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## Silverhill Primary School Newsletter

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### The end of another academic year

As this year comes to a close I have time to reflect on what has been yet another amazing year for Silverhill School. All the good things are getting better and the new initiatives introduced last year are really beginning to impact on the quality of learning that we provide for the pupils of our school.

The school has achieved Green Flag status for its work on the environment and the Smart Award for our learning that is focussed on water conservation. The work in this area has been recognised nationally and locally. As a leading school in sustainability we have been working with local schools to share best practice in this area and the teachers that visited the school were very impressed with our enrichments afternoons. The school is featured as a case study on the East Midlands Sustainable Schools website and can be seen at [www.sustainable-schools.org.uk](http://www.sustainable-schools.org.uk). Some children from Year 6 were presented with a cheque for £100 by the Mayor for winning the Soroptimist competition on Energy. The judges were really impressed as they had never had an entry like it! Well done Mrs White and Year 6. The pond is in and we hope that the decking and picket fencing will be erected by the time we return from the holidays. The chickens and the rabbits have settled in well to their new homes, and the allotment area is growing a wide range of delicious produce. A particular thanks goes to Mrs Gratton for all her wonderful work with the children on the allotment. Mrs Mistry and I visited India in February and shared many of these experiences on our return with the pupils and with parents in the India evening. Mrs Fynn visited us from South Africa which was thoroughly enjoyable for everyone and we are really looking forward to our joint energy campaign next term. Mrs Orgill will be visiting Ashley Primary School in August and I am sure she will be full of new ideas when she returns in September. Our work on the global dimension has been recognised and I was invited to a discussion in Parliament about how to engage other schools in the global curriculum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their dedication and commitment, the governors for all their advice and support, yourselves for your support, care and the time that you give to your children as well as the school, and of course the pupils for their never ending energy and eagerness to try new things. I believe it has been a truly successful year for Silverhill and this view has been very much reflected in your comments in the parental questionnaires.

On behalf of all the staff I wish you all a safe, happy, warm and sunny summer break.

Kate Nash

sponsoring the Cheerleading T-shirts that the girls performed in at the Summer Fayre. We are looking forward to continuing the Silverhill Cheerleading Squad that Molly Kate ran so well this year.

for winning the bike competition – and well done to everyone who took part by cycling regularly.

### MRS SALMON

A special assembly was held yesterday to say 'farewell' to Mrs Salmon. She was presented with the gifts that were purchased from all the donations received – a suitcase and matching holdall, a leather passport holder, a gold watch, a silver bracelet with peridot stones and a posy of flowers. Mrs Salmon would like to say a big 'thankyou' to everyone who contributed.

**Finally ...** School re-opens on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September with **Activate to Concentrate** taking place on the playground from 8.40 a.m. If you are on the playground you must join in!