

Love Children

Summer 2 Week 6  
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# Open Gates



School Value Focus: Sense of Belonging

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, 8th July we held a **Graduation Ceremony at Two Gates Primary School** to celebrate reaching the end of primary school with our Year 6 Class of 2021- you may have read the article in yesterday's Herald. The ceremony involved speeches from staff and pupils as well as a presentation of scrolls. Unfortunately we were unable to invite parents due to Covid-19 restrictions, but lots of staff members were present in the audience to support and applaud the pupils.

Following the ceremony a chip supper was served outside, funded by the Two Gates PTA- a most enjoyable end to a lovely, memorable and important day.



The following morning Year 6 delighted us all with their end of year production with a very current storyline depicting the history of the World Cup.



These pupils have shown resilience and grit in the way they have overcome the challenges presented by the Pandemic. I am so proud of them and know they are more than ready for the next step in their educational journey. They go with our best wishes and safe in the knowledge that there will always be an open door and warm welcome for them at Two Gates.

**Next Tuesday, Mrs Elaine Chetwynd will be retiring from Two Gates Primary School after 27 years of loyal service as a teaching assistant.**

On behalf of the school community- past and present, we thank her for the loyalty, dedication and professionalism she has demonstrated in her role.

Mrs Chetwynd's commitment to the education and well-being of the children of Two Gates has been unwavering. Her natural kindness and empathy are qualities which are so important when working with young children; she has been a pillar of our nurture provision and has eased the start of the day for so many children who attended our 'chat and play' morning drop in.

As a colleague and team member Mrs Chetwynd has been reliable and loyal; always upholding the ethos and values of the school. She has been a confidante and offered sensible informed advice to students, teachers and support staff- always making time to listen and care.

We will miss Mrs Chetwynd very much and wish her all the very best for a long and happy retirement. She will be very busy with her lovely family, especially her six grandchildren!



The children have been having an **amazing last week** of school with it being our annual **Health and Wellbeing Week**. They have enjoyed and challenged themselves with a **range of activities** across the curriculum to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in how to **adopt healthy lifestyles** and keep themselves as mentally and physically well as possible. The activities have ranged from cooking to archery; glow in the dark dodgeball to smoothie making; mindfulness to archery, tie-dying to rounders football... and everything in between.



A highlight was our whole school **Scavenger Hunt** on Zoom and our **picnic** on the school field.



The children have risen to the '[Eat them to Defeat them](#)' challenge every week culminating in the **pea challenge** this week. Well done to everyone for trying all the vegetables; we hope you will continue to eat these regularly and try even more new/different ones now that we know you can be adventurous! **Send us a photo of your completed chart!**



Don't forget to register for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme which is free for children and young people aged 5 – 16 years who receive benefit related free school meals. You will have received your unique code by letter from school so you can register your interest and receive a timetable of activities.

Register and book as soon as possible at: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities) from 5th July – it closes once all the eligible places have been filled.

We are looking forward to the last two days of school when the children will be spending time in their new classes.

Please remember we are here for you and your children and if you need to talk, just call us at school [01827 213 855](tel:01827213855) or drop us an [e mail- office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

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