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Welcome to the school's article for the summer edition of the Parish Magazine. It is written by a Y6 pupil about to leave at the end of July for Secondary School in September and features memories of his seven years at Ashurst CE Aided Primary. We hope you find it interesting and enjoyable, as always.....

.....On my first day of school, all I can remember is being scared because never before had I been in such a **BIG** place filled with **so** many people.

In YR I remember not having to do much work and, when we did, it being **very** hard. When we were not doing hard work, like maths and Jolly Phonics, we were outside playing in the little den-like house called 'the cabin'. There were lots of toys in it like scooters. When we did hard work we were always helped by our kind teacher, Mrs Pockett.

I remember falling over in the playground one day and hurting my leg badly; and, when I was told to go in to see Mrs Pocket, being **very** scared because my friends had said she would say to 'cut off my leg - the bit that hurts'. When I went inside, Mrs Pocket said she was indeed going to cut off my leg! However, I soon realised she wasn't being serious because all she gave me was a plaster! I was **so** relieved. Mrs Pockett was just helping me but thereafter I always tried *not* to get hurt but, somehow or other, I did, and would end up with Mrs Pockett telling me my leg would have to come off!

The step between YR and Y1 was one of the hardest to get used to, because in YR you did everything through play and in Y1 you had to sit still more often and write more. So I got **very** scared until I got used to it, which I did, **very** quickly.

In Y1&Y2 I remember making friends with a boy called Bertie, and we have been best friends ever since. I also made friends with Joseph and I remember thinking 'what a strange name', which, of course, it wasn't!

I remember the work in Y2 was **much** harder than in Y1 but Mrs Evans, who is now Mrs Smith, helped me get to grip with it. In Y2, I made **lots** of friends and we had 'pet' names for each of us: Bertie (Bernals), Joseph (Jonah), James (Hamez), Alfie (Elf) and Orson (Snors). I can remember playing football on the field and the teams were Oliver and me against all of the other Y1&2s. One of our topics in Y2 was about Castles and we went on a school trip to Arundel Castle. It was great fun - and **very** interesting. Thank you to Mrs Pockett and Mrs Smith.

In Y3&4 we had two teachers, Mrs Robins and Mrs Harwell. It was **very** confusing because half the week we had Mrs Robins and the other half we had Mrs Harwell. My favourite subject in Y3&4 was Science, learning about 'The Water Cycle'. One of our history topics was 'The Egyptians' and we went to Brighton Museum to learn more about them, including taking out the brain of a mummy through its nose!

We did a lot of music in 3&4 because Mrs Harwell was the school's Music teacher and **very** good at anything musical. We were **very** good at singing with other schools, especially at the annual

'Chanctonbury Schools Music Festival'. We had French lessons with Madam Loveless, until she retired in 2016, and then with Maitress Scadding-Hunt, her replacement. Thank you to our French teachers and to Mrs Robins and Mrs Harwell!

Y5 was one of my favourite years at Ashurst because we had ☺SWANAGE☺, our Residential Week, to look forward to at the end of it. We also had one of my favourite topics, 'The Victorians'. We learnt how the Victorian children were treated and read a book called 'The Street Child' - and went on a trip to Preston Manor in Brighton. Our teacher in Y5&6 was Miss Jordan, until she married and became Mrs Sansbury. She left at Christmas this year to have a baby called Jordie.

In Y6 we now Miss Simpson to teach us until we leave in July. But not **all** of the time! In spring, in Y6, we have had Mrs Williams teaching us, mostly in the mornings and mostly Maths and English. Mrs Williams has helped us get really good at Maths and English and in May we started preparing for our SATS with her. I think every Y6 did **very** well. In fact, I think we have **all** passed our SATS and passed them **very** well - we shall find out in July! Thank you to Mrs Williams for teaching us.

With SATs now finished, I am looking forward to SWANAGE in June and Sports Day in July, and also to my new Secondary School in September.

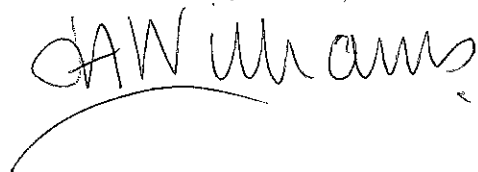
Although eager for the next stage, I am also **very** sad to be leaving this school that has helped me become the person I am today. There have been **so** many things that have helped build my character and confidence, especially: **the Christmas Plays**, like 'Puss in Boots' in Y6 when I got the main part (luckily, I didn't have to do a solo, although, if I did, I would have tried to sing it, but I don't really like singing on my own), **the annual Sponsored Walks**, helping to raise funds for Kotukala Nursery School in The Gambia whose Headmaster, Mr Cham, came to England to teach us in 2012, (he told the story of 'The Runaway Chappati' and was a **very** good story teller.) He died in 2014, due to a massive heart attack, and I am still sad to this day, **the Cookery Days** with Mrs Young at Shoreham College (I now know how to cook a lot of things my family really enjoy eating!), **the Chess Club** and representing the school on the chess team (as well as on all school **sports teams**) and, of course, **SWANAGE**, which is really amazing thanks to Mrs Williams, Mrs Pockett and the Sandhaven Guesthouse owners, Mr and Mrs Lush!

☺THANK YOU ASHURST for ALL OF MY WONDERFUL PRIMARY SCHOOL MEMORIES.....

And thank you Ned for your wonderful contribution to Ashurst Primary too.

We wish all ten pupils leaving every happiness and success in their new schools: six are transferring to Steyning Grammar, one to Kings, one to Zion and two to Shoreham College; and invite all members of the Parish to join us for the special 'Y6 Leavers' Assembly' in school at 9.15am on Wednesday 18th July 2018, and to stay for coffee and biscuits afterwards. Please visit the school's website for **ALL** school events - you are warmly invited to join us at, and for, **ALL** of them.

We thank you for the tremendous support we have enjoyed throughout another happy and successful school year and send you our good wishes for a wonderful summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawn Williams', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.