school we will be sticking with the packed lunch options from AIP before we reintroduce hot meals. Booking is now available online. Please ensure all orders for school lunches are made by the Wednesday 26th August. We will send you a reminder email regarding this closer to the time.

## Herefordshire and Worcestershire School Games

We have received our Herefordshire School Games Achievement Award for all of our hard work and efforts during these difficult circumstances.



## Proposal for Variation to the Admissions Arrangements for September 2021

As Chair of Governors, I write to confirm that by Chair's Action, the Governing Body of this school resolve to propose that a variation be made to the admissions arrangements for admission to Year R in September 2021, in respect of the over-subscription criteria relating to church attendance. The variation requested is that "In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship or alternative premises have been available for public worship". This request is made in order that parents seeking admission to the school can readily determine what the admissions oversubscription criteria are and how they may be met, and thereby enable the school to deal lawfully, fairly and transparently with admissions matters in the exceptional circumstances of the COVID19 pandemic. For convenience, given that we understand a large number of similar requests are being made, the Governing Body consents to the Diocese submitting this request on our behalf, along with those of other schools making such requests for this variation. This request is made in accordance with the DfE guidance on governing body business during the pandemic, as it is a matter of importance and is time limited, given the relevant admissions timescales.

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## Prayer Corner

God of Peace



The end of primary school is a big moment for both children and parents. We thank you for the many happy memories. Help us to always find things that make us happy and that bring us smiles. There is so much more to learn and explore in this beautiful world and so much for us to discover about ourselves.

Keep us safe in our next steps.

Amen