

# CORSHAM REGIS PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is the final newsletter for the academic year 2019-20. Normally in this letter I would share with you our statutory assessment data from Reception to Year 6. However, with the COVID 19 situation, there is no statutory data to report.

Instead, I have asked each of the teachers to share with you their individual highlights and successes from the year.

From my own perspective, there have been many highlights or what I choose to call Golden Moments. Observing our children progressing in lessons, maturing as young people and taking on varied responsibilities within the Corsham Regis community has made me feel incredibly proud. Watching our sports teams compete and succeed at Corsham cluster events was fantastic. To see our young pupils excel in this area of the curriculum was a privilege. And finally, witnessing Mrs Hodges paint the different murals in our entrance foyer area was captivating and so worth the wait. Sarah really has done a tremendous job!

Happy reading everyone. I hope you have a brilliant summer holiday!

Mr Gareth Spicer and all of TEAM Regis.

See you in September (hopefully!)

Thursday 3rd September - Autumn Term 1 begins



**Mrs Symons:** When I think back over the year, Amethyst Class have achieved so much both academically and socially. In October 2019, we all travelled to Braeside to take part in our residential- for some in the group this was the first time that they had stayed away from home without family members and were understandably apprehensive. However, everyone coped amazingly well and supported each other through the experience; building coherence within the class and a sense of real team spirit, this continued as the children challenged themselves in all subjects across the curriculum back in the classroom. Although the children didn't sit their actual SATs in May this year, they did sit many practice SAT tests leading up to March and I am so very proud of their resilience and efforts to achieve the very best for themselves. I always start the year thinking about climbing a mountain and this cohort of year 6 children definitely reached the summit. Good luck to Amethyst Class 2020- you will be brilliant at secondary school!



**Mrs Randall:** In the spring term, we had a design and technology day. During the term, the children collected cereal boxes to use. As we were learning about Georgian Bath, we linked our DT to Georgian Bath houses and masked balls. As a class, we watched a video on how to turn a cereal box into a house; the children then designed and made their own Georgian houses and absolutely loved the experience! Lots of cutting, folding and figuring out the best way of securing bits together. Then they drew and coloured their houses onto the house-shaped box and finally, we put the house boxes in a circle, just like Bath's Royal Circle. We also used our boxes to design and make Georgian masks, which the children loved decorating with feathers and beads and lots of glitter! We ended the day with a masked parade! It was a super day of DT and collaborating with each other to create some really good work.



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**Mrs Stone:** Looking back over the year with Jade class, they have settled in well, shared and made friends, got into a routine and had a great start to life at Regis. My fondest memories, which have stuck in my mind, were when we looked at the topic of toys and the children had their first go at sewing when we created a Victorian toys banner which is now displayed and they will now be able to enjoy it for the rest of their time at school. Whilst learning about toys the children also had the opportunity to bring in their own, talk about them and share them with their peers. I was very impressed with how the children communicated, gave instructions and shared.

**Mrs Bagnall & Mrs Duffield:** The children in Onyx have worked incredibly hard this year. We have enjoyed history topics, art topics, science topics, had fun and learnt a lot along the way. The children have loved our singing sessions. Our favourite was definitely the "Go noodle" Purple Stew song that we seemed to end up singing most weeks! This year the year 3 children learnt to play the recorder and the year 2 children took part in our Christmas production with gusto and pride. One memorable topic was when we learnt all about life in the 1920s. The children enjoyed learning about the 1920s fashions, people's homes and particularly enjoyed listening to music from Louis Armstrong, who first came into prominence during this decade. They rewrote the lyrics for "What a wonderful world" and delighted everyone with their singing of the song during our whole class assembly. Despite everything we have all been through since Lockdown began, hopefully we can all take time to remember that despite everything, it is still a wonderful world. Wishing all of Onyx class and their families a restful, happy and safe summer break.



**Miss Denning:** This year has been an action-packed, eventful and memorable one for the children in Opal class. They started the year brilliantly, with the Year 2's rising to new challenges and the Year 1's successfully bridging the gap between Early Years and the National Curriculum. We started off with a topic on local geography and we looked at the story of The Town and Country Mouse. The children produced some excellent descriptive writing and story maps. We then moved onto our first Science term and we immersed ourselves in the story of The Three Little Pigs. The children thoroughly enjoyed role playing the story and bringing the characters to life! One of the highlights of the year was seeing the children perform in the school Nativity with such enthusiasm and confidence. After Christmas we learnt all about Roald Dahl and we focused on the story of The Twits. We made some fabulous collages of Mr Twit's beard and the colourful Roly Poly bird. Since the closure of schools in March, I have been really impressed by the quality of the home learning that the children have completed. It has been lovely to see some of the Opal class children return to school in the past few weeks and, despite missing so much school time, I can see that they are ready for a fresh start in September. I will miss the children of Opal class very much but I'll definitely be staying in touch and I look forward to hearing



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**Mrs Harris:** This academic year, I feel the start of our work to support our school community's mental health and well-being with the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust (CWMT) made a really promising start. The staff worked as a team to carry out an in-depth audit of our provision. It was a great opportunity to reflect upon what we do and how dedicated we are to

**Mrs Doe:** I've been reflecting back over this year. Sharing the book 'George's marvellous medicine' and the children carrying out all kinds of weird and wonderful experiments. To learning about the 1970's and dancing to Saturday night fever and making flares for Barbie, Cindy and not forgetting Ken. To walking to swimming for weeks and weeks. I will cherish all of the memories from Team Crystal 2019-20.

supporting our pupils. The actions we then received from our CWMT partner were manageable and fit so well with us and highlighted how we could help not just the children but the parents/carers and the staff. Our first small steps to give children ownership of the classroom posters for where to get help was a lovely way in to talk about a tricky subject and the revamp of our early morning routine really helped to ease the transition from home to school. I'm looking forward to picking up where we left off, when we can!

**Miss Londors:** Looking back over the year in Garnet class, I remember all the lovely smiley faces that I had the pleasure to teach. I remember us all enjoying learning about the water cycle. We looked at the story of a raindrop and wrote diary entries from a raindrops perspective. We then went on to learn the water cycle song- it was so catchy and is impossible to forget. Which I am sure you will remember, if you came to our class assembly. We also wrote a chronological report about the water cycle. Whilst learning this, Garnet class were brilliant! I was so proud of all their hard work.

