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Head Teacher's Messages

As the last newsletter of this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year and wish you and your children a lovely summer holiday, with plenty of time to relax together. I would also like to particularly thank all of our parent helpers who give of their time to support our children each week– it is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday, 3 September, for Years 1-6, and Nursery and Reception children, on Wednesday, 3 September** – the gates will be open, as usual, at 8.40a.m.

Date reminders for next week:

Monday 15th July - 8.30 a.m. Guitar lessons, followed by a 'guitar assembly' at 10.30 a.m., to show case some of the pieces our musicians have learnt to play.

Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' trip to the Oxford Aqua Park.

Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 performance at Warwick Hall with Year 5 supporting, starting at 6.00 p.m. and followed by refreshments. **All families are welcome**, even if your child is not in Year 5 or 6.

Thursday 18th July - 9.00 a.m. Gold Book & Term 6 Achiever Awards Assembly

Friday 19th July - 9.00 a.m. Year 6 Leavers' Celebration Assembly in the school hall – Year 6 parents/carers and family are warmly invited to this special assembly.

Friday 19th July - 1.10 p.m. Term 6 ends for the Summer Holidays - no Afterschool Club provision.

Attendance - Late Book

Attendance continues to be monitored and therefore, from September, a new pupil late book will be kept in the school foyer. If your child is late, he/she will need to sign the pupil late book, so this can be more closely monitored. A reminder, therefore that the gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8.50am when registration commences.

Year 6 Take over day

Year 6 children applied for specific adult roles in school, including Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher, School Business Manager, Teachers and Teaching Assistants. They experienced teaching each class, planning out lessons for the morning and ably supported in the class. This entailed a range of activities, including artwork, PE, Maths and English.

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As part of the Head and Deputy Head Teacher roles, lesson observations were carried out, to ensure the quality of teaching and learning was at least good with some next steps for improvement! The School Business Manager gleaned an understanding of a busy office where the door bell and telephone seem to ring simultaneously at times! Year 6 took on their roles seriously, showing maturity and we were proud of them all. Well done Year 6!

Wellington Boots & Personal Belongings

Please ensure that all wellington boots and personal belongings are taken home for the summer holidays, so that Mrs Johns, our cleaner, can access all cloakroom areas to clean thoroughly. Any items not collected will be given to charity.

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

It's been another busy couple of weeks with lots of thank yous to make!

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Sparrowhawk for coming into Warwick Class and teaching the children how to weave with willow. We had such a lovely afternoon, creating our very own giant willow butterfly, which was made up of lots of wicker circles, one created by each member of the class. This has created something very special and will be proudly displayed in our garden for everyone to admire. The same afternoon, Warwick Class released their butterflies on the paddock; a big thank you to Freya's mummy for our class caterpillars that gave us the chance to observe the life cycle.

I was so proud of our class on Sports' day last week; the way they walked to and from Burford School and the way in which the children behaved was a credit to you. I was especially proud of the sportsmanship and loved seeing them congratulate one another on their sporting achievements. A big congratulations to Mrs Bartle and Mrs Webb who finished first and third in the staff race....as for me, well it's the taking part that counts!

Our trip to Cotswold Farm Park was a great success and we loved our day out. The children especially enjoyed bottle feeding the lambs, feeding the goats and sheep and bouncing on the bouncy pillow. Once again their behaviour was fantastic and I was proud to take them.

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This week we have enjoyed having the Year 6 children come and teach us on take-over day, on Wednesday, and I would like to thank them for supporting Warwick Class with their learning on floating and sinking. We had a lovely morning being supported by them and I think we may have some budding teachers in the making!

Last Thursday and Friday the Reception children spent the mornings up in year 1 with Mrs Beaney and I was once again so proud of them and the mature manner in which they approached this new experience. They came back to us absolutely brimming with excitement about their new class, even if our team aren't quite ready to lose them to year 1 just yet. Nursery children loved their morning being the big Reception children and are more than ready to join us on the rainbow rug!

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with your children and their learning this year. We have loved every minute of it and genuinely feel privileged to have worked with them. They are a credit to you all.

Many Thanks

The Early Years Team

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

It is an emotional end of year as we say goodbye to our Year 2 children, but look forward to working with new children. I am so proud of all the children in Windrush Class and how amazing they have been this year and just made learning fun. Their enthusiasm for learning is infectious and I know their new teacher will love working with them, just as Mrs Godfrey and I have. Thank you Mrs Godfrey for all your hard work with the children. Choosing class achievers this year has been especially hard, as it is my last one in Windrush class and all of the children have achieved and aspired high in different areas.

We have experienced such a busy end of term with so much going on. We have been working hard in our usual lessons and doing end of term assessments. The children enjoyed Sports' Day and thank you to Mrs Beaney for organising it. We have also worked hard for our new class teachers on Year 6 Takeover morning. Thank you to Ellie, Alex and Joe for a super morning. The excitement of the week though, was the creation of the T. Rex! Windrush class have loved working on their Dinosaur topic and the highlight of this was making a T Rex with Mr and Mrs Sparrowhawk using willow. Many thanks to both for coming in and working with all the children across the school.

I would also like to thank our parent helpers for coming in over the year and hearing readers or testing spellings. Also, a big thank you to all Windrush parents for their support throughout the year.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

Where has the year gone? Time really does fly when you're having fun. The last two weeks seem to have sped by, with the children enjoying sports' day, transition mornings, Year 6 take over morning and willow weaving! If you have not already checked out the giant dragonfly on the playground, please do. The children worked really hard, as a team, to complete the creature within an afternoon. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Sparrowhawk who made the project possible.

Another special thank you needs to go to Lottie, Megan and Ava who were excellent teachers and TA's on their take over morning. The children enjoyed the PE lesson they delivered as well as finding out about different rainforest creatures. I was very impressed with how prepared the girls were.

In Maths and English lessons, there has been a focus on consolidating skills in division, answering reading comprehension and aspects of spelling and grammar.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching year 3 & 4 this year and would like to say thank you to all the children, parents and children for their support.

Priory Class

Mrs Hilary Connor

In Priory class, the children have continued to carry out a variety of investigations in Maths. We have also spent a lot of time in rehearsals for the leavers' play. We have been making scenery, props and, of course, rehearsing the scenes and songs.

With the assistance of Mr & Mrs Sparrowhawk, we have also made an amazing Medusa using willow weaving.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 18th July @ 9.00 a.m.

Leila Whatling for always giving all of her learning 100% with a smile on her face and for doing some fabulous shows for us!

Henry Lake for tackling changes in routine and transition activities with increased confidence and a smile on his face! Well done Henry!

James Lampard for always showing such enthusiasm for our topics and his outstanding attitude towards learning.

Sophie Crossman for always showing enthusiasm for our topics and her outstanding attitude towards learning.

Luis Simpson for being a super star in class – you are always willing to learn and help others.

Alexandra Wilson for always producing excellent work and willing to learn in all subjects.

Gold Book Certificates cont/d...

Megan Bartle for always making good choices and throwing herself into all tasks 100%.

Ben Ebeling for quietly getting on with all tasks, being a good role model and helping, out of his comfort zone.

Golden Post Box Certificates

Awarded Thursday 18th July @ 9.00 a.m.

Congratulations to **Austin Elvidge** for passing Level 3 swimming and moving up into Level 4. Well done! Your family are very proud of you.

Congratulations to **Connor Brimblecombe** for passing Level 6 swimming. Well done!

Congratulations to **William Harrison** for passing his Initial Guitar exam with a distinction. Well done William.

Congratulations to **Olivia Lampard** for passing her Grade 2 Guitar exam with a distinction. Well done Olivia.

Congratulations to **Luis Simpson** for passing his Grade 1 Guitar exam with a distinction. Well done Luis.