



5th July 2019

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Dear Parents

I hope the children have had a good transition week and have enjoyed spending time with their new teacher in their new classroom. Hopefully they now feel a little more prepared for September.

Although we are nearing the end of what has been a long and busy term, there are still two weeks to go and we still have a variety of activities planned for the children. Please take time to read the diary dates at the end of this newsletter so that you do not miss any of the events that are planned.

At the end of the term we shall be saying goodbye to Mr Dolby, Miss Hipkin, Miss Poulter, Mrs Cross and Mrs Walden. We wish them all every success in the future and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the school. In September, we will be welcoming Miss Hunt, Mrs Hunt and Miss Wakelin. We look forward to them joining our team.

SUPERSTAR MATHEMATICIAN AWARD FOR KEY STAGE 2

June's Superstars are: Sienna Jackson, Lola Passingham, Rebecca Dragota Fradique, Rojina Rai, Kellen Lay-Murphy, Nicola Bagalacs, Seren Matthews, Hannah Clarkson, Charlie Sharpe, Josie Brown, Millie Alexander and Chiara Wickramasekera.
You should be very proud of your hard work – well done!



SUPERSTAR WRITER AWARD FOR KEY STAGE 2

June's Superstars are: Rhia Lucas, Holly Taylor, Tommy Hughes, Charlie Tate, Abigail Gorton, Jenna Mortimer, Louise McCafferty, Joshua Bennett, Leon Whitbread, Jude Fuller, Rory McDonald and Matthew Marshall.
Well done – what a lot of brilliant writers!

PARENTS' FORUM

There will be no parents' forum this month.

10P FAIR

The 10p fair will take place during school time on **Thursday 18th July**. Children from all year groups are invited to play a variety of games on stalls run by children from year 6. Each game is 10p a go – so please send your child to school with plenty of 10p coins on the day so that they are able to take part.

LEAVERS AT THE END OF THIS TERM (EXCEPT Y6)

If you know that your child/children are leaving at the end of this term and not returning to us in September, please can you pop into the school office and collect an exit form.
Thank you

SUMMER FETE

On Saturday it was our PTA Summer fete, and the hottest day of the year! We hope you agree that it was another great success and an enjoyable day for all. We are pleased to announce that we raised just over £2800!

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to all the teachers and the parents who volunteered to help set up or run a stall. Also a huge thank you to all the members of the PTA, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make events like this happen. We are very proud of our school and PTA and raise a lot of money for all the extra equipment that benefits every child from nursery to year 6.

In September we will lose a few members of our PTA, due to their children being in year 6 and moving on to secondary school, therefore, to make events like the Fireworks night, Discos and the summer fete take place we need more members. We are looking at having class reps in September who are a voice for each class and hopefully will rally more volunteers. We really want to raise as much money for our children, to benefit their time at school - but we need more help from the parents. If you are interested in being a class rep please email owlsmoorschoolpta@gmail.com
Kerry Mott, Vice Chair PTA

NETBALL

Last Friday, we played our final match of the season at Warfield School. Warfield had been playing well and achieved similar scores to our own team so we knew it was not going to be an easy game. It was a very hot afternoon but the Owlsmoor team played two of the best first quarters that Rachel and I have ever seen. The players were composed, passed the ball beautifully and marked their space like pros. Unsurprisingly, we took an early lead through some fantastic goals from Connie and never looked back. Warfield just could not get the ball near their goal in the first half because the Owlsmoor team passed and defended so well. In the second half of the game, the heat began to take its toll on both sides and the pace slowed a little but we kept battling. Eventually we won the match 11-1 and Connie thoroughly deserved to be chosen as player of the match by the Warfield team – very well done.

At the end of this year's league tournament, we won seven matches and lost two, finishing third out of ten teams. St. Joseph's were first and Whitegrove were second (the only teams to have beaten us). Once again, Rachel and I have been delighted with the effort and commitment of our school team and so pleased that they have been rewarded with so many well deserved victories. Most importantly though, we are very proud of the professionalism that the players have maintained throughout – they have been an absolute credit to the school at all times. Huge thanks also go to our small, but very loyal, band of parents who have lent their support at matches; it always seems to spur the team on that little bit more 😊.

Our final training session will take place on Thursday 11th July so I would just like to thank all of the Year 5 and Year 6 players who have turned up for training all year. I hope the Year 6s continue to enjoy netball (or basketball) at secondary school and I look forward to welcoming back our current Year 5s in September. I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Mrs Fish

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Please note that all school library books and book band books need to be returned to school by Friday 12th July. Thank you.



GREEN TEAM LITTER PICK

On Friday 21st June, the school Green Team took part in a litter pick. This coincided with a community day throughout Sandhurst where primary schools in the area were also picking litter up in their vicinities. We went litter picking along College Road, outside the school. In the 30 minutes that we had, we did not make it as far down the road as we had planned. There was a lot more litter than we had expected, much of which had blown into hedges or had been pushed behind lampposts. Once we finished on the road, we continued in the school grounds. The main thing that we found were sweet wrappers that come from multipacks of sweets. These presumably have come from children giving them out on their birthdays and the recipients not putting their wrappers in the bin.

All of Green Team enjoyed their afternoon of litter picking and we aim to spend some more time collecting rubbish from the hedges in the field in future Green Team meetings.

CRICKET

On Tuesday 2nd July, ten children in year six attended the Bracknell Forest Kwik cricket competition. During the day, we played five matches against other local schools and in each match I was impressed with our children's sportsmanship, teamwork and support for each other during both the fielding and batting sections of the game. One of the umpires commented to me on their sportsmanship – it was lovely to have this recognised by an official! Between matches, their behaviour was also excellent and I was incredibly proud of them all. We didn't, however, win!

Miss Poulter

SCHOOL MEALS

From the Kitchen: As of September 4th 2019 the price of school meals will be going up to £2.30 for the children in Years 3 to 6.

Also, from September the current Year 2 children will no longer be eligible for Free School Meals under the government Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. If you wish your child to have school meals from September the cost is £2.30 per meal and must be paid for in advance, details for online payment facilities are available from the school office. Your child may still be entitled to free school meals if you meet certain criteria, details of which and the application form can be found on the Bracknell forest website - <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.

JUDO

The last Judo session of this term will be Monday 8th July and returns in the autumn term Monday 9th September at 8am. Years 1-6 welcome. £55 for the tuition and kit hire. Please see attached leaflet with this newsletter. Thank you.





Summer Holiday Club

We will be open 22nd July - 23rd August 2019 - 830am - 6pm
at New Scotland Hill Primary School

We offer affordable & flexible fees starting at only £3ph and an Early Bird Special of
£11.50 half day or £23 full day if booked and paid for by 30th June 2019

We provide lots of fun for your children with a variety of free play opportunities,
arts & crafts, sports games & much more

For more info or to book please email theafterschoolclub2011@yahoo.co.uk

THE MONTH IN BRIEF

Nursery (Puffins)

The end of the year is creeping up on us. The children have had a fantastic year and have worked so hard.

Our Sports Day went really well and the sun was shining for us, thank you to all those who came and took part. We loved having lots of family members joining in with the activities.

To mark the end of term we will be holding a Garden Party in the early years' outdoor area on Wednesday 17th July at 12.00 noon. On this day, the children need to be dropped off in their swimming costumes or shorts as the party will begin with water games. Please make sure that the children bring a full change of clothes (including underwear) to get changed into following the water games. The children may also want to bring in a named towel and super soaker to join in with the games. A sign-up sheet for party food donations will be put up outside the door - any donations would be greatly appreciated for our party.

We have the 10p fair on Thursday 18th July. Please send your child to school with a bag of 10ps to spend at the fair. They will be taken around the fair in small groups during the day.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children leaving our nursery this summer all the very best in their new classes and schools. We look forward to seeing you all at some point in the future and hearing how your child is getting on. Continue to practise writing your name, counting things while you are out and about and using your letter sounds to try to read signs and pamphlets during your holidays.

Thank you for all your support this year and we wish you all a wonderful relaxing summer.
Miss Edwards, Miss Burns and Mrs Toal

Reception

We are getting closer to the end of a very busy term. The children thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to Birdworld, where they saw many of the birds and animals we have been learning about in our recent topics. It was very exciting to see the penguins being fed, taking part in the Discovery Theatre and going through the aquarium. We would like to thank all of the parents who gave up their time to come along and help us. A fantastic day was had by all and the children were all so well behaved.

Please could we ask you all to check your email boxes (please check your junk mail too), as last week we sent home your child's final profile. We would ask that you reply to our email or let us know if you have not yet received one so that we can send you one to the correct address - thank you in advance.



We would like to remind you of some of the upcoming events. On Wednesday 17th July we will be having our Reception class 'Garden party'. The children can come to school dressed in beach clothes and we would be very grateful if you could please sign up at the beginning of the week to bring in party food which they will be eating in the afternoon in our garden (eg biscuits, a cake, crisps, sweeties, fruit, a drink, yoghurt, crackers, sausage rolls, cocktail sausages etc). The children will still be going in for their normal lunches, so any food brought in should be of a small quantity. In the afternoon we will be having water games, so please could they bring in swimming gear so as not to get their clothes wet and a towel to dry themselves off with. Please ensure your child wears sandals or old shoes and let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

Finally, we would like to say how much we have enjoyed teaching the children this year. We have seen them make new friends, experience lots of new learning activities and mature into more confident individuals. We would like to wish them all the very best for next year and hope you have a fantastic summer break. See you all next year.

Mrs Layton – Matthews, Mrs Bryan and Miss Grant

Year 1

Where has the time gone! The Year 1 team would like to thank all the parents for their ongoing support throughout the year.

As we are approaching the end of term, please continue to support your child's learning through their daily reading and homework. Next week we will be sewing sea creatures and we would greatly appreciate adults to help with small groups. If you can help, please speak to your class teacher. We will also be having a little end of year party in school on Wednesday 17th July – a separate letter with more details will go out shortly.

We have all really enjoyed getting to know your children, teaching them and watching them grow and develop. It has been a lovely year and we would like to thank you for all of your support. Particular thanks, of course, go to parents and friends who have given up their spare time to help in class and on outings.

We hope you and your children have a fantastic summer break.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

One small step for man, one giant leap for Year 2! The children had a very enjoyable trip to the Science Centre last week and especially enjoyed the Planetarium. Their behaviour was a credit to our school. Next week, following on from our work on Neil Armstrong, we will be making moon buggies and we need lots of cereal boxes and other junk modelling materials so please send in your recycling.

During the final week of the school year, we will be learning everything there is to know about pirates and we have a pirate dress up day on Wednesday 17th July.

We would like to thank all of the parents for their ongoing support throughout the year and would also like to encourage you to keep up the good work by joining the library's summer holiday reading scheme. It's amazing the difference it makes to the children's progress.

Wishing you all a brilliant summer break and good luck in Year 3!

Year 2 Team

Year 3

Unbelievably, we find ourselves coming towards the end of another school year and we cannot believe how the time has flown by. We have certainly packed a lot into the year and the children have enjoyed the topics on the rainforest, the Stone Age to the Iron Age and the Romans. We have also had a lot of fun during Science Week, Book Week and Arts Fortnight. Although the summer holidays are creeping ever closer, we still have a couple of weeks remaining so could we politely request that full PE kits remain in school. Similarly, children need to bring in named water bottles every day and have sun cream applied before coming to school on warm days.



We still have our Roman day to look forward to. This will take place on Tuesday 16th July and the children are invited to come in dressed as a Roman – a white sheet fashioned into a toga is fine. The children will take part in a number of Roman themed activities and have the opportunity to try lots of different foods during our Roman feast. A separate letter will be sent home detailing the food your child has chosen to bring in on the day – this can be handed to class teachers in the morning.

On Wednesday 17th July, we will be rewarding the Year 3 children for their hard work all year by having a 'water play' afternoon on the school field. The children can change into their PE kits for the water play or need to bring in old clothes to change into for the afternoon's activities; a T-shirt and shorts would be fine but please ensure their shoulders are covered in this warm weather. They should also bring a towel, a change of underwear and a sunhat. At the end of the day, the children will change back into their dry uniform to come home.

Finally, we would like to say how much we have enjoyed teaching the children this year and seeing their progress. We would like to wish them all the very best as they move up to Year 4 and take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support this year. Enjoy your summer break 😊.

Mrs Fish, Miss Barton and Mrs Walden

Year 4

As we approach the end of the year, we cannot believe we are only two weeks away from the summer holidays. It has been a fantastic year and the children have enjoyed the topics on Egyptians, Storms and Shipwrecks and more recently, Anglo Saxons, and so have we! Arts Fortnight was a success and we hope you enjoyed the final exhibition of the children's work. Please remember that children need a full PE kit in school right up until the end of term. They also need to bring in named water bottles every day and have sun cream applied before coming to school on warm days.

It will soon be our Anglo Saxon day at Ufton Court, which we are all looking forward to. This will take place on Monday 15th July – please come and ask your class teacher if you have any questions about this. The children will be re-enacting an Anglo Saxon Crime and Punishment experience amongst other activities. This should be an enlightening experience!

We are all looking forward to the sleepover on Friday 6th after sports day, which we are sure will also be a success.

We would like to use this opportunity to say how much we have enjoyed teaching your children and we wish them all success as they become year 5 pupils. Have a lovely holiday – let's hope the sun keeps shining!

Miss Bowden, Mr Horton, Mrs Wood and Mrs Brown-Nicholson

Year 5

We have had a wonderful year learning great things and have covered some amazing topics. We have certainly enjoyed teaching all of them, from the Ancient Greeks, to the Americas and Urban Art.

There are a number of key dates before the end of the school year. On Monday 8th July, Year 5 children have been invited to visit Sandhurst School for the day. Please note that children should be dropped off at Sandhurst for the start of the day and not at Owlsmoor. If your child is not participating in this visit, they need to come to school as normal. On Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July we will be watching the video about puberty and undertaking any follow up work over the next two days. On Wednesday 17th July, we will have a little end of year party. The children may wish to bring in some food; however, please ensure this is kept to a minimal amount (such as a small bag of crisps or a couple of biscuits) as this is only intended as a snack and not a banquet! Please do not send in nuts or nut-based products due to allergies. Also, kindly remind your child that fizzy drinks are not allowed.

From all of us on the year 5 team, we'd like to thank you for your commitment and support of us, the school and your child(ren)'s learning. We wish you a wonderful summer.

Miss Parkinson, Miss Poulter and Miss Hipkin.



Year 6

This is our final month together and all of the children have thoroughly enjoyed their residential/activity week. It was lovely to see the children embracing all the new activities and conquering a few fears. There are some pictures on the website that you can continue to look at and they will also be shown during our Leavers' Assembly.

As we continue to rehearse for our end of year production – 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' – we would like to remind children to continue to learn the lyrics to the songs and ensure they have their costume in school by Friday 5th July. Just a reminder that it will be taking place at Sandhurst School on Monday 15th July and Tuesday 16th July at 6.30pm and there are still a few tickets available at a cost of £2.50 each. The children will need to be at Sandhurst School at 6.00pm to be ready for a prompt start at 6.30pm. Doors for the audience will open at 6.20pm.

We are beginning to plan and prepare for the 10p Fair on Thursday 18th July. The children may need support from you to gather together any resources and prizes that they need from home as they will need to be organised for the 'big day'.

Please make sure you have returned your permission slip for the school disco to your class teacher. It will take place on Tuesday 9th July, starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm.

School library books and reading books need to be returned to school by Friday 12th July at the very latest.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Leavers' Assembly, which takes place on Friday 19th July in our school hall and will start promptly at 9.15 am. Please feel free to bring cameras as there will be an opportunity to take photos afterwards.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year; we have very much appreciated it.

Year 6 team

Thank you for your continued support this year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school once again in September, and we wish year six and any other leavers, all the best at their new schools.

Yours sincerely

EA Cole (Mrs)
Headteacher



DIARY DATES:



Friday 5th July
Monday 8th July
Tuesday 9th July
Monday 15th July

Tuesday 16th July

Wednesday 17th July

Thursday 18th July

Friday 19th July

Year 4 sleepover
Y5 at Sandhurst
Year 6 Disco 6.30-8.30pm
Year 4 – Ufton Court Trip
Year 6 Production at Sandhurst – 6.30pm
Year 3 Roman Day
Year 6 Production at Sandhurst – 6.30pm
Garden Party YR **and Nursery 12.00 noon**
Y2 Pirate dress up day
Y3 Water Play afternoon
Y5 Party
Y1 Party & Water Play
10p Fair
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
School ends at 2pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term 2019

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day - Tuesday 3rd September 2019)

Pupils Start on Wednesday 4th September 2019

Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

Pupils start Monday 4th November 2019

Autumn Term ends on - Thursday 19th December 2019 at **2.00pm**

Spring Term 2020

Pupils start on Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term – Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020

Pupils start on Monday 24th February 2020

Spring Term ends on Friday 3rd April 2020 at **2.00pm**

Summer Term 2020

Pupils start – Monday 20th April 2020

Public Bank Holiday (School Closed) Friday 8th May 2020

Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020

(Inset Teachers' Training Day –Monday 1st June 2020

Pupils start Tuesday 2nd June 2020

Summer Term ends on Friday 17th July 2020 at **2.00pm**

**(Inset Teachers' Training Days –Monday 20th July, Tuesday 21st July and
Wednesday 22nd July 2020)**

