



Goodbyes and Thank-yous



This has been one challenging year for everyone, but we have managed to keep our spirits up in times of concern, working hard behind the scenes to keep everyone safe. The children have been amazing; returning after periods of time off and settling back in quickly.

We would like to thank our staff for being resilient and keeping the children secure and keen to learn through play. All our activities incorporate different areas of learning in accordance with the EYFS and our environment allows their natural curiosity to flourish whilst at the same time making magical memories.

It's important to us that when children leave The Shepherd's Hut to start the next stage of their life they are "ready". To us this means they are confident, enthusiastic, independent and self-motivated little people ready for life in school. Our ethos encourages them to develop good social skills and empathy. Happy, polite, helpful and willing children who know that it is ok if things don't go right all the time and have the confidence to try again or just put it down to experience.

To sum up... We strive for children to leave us with a love of learning and confidence for life!

And finally, we would like to say a massive thank you to all our Shepherd Hut families who have supported us throughout the year with the messages of support, encouragement and understanding. At times it has been overwhelming.

*Although the year has, at times, been incredibly tough, we cannot forget our **"Amazing"** achievement of winning the National Children and Young People Now Awards in the **Play** category.*

Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer Holiday!



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Start of autumn term Thursday 2nd September 2021