

Hartington C of E Primary School – July 2015 News

Youngsters see in summer holidays with an African song and dance

Students bid farewell to their year of studies with an African themed presentation event for parents and carers to enjoy on Wednesday 22 July.

They recited words and poems, played traditional African drums and displayed a map of the continent to show visitors where certain countries were including Ghana, Zambia, South Africa and Kenya. They also performed songs and dance routines alongside Rachel Wilkes from the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership and Bemma Akyeampon, of African Ark, based in Nottingham.

Rachel said: *“We performed a range of tunes for the audience to enjoy, including welcome songs – some about the countryside, working life, saying hello and celebratory songs.”*

Head Teacher, Tracy Blackwell said: *“I am so proud of the children. The performance was absolutely fantastic and it gave me goose bumps as I saw how much hard work went into it. The event has rounded off a great year here at Hartington. We have achieved so much and have lots of happy memories to look back on. We have also waved goodbye to two pupils who are now off to secondary school in Ashbourne and Bakewell and I wish them all the very best of luck for their future. We’re now looking forward to the brand new year and more exciting activities like this one!”*



Back to school for local officers: PCSOs Hayley Grundy and Ian Phipps from Derbyshire Constabulary visited the school on Friday 10 July to teach students about the importance of road safety.

Head Teacher, Tracy Blackwell said: *“The lesson was so informative for both staff and the children. They learnt about how to make sure they cross the road safely including looking both ways before stepping out into the road and listening carefully for traffic.”*

Flower Festival is Blooming Success!

Pupils enjoyed maypole dancing at the Village Hall as part of this year’s Flower Festival in June.

More than 300 people poured into St Giles’ Church to see the floral displays with a theme of *1915 remembered*. Comments in the visitor’s book came from local residents and some across the UK including London, Liverpool and Edinburgh. There was also a note from a guest visiting from Vancouver in Canada!



Thank you Mrs Lacey!

At the end of the school year, Sarah Lacey, who is Chairman of the School’s Governors, is stepping down from her role.

We would like to thank Mrs Lacey for her immense support, dedication and passion throughout her time as Chairman and wish her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Lacey said: *“My time as Chairman has been incredibly busy, varied and so worthwhile. I can’t put it any other way - it has been a privilege and I’ve enjoyed every minute.”*

“I now have other commitments and so I need to step down from the role, but I wish the school every good fortune. I hope to see the children further down the line, as I have done with those in the past, making a huge success of their lives, and I am sure it all comes from the quality of life and the quality of teaching they’ve had at this church school.”

Bon appetite!

The children had a fantastic time making and eating their own pizzas at Pizza Express in Buxton as a special end of year treat.



New website: Our brand new website is now up and running. Visit www.hartington.derbyshire.sch.uk for all the very latest news and useful school information.

We would like to wish all the children, staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers, local residents and visitors a very happy, healthy and safe summer! We look forward to seeing everyone again in September.