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Newsletter – Summer Term 2017

Introduction

The 2017 summer term will be memorable for many reasons. Academically, end of year test results were strong across the school with particularly high results from our current Year 6. Our fantastic arts week with a theme of 'The Far East' was extremely well received by children and parents. We have enjoyed some great sporting successes including a superb performance at area sports, our Tri golf team representing Shrewsbury at the county finals and two of our swimmers selected to represent the town. Our wide variety of sporting competitions has also included rounders, cricket and school games. I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of school life this term.

Curriculum Development – A brief summary

- **English** – Staff have reviewed our reading targets that are set for each child individually. I cannot state strongly enough how much we value your support at home in listening to your child read. We find that this makes a measurable impact on their reading age when it is tested every six months. Staff have also spent time ensuring that assessments of children's writing are consistent (moderation).
- **Assessment** – We continue to refine our systems that were introduced when National Curriculum levels were abolished, the PD day in June was used specifically for this. The new national systems at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 are quite complicated, if you have questions about these please do not hesitate to speak your child's teacher.
- **Religious Education** – Staff have spent time reviewing and updating RE plans. We have been making use of new national resources produced by the Church of England to enhance the learning the children undertake.
- **Special Needs** – Staff have undertaken training in relation to this area in particular in relation to Pupil Centred Plans (PCPs). If you have any specific concerns about your child in relation to this area then please speak to your child's class teacher or our SENDCo, Mrs Hutchinson.
- **National Support School** – I continue to support other schools in my role as a National Leader in Education. I am delighted that two members of staff have been designated as Specialist Leaders in Education – Miss Reeves for English and Mrs Hutchinson for Special Education Needs; they are also providing support to other schools. We are pleased to frequently welcome visitors from other schools to Oxon as part of this work. It is always great to hear the very positive comments we receive about our school,



including praise for the children's behaviour and attitude to learning.

Year 6 Results

We were delighted with the performance of our Year 6 in the national assessments. It is very encouraging that these outcomes are slightly stronger, compared to national averages, than last year's excellent results.

Key Stage 2 tests – summer 2017	Oxon 2017	National 2017	Difference
Reading test – Expected Standard+	88%	71%	+17%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test – Expected Standard+	92%	77%	+15%
Maths test – Expected Standard+	88%	75%	+13%

Key Stage 2 teacher assessments – summer 2017	Oxon 2017	National 2017	Difference
Writing – Expected Standard+	83%	76%	+7%

Key Stage 2 – summer 2017	Oxon 2017	National 2017	Difference
Combined Reading test, Maths test and writing teacher assessment – Expected Standard+	73%	61%	+12%

Key Stage 2 – summer 2017	Oxon 2017	National 2016 (2017 not available)	Difference
Combined Reading test, Maths test and writing teacher assessment – High Standard	15%	5%	+10%
Reading test – High Standard	32%	19%	+13%
Writing teacher assessment – GDS (High Standard)	30%	15%	+15%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test – High Standard	40%	23%	+17%
Maths test – High Standard	27%	17%	+10%

Staff Changes

- Mrs Evans is retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Evans has worked at Oxon for fifteen years teaching in Year 1, during that time she has also co-ordinated history throughout our school. We will miss her and I would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years.
- Miss Barber-Jones has been appointed to replace Mrs Evans, she is currently teaching at Coleham Primary School.
- Mrs Bogle, who taught for a time in Year 2 and more recently for one day a week in Year 1, is moving to teach at Grange Primary Academy. I would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years.
- Mrs Hall, who has worked providing intervention sessions for one morning a week, will be retiring at the end of term. I would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years.
- Mrs Cornes, one of our teaching assistants, left for maternity leave in June. Congratulations to her on the birth of her twins!

- Miss Vann, who joined us in February as a teaching assistant, is leaving us at the end of term to return to a post abroad. I would like to thank her for all her hard work over her time with us.
- Miss Crowley will be joining us as a teaching assistant in September to replace Miss Vann.
- Mrs Taylor, who has worked in our school office for the last eighteen months, will be retiring at the end of this year. I would like to thank her for all her hard work over her time with us.
- Mrs Cooper-Abbs will be joining our office team in September to replace Mrs Taylor.
- Mrs Woods, one of our lunchtime supervisors, has moved to work in our kitchen. I would like to thank her for all her hard work over her time in the lunchtime supervisor role.

Clubs

Art Club – Y1	Mrs Lovatt and Mrs Williams
Art Club – Y5	Mrs Smith
Art Club – Y5	Priory School staff
Athletics Club – Y3	Mr Freeman and Mrs Williams
Athletics Club – Y4	Mr Freeman and Mr Beal
Cricket Club – Y3,4	Mr Freeman and Miss Lee
Cricket Club – Y5,6	Mr Freeman and Mrs Dugan
Gardening Club – Y1	Miss Hollis and Mrs Evans
Gym Club – Y1	Mr O’Hagan and Mrs Lovatt
Gym Club – Y2	Mr O’Hagan and Mrs Lovatt
Lego Club – Y6	Mrs Sear and Mr Beal
My Maths Homework Club	Miss Jewsbury and Mr Beal
Rounders Club – Y6	Mrs Dugan and Miss Vann
Rounders Club – Y5	Mrs Dugan and Mrs Semple
Tennis Club – Y1	Mr Creffield and Mrs Dugan
Tennis Club – Y2	Mr Creffield and Mrs Dugan
Tri Golf Club – Y4	Mr Freeman and Mr Beal
Tri Golf Club – Y5,6	Mr Freeman and Miss Vann

Visits out of school

- Year R have visited Park Hall Farm.
- Year 1 have visited the Quinta Centre near Oswestry to take part in activities run by Wildlife Survival School. The day was spent on bushcraft activities as part of their science work about trees and plants.
- Year 2 have visited Shrewsbury as part of their history work about famous people.
- Year 2 have visited the parish church to explore the church as a place of worship.
- Year 3 have visited Telford as part of their geography work.
- Year 3 have visited Llangollen as part of their geography work.
- Year 4 have visited Enginuity to support their design technology work on moving toys.
- Year 4 have visited Attingham Park to support their art work by looking at natural sculptures and their PE work by completing an orienteering session.
- Year 5 have visited Cardingmill Valley to carry out a river study. This work was led by staff from the Preston Montford Field Study Centre.
- Year 6 have taken part in ‘Crucial Crew’ at Nesscliffe Camp.

Assemblies and Visitors to school

- Year 6 have undertaken cycle training courses.
- Rev. David O'Brien has visited school regularly to lead assemblies.
- The Shrewsbury Youth for Christ team have visited to lead an assembly and workshop for Year 6 about transition to secondary school.
- Year 2 enjoyed a day finding out about Florence Nightingale with a member of staff from the Shropshire Museum Service.
- Staff and pupils from Shrewsbury High School led a drama session for our Year 5 classes.
- Staff and volunteers from the NSPCC have led workshops for Years 5 and 6.

Sporting Achievements

Cross Country – Kingsland Grange – Team Results

Congratulations to the school cross country team for posting the following team results:

Boys Team – 8th Points - 115

Girls Team – 4th Points - 91

Boys Relay – 9th Time - 10mins 55secs

Girls Relay – 6th Time - 12mins 3secs

U10 Boys Kerison Jones Cup

Oxon 0 – 1 St Giles

Oxon 0 – 0 Radbrook

U11 Boys Severn Cup

Oxon 0 – 0 St Winefrides

Oxon 1 – 1 Greenfields

Oxon 0 – 1 Mereside

Oxon 0 – 1 St Georges

Shrewsbury and District – Swimming Gala 2017

Ten schools competed at this annual event. Our team finished in a creditable 6th position overall. The girls team scored particularly well by qualifying for both relay finals. A special mention to Katie Underwood for qualifying for two individual finals – Butterfly and Front Crawl – finishing in 3rd and 4th place respectively, and for Rachel Yewbrey who qualified for the individual back stroke final and finished in 1st place – incredible!

Rachel and Katie then had the honour of being selected to compete for Shrewsbury and District in the County Swimming Gala – a terrific achievement.

School Games Day 2017

Three of our teams competed at this event.

Congratulations to our Year 4 cricket team who scored really well during the afternoon and on the first count finished in equal first place with two other schools. As it was a tie, final placings were based on how well the team had performed on one of the bowling stations. Oxon finished in 3rd place overall as a result.

The Year 5 Tri-Golf team came agonisingly close to winning their competition. A score of 900 points was enough to secure 2nd place – just 5 points short of taking the win – painful! They took it in good spirits though and we are proud of their efforts.

The Year 4 Tri-Golf team secured 840 points in their competition. This was enough for them to be crowned champions! As a result they have the honour of representing Shrewsbury and District in the forthcoming County Finals – fantastic!

County School Games

The Year 4 Tri-Golf represented Shrewsbury and District in the County School Games and can be very proud of a second place finish – a significant achievement at this level. I am very pleased to say that our points together with those earned by the rest of the Shrewsbury and District sides were enough for the team as a whole to be crowned County Games Champions!

Belvidere Primary School Cricket Festival 2017

Our Year 6 team love cricket so much they competed at this event whilst the rest of the school was on a P.D. Day! They worked brilliantly as a team and secured the following results –

Oxon 243 – 229 Meole

Oxon 257 – 267 St Winefrides

Oxon 257 – 224 Cathedral

Oxon 238 – 203 St Lucias

Oxon 251 – 256 Belvidere

Oxon 240 – 253 Greenfields

This was enough to secure 3rd place overall and qualified them for the County Finals!

Cricket County Finals – Wellington Cricket Club

The team enjoyed competing at the County Finals and worked hard to secure the following results –

Oxon 269 – 267 Newport

Oxon 239 – 301 St Laurence

Oxon 249 – 271 Claverley

Oxon 235 – 274 Muxton

Prestfelde Rounders Tournament

Well done to all the children in the rounders team who had a wonderful day competing against six other schools in this tournament and worked hard for their 5th place finish.

Oxon 4 ½ – 6 ½ St Giles

Oxon 5 ½ – 13 ½ St Georges

Oxon 6 – 5 ½ Mereside

Oxon 2 – 6 Prestfelde

Area Sports

A team of 27 children enjoyed a very successful night competing at this event. Oxon finished in an amazing 3rd place overall with 18 schools competing. A special mention to both the U10 relay teams for reaching the finals with the boys team finishing in 1st place and the girls finishing in 2nd place. The U10 boys even managed to break a long standing record – an exceptional achievement! Well done also to the U12 girls team who finished in 2nd place in their final. Individual finals were also achieved by Rosie Philpotts in the 80m sprint finishing 2nd, Savannah Hughes in the 150m sprint finishing 6th and Jake Wilcox in the 80m sprint finishing in 1st place with a tremendous dip to the line.

Other Achievements

- **Arts Week** – We took the theme of ‘The Far East’ this year. Class teachers planned a wide variety of activities to develop this theme and we invited professional artists to further enhance the week. My thanks also go to Mrs Smith for her work in organising the week. Once again it was extremely successful and the feedback from children and adults was excellent.

- **Year 6 Leavers Assemblies** – The Year 6 leavers delivered two great final assemblies. It was fascinating to look at the many photos included in the presentations showing the huge amount of different activities they have been involved in during the last twelve months. We will certainly miss them when they move to secondary school.
- **Big Pedal** – We did very well to be awarded an excellent sixth place in the West Midlands for this competition which measured the number of children cycling to school over a period of time in May. Please remember that children cycling to school should have a cycle permit, an application form is available from the school office.

Fundraising

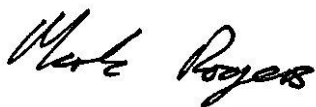
- **Sponsored Walk** – We had a very enjoyable sponsored walk at the start of term. I am delighted to inform you that we raised £3,774 for Kamukuywa AC Primary School, our partner primary school in Kenya. The money will be spent on a number of projects at the school over the next couple of years. I will keep you informed as each project is planned and completed.
- **Summer Fayre** – We enjoyed a fantastic, well supported, summer fayre. My thanks go to Mrs Nicholls, her team and all those who worked to make the evening a success. I am delighted to inform you that the event raised a fantastic £3,200. It is planned that a large amount of this money will be used to subsidise the pantomime visit at Christmas.
- **School Disco** – The PTA held two successful discos these events raised £750.
- Thank you for bringing in your Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, these will be put to good use, we had 25,122 in total!

Summary

The autumn term starts on Tuesday 5th September.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the support the school has received, in so many different ways, throughout the year. I trust that you and your children will have a great summer vacation and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Rogers