



Chesham Preparatory School

Headmaster: Mr J S Beale BEd (Hons)

Dear Children and Parents,

It is strange to see Friday arrive after a very unusual week. It has been wonderful to see the return of the large majority of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children back to the classroom and everyone has adjusted to the new procedures 'like a duck to water'. The sound of voices and laughter around the place has been sorely missed. However, the return has also highlighted how much we are missing all the children who have been unable to return for the time being. I have my fingers crossed that we will hear good news about the return of all years in the not too distant future.

The remote learning continues to be a great success and I am constantly impressed with the quality of work I see from all year groups on a regular basis. The regular updates on Twitter and Facebook are fascinating to see and highlight some fantastic work and amazing talent such as Ming Sun's Banksy art work and Jemima's piano playing. The video of the virtual sports day was fascinating and displays the children's enthusiasm and talent in many forms as they threw themselves into a wide range of athletic events. On the sporting theme, Mr Batchelder and Mr Rowland have been speaking with a number of past (and present) pupils about their sporting stories since leaving Chesham Prep and they are well worth a listen for an insight into their Chesham Prep experience and advice for the future. The links are as follows:

Milo Mitchell: <https://youtu.be/gWKECxEiSIk>

Luca Fahy: <https://youtu.be/usU1AyOpOsY>

Helena Van Hullen: <https://youtu.be/ur3fsUP3bpI>

James Seabrook: <https://youtu.be/BSKUiYv3OCE>

Max Smith: <https://youtu.be/gUH3T5ZihAE>

The production of Yearbooks for our Year 6 and Year 8 leavers are in full swing and it was quite unusual preparing a farewell message after such a unique year. I thought some of you may enjoy discussing some of the questions the children have asked me to answer as part of the Yearbook. I am sure some of these questions could lead to some interesting discussions around the dinner table. They certainly made me think!

What is the thing you like the most about Chesham Prep?

I love teaching because....

When I was at school I was good at....

I wasn't very good at....

My hidden talent is...

Before I became a teacher, I wanted to be a...

My most embarrassing moment was...

If I could be a famous person, I would be...

If I could have dinner with anyone from history, living or imaginary, it would be...

If I could have a super power, it would be...

What have you learnt anything about yourself during lockdown?

Have you developed any new skills during lockdown?

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing many of you on Monday morning.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JBeale". The signature is written in black ink and has a horizontal line underneath it.

Jonathan Beale
Headmaster