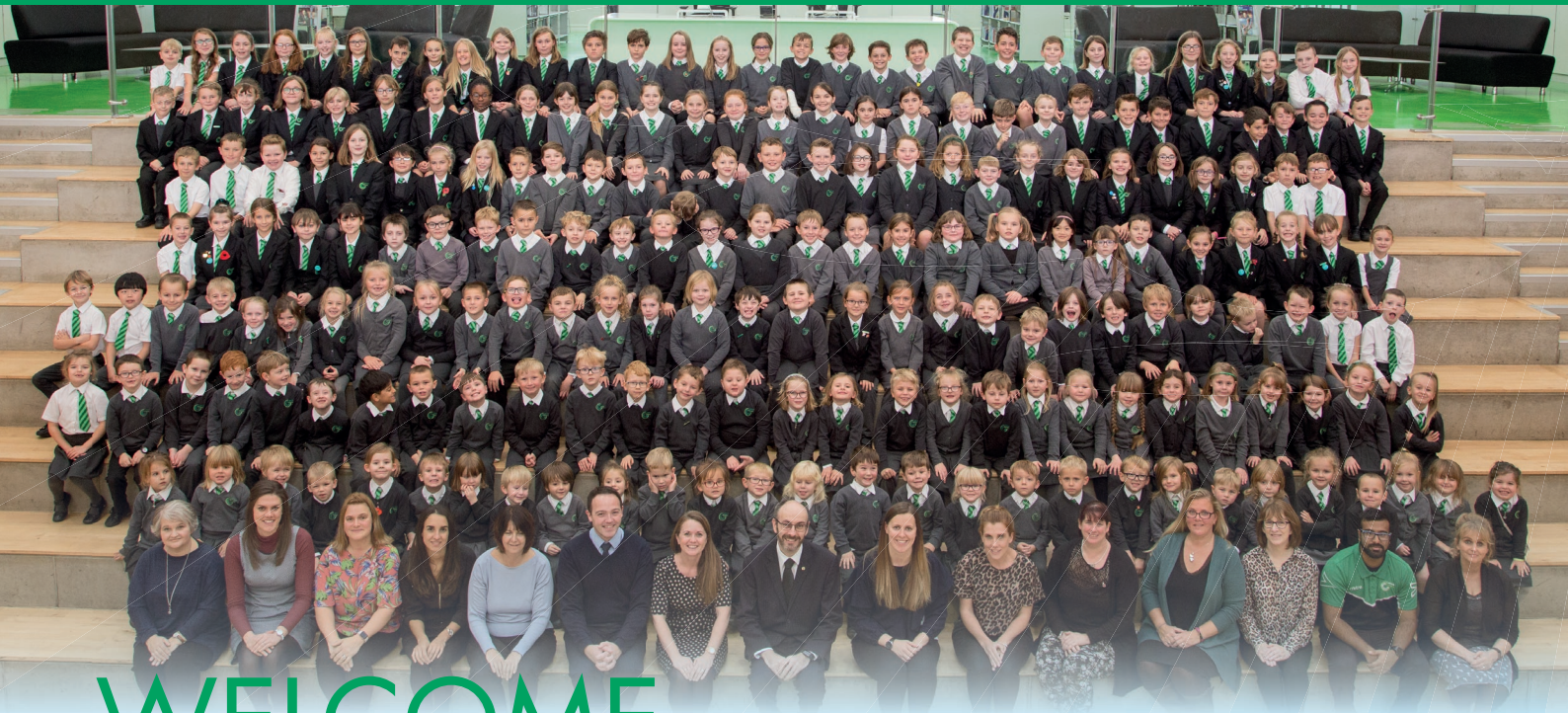




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## WELCOME

As we draw near to the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all, as our Catmose family and friends, for the support you give not only to the children, but the staff at our little school.

Without the caring community we have we would not have been able to achieve the fun, excitement and learning we have this year.

This last In-Focus of the year reflects on yet another jam-packed and fun-filled year. I am always amazed at just how much we manage to fit in.

I wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back – whether to Catmose Primary or Catmose College ready for the academic year 2019/2020.

Kelly Jackson  
Head of School



# STAFFING FOR NEXT YEAR

You will have received the letter which gave the details for classes for 2019/20.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Sarah Hatherley after 8 years with us, who is a very highly regarded member of the Catmose community. We wish her the very best in her new teaching post. Scott Farley will also be leaving the School to take on a leadership role in Nottingham. In September we will be joined by Joanne Pedder and Beatrice Jones and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the team.



Transition sessions have taken place to enable all children to meet their new teachers.

Classes will be as follows:

**Ash** – Emma Hemming-Taylor

**Beech** – Yvonne Welbourne

**Cedar** – Lucy Wing (Cook)

**Oak** – Nikki Derry

**Redwood** – Beatrice Jones

**Silver Birch** – Joanne Pedder

**Willow** – Gemma Scholes & Rachael Coyne

## GOODBYE TO....

We wish Mrs Hatherley and Mr Farley all the very best in their next steps at their new schools. We hope that they keep in touch and come back to visit.

### MRS HATHERLEY

**Name:** Sarah Hatherley

**Class at Catmose Primary:** Ash and Oak.

**Best memory:**

I have loved being part of Catmose for the last 8 years. It has been an enormous privilege to share the primary journey with so many children. I have particularly enjoyed the performances, the May Dance, nativities, Carols and the Royal variety will be memories I will treasure.

**What will you take with you from your time at Catmose Primary:** I

will take so much with me, I have had so many opportunities to learn and develop. Catmose and every child I have had the pleasure of teaching will always have a special place in my heart.

**Goodbye message:**

Believe in yourself and the world is all yours. Dream big, laugh out loud and remember there is always time for a dance!

Mrs Hatherley x



### MR FARLEY

**Name:** Scott Farley

**Class at Catmose Primary:** Silver Birch

**Best Memory at Catmose Primary:** There are lots of great memories from my time here but one that stands out the most is from last year when the class performed a mummification during their class assembly. I was impressed with how much they had remembered from our lessons, the effort to learn their lines and the way they demonstrated confidence to perform in front of the School.



**What will you take with you from your time at Catmose Primary:** I will be taking with me lots of happy memories, new friends, different skills and a fuller stationery cupboard...

**Goodbye message:** It's been a pleasure and I wish you all the very best.

Mr Farley



# ASH CLASS

Ash class have had a wonderful year this year. We have had fun exploring our new classroom, inside and out.

Throughout the year we have covered lots of different topics. During the Autumn term we made potions, explored colour mixing and made creations – big and small!

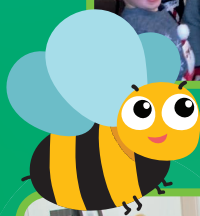
In the Spring term we helped a penguin escape from the ice, experimenting with different solutions to see which one melted the ice the quickest. We also had to become police investigators, as a mysterious beast had scorched our playground. Luckily we solved the mystery and discovered a friendly dragon had flown into the grounds!

This term we enjoyed a trip to the farm, despite the wet weather we had a fabulous time looking at the animals and splashing in the puddles.

We also watched 5 ducklings hatch and looked after them for two weeks.

They were beautiful and we enjoyed watching them learn to swim.

On top of all of this all this we have learnt to read and write, learnt about numbers and shapes but most importantly we have learnt that school is a fun, happy place to be.



# BEECH CLASS

Beech class have had a fantastic year, they have all adapted well to new learning routines and worked extremely hard to make lots of progress.

They have enthusiastically engaged with all their learning topics, resulting in some fantastic memories being created.

During the Dinosaur topic, the children took part in a Dinosaur hunt around the school grounds, they found lots of bones and teeth - the writing they produced explaining what they had found was brilliant! They also created some fantastic Dinosaur models for homework, which were shared in the role play corner and with parents.

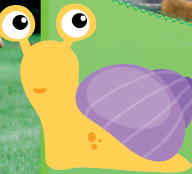
At the beginning of the year, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Nativity production with Cedar class. Their singing was amazing, alongside their brilliant dance moves in the sheep and angel songs!

They have been on many trips, including to Sacrewell Farm, where they got to see and stroke a variety of different animals, as well as learning how to care for them.

During the Spring term, they visited Rutland Water, where they took part in a variety of activities to encourage them to explore their local area.

They have also recently been lucky enough to go to Catmose College to create some 'fairy-tale toadstools' – the end products were fantastic!

Overall, it has been a very busy year in Beech class, but one that all children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed!



# CEDAR CLASS

In term one Cedar class went on a trip to Uppingham Theatre to watch *How to Hide a Lion*, this fitted in nicely with our Beat Band Boogie topic which looked at all things musical.

In Design Technology the children created their own musical instruments which they used in our sharing assembly. In geography we explored the local area and walked into Oakham. The children were able to retrace the route and identify it on a map of Oakham. The children also began their swimming lessons this term.

In term 2 our topic was Towers Tunnels and Turrets, we became experts on everything you needed to know to become a knight. We also read the book 'Snuff' by Quentin Blake, about a young man wanting to be a knight. He gets things very wrong and discovers that becoming a knight is not as easy as he thought. This topic also took us to Oakham Castle where we spent the day experiencing life in medieval time. We were able to eat at the banqueting table in the great hall, make our own table decoration, make a trebuchet and learnt how to fight like a knight.

Our Street Detectives topic found us exploring the streets of London during the great fire of 1666.

The children learnt about how the fire started and the rebuilding and design of the London we know today. We enjoyed a book called 'Fire Cat' by Pippa Goodhart and found out about the diaries of Samuel Pepys. We went out and about in Oakham to look at different types of houses and how they have changed over time. We had a visit from Walkwise who told us about road safety and how to stay safe when walking around Oakham.

In science we looked at seed dispersal, we also planted our own seeds and looked at different types of growing conditions, we also learnt about Hydroponics and tried to grow seeds in plastic bags without soil.

Term four found us 'all at sea' with our Land Ahoy topic. 'Pirate Blunderbeard the Worst Pirate Ever' was a great book and taught us how **not** to be a pirate. We learnt lots of interesting facts about pirates, we also found about famous sea heroes and heroines like Captain James Cook and Grace Darling. We had a visit from members of the RNLI who gave us some great tips on how to stay safe near water. They also told us more about Grace Darling and how she rescued survivors of the Forfarshire, we even got to dress up and re-enact the story.

Term 5 was very busy with our SATS Special Agent Training. Our topic was 'Wriggle and Crawl' and we managed to find out lots of information about 'mini beasts'. We spent a lot of time dancing and preparing for our Car Wash inspired May Day dance. In English we looked at lots of different poems, Michael Rosen's Chocolate Cake was a favourite, we used the information we had gathered on mini beats to help us write our own poems.

For term 6 our topic is Bounce, this has made us very sporty. We have been creating our own games in groups and then showing the other groups how to play our games. We have played rounders and trained in preparation for sports day. We have carried on reciting poems and looking at rhyming words and alliteration to make our poems better. We have been busy organising an afternoon tea to raise money for the RNLI our way of saying thank you for a great afternoon in term 4. We baked cakes and biscuits and wrote the instructions for our recipes. On our recent trip to Rutland Water we made kites and learnt how to play golf.



# OAK CLASS

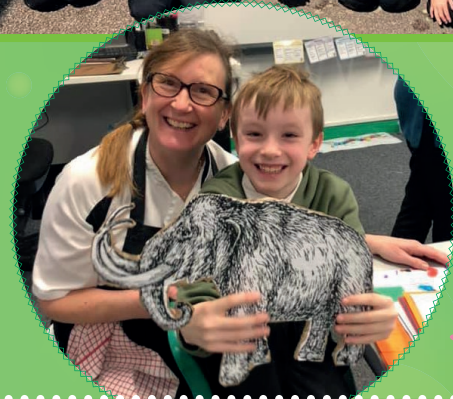
In Oak Class we have had many changes this year!

Our classroom and teachers to name a few! We said good bye to Mrs Hall who started her maternity leave and good bye to Mrs Johnson who moved to a new school nearer to home. However, in true KS2 spirit we have continued to work hard and enjoy our school days – we have had such a lot of fun!

We enjoyed the Great Oak Bake Off, made a mini stone age village, enjoyed the sublime science day, took part in sailing and visited the Opsreys at Rutland Water.

'I enjoyed playing the ukulele' Erin Beau  
'I loved going sailing' Poppy  
'I liked the Oak Bake Off – eating it all afterwards!' Jamie

As Oak Class would say 'Try everything' and they certainly have this year. We would like to say a special thank you to Paula and Mrs Hatherley who has supported us all year and helped us to become the grown up, resilient Year 3 we are, ready for the next challenge – Year 4!



# REDWOOD CLASS

My best bits are:

- Year 4 and 5 residential. Great to see the children trying new things.
- Harry Potter trip. The children were so excited and well behaved.
- Teaching year 4 to play the handbells. So nostalgic and they were all stars.
- Working with our Queen tribute act for our production. They filled me with pride and tears!
- Watching the confidence grow in year 4 and ignite a passion for music. Now 75% of the class want to sing a solo.

Tracy



# SILVER BIRCH CLASS

Silver Birch has been filled with enjoyment, excitement and lots of great learning this year. The children have been lucky enough to enhance their learning with lots of visits, such as going to the National Space Centre, Bradgate Park, sailing at Rutland Water, visiting the Osprey Centre and the ever popular residential visit to Manor Adventure.

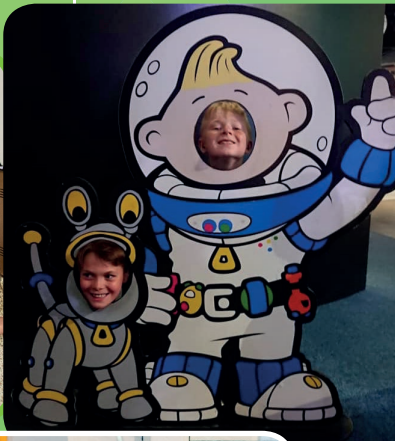
The class also took part in the Pirates of the Curry Bean production alongside Willow and were exceptional in learning their lines, singing the songs and practicing the dances. It was a wonderful show!

Topics this year have included Alchemy Island where the children took part in lots of experiments and investigations. During Beast Creator, they were visited by two minibeast experts, Nick and Susan and then learnt all about Tudor history in our Off with Her Head topic.

Our Pharaohs topic provided a particular highlight as a member of the class was mummified and a plaster cast created of their body. Term 5 saw us learning all about space through our Stargazers topic and perform an informative assembly. The final topic has been Allotment and has seen the children support the School Gardening Awards as well as attempting to grow their own sunflowers.

Throughout the year, we have been treated to presentations from the children as their confidence has grown. A highlight was the Osprey Ambassador talk and their passionate appeals for the environment in conjunction with our eco-school work.

Overall, the year has been a positive and successful one, with the children readying themselves for their final year at the Primary.





# WILLOW CLASS

Well they say 'Time flies when you're having fun' and this year has certainly flown! Willow class have had lots of exciting opportunities this year including:

- Music festival at Wilds Lodge
- Poppy display at Oakham Castle
- Evacuation day at Stibbington
- Entertaining the residents at St John's and St Anne's
- African drumming
- Stratford-Upon-Avon residential
- The Warning Zone

Willow class have also worked really hard towards the SATs this year and I am proud of each and every one of them.

Well done Willow and good luck with your journey into Key Stage 3.  
Mrs Scholes x



## A FEW WORDS TO OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS FROM MRS JACKSON...

You are a very special person,  
And you should know,  
How I loved to have you in my care  
How fast the year did go!

One thing I tried to teach you  
To last your whole life through,  
Is to know that you are special  
Just because, you are you!

Please come back to visit me  
As through the grades you go  
Try hard to learn all that you can  
There's so much to know



### TERM DATES 2019/20

TERM 1	College Opens: Thursday 29 August 2019 College Closes: Friday 18 October 2019
TERM 2	College Opens: Monday 4 November 2019 College Closes: Friday 20 December 2019
TERM 3	College Opens: Monday 6 January 2020 College Closes: Friday 14 February 2020
TERM 4	College Opens: Monday 24 February 2020 College Closes: Friday 3 April 2020 Good Friday Bank Holiday - Friday 10 April 2020 Easter Monday Bank Holiday - Monday 13 April 2020
TERM 5	College Opens: Monday 20 April 2020 May Bank Holiday Friday 8 May 2020 College Closes: Friday 22 May 2020
TERM 6	College Opens: Monday 1 June 2020 College Closes: Thursday 9 July 2020