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Newsletter – Summer Term 2019

Introduction

The 2019 summer term will be memorable for many reasons. Academically, end of year test results were strong across the school including from our current Year 6. Our fantastic arts week with the theme of 'Our Planet' was extremely well received by children and parents. We have enjoyed some great sporting successes including our amazing Tri-Golf team becoming county champions and great performances at Area Sports and the swimming gala. I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of school life this term.

Curriculum Development – A brief summary

This term we have focussed on the areas of English, assessment and RE. You may be aware of the current national focus on the area of children's mental health. For many years we have had systems of support in place within school, including pathways of referrals to external agencies where required. We have now formalised our work in this area in a 'Mental Health and Well-Being Policy.' This policy has been shared with staff and will be considered by governors next term. If you have any particular concerns about your child in relation to this area, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Thank you to those of you who completed the parent questionnaire in the autumn term. One issue raised during that process, was that parents sometimes find their child's move to a new class confusing in terms of access/exit doors, procedures and new members of staff. With this in mind, we have created a new document that you should have received via Parentmail, providing a summary of key information prior to the new academic year. I hope you find this useful.

Year 6 Results

We were delighted with the performance of our Year 6 children in the national assessments. It is very encouraging to see another strong set of results. The headline accountability measure of children achieving 'expected standard+' in reading, writing and maths is the highest we have ever achieved. The number of children achieving the higher level of attainment, when compared to national averages, is also extremely positive.



Key Stage 2 – summer 2019	Oxon 2019	National 2019	Difference
Combined Reading test, Maths test and writing teacher assessment – Expected Standard+	76%	65%	+11%

Key Stage 2 tests – summer 2019	Oxon 2019	National 2019	Difference
Reading test – Expected Standard+	86%	73%	+13%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test – Expected Standard+	88%	78%	+10%
Maths test – Expected Standard+	85%	79%	+6%

Key Stage 2 teacher assessments – summer 2018	Oxon 2019	National 2019	Difference
Writing – Expected Standard+	81%	78%	+3%

Key Stage 2 tests – summer 2019	Oxon 2019	National 2018	Difference
Combined Reading test, Maths test and writing teacher assessment – Higher level of attainment	20%	10%	+10%

Key Stage 2 tests – summer 2019	Oxon 2019	National 2019	Difference
Reading test – Higher level of attainment	49%	28%	+21%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test – Higher level of attainment	59%	34%	+25%
Maths test – Higher level of attainment	36%	24%	+12%

Key Stage 2 teacher assessments – summer 2019	Oxon 2019	National 2018	Difference
Writing – Greater Depth	29%	20%	+9%

Staff Changes

- Mrs Davies will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Davies has worked at Oxon for twenty eight years, first as a lunchtime supervisor and then as a teaching assistant. For many years, she has been based with our reception children and has made a great contribution to our school over many years.
- Mrs Lovatt will also be retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Lovatt has worked at Oxon for twelve years. During her time with us, she has been based with our Year 1 children and has also played a significant role in our lunchtime organisation and first aid systems. She has also made a great contribution to our school over many years.
- Mrs Pullen will be ending her time with us, as a teaching assistant, at the end of term. During her time with us, she has worked in different parts of the school providing really great support for individual children.
- I would like to formally record my thanks to both Mrs Davies, Mrs Lovatt and Mrs Pullen for all their hard work over the years.
- Miss Eaton will be returning from maternity leave at the start of September. Mrs Bowyer will be returning to one day a week teaching in year five and one day a week in reception. Mrs Ryan will be ending her time with us. My thanks go to them both for covering the class in Miss Eaton's absence.
- Mrs Brace, our administrative assistant, will be leaving for maternity leave at the end of this term. Mrs Watson has been appointed to cover her absence.

- We have appointed three new teaching assistants to start work in September – Mrs Hammond, Mrs Roberts and Ms Manning.

Clubs

Art and Craft Club – Y2	Mr Beal and Mrs Beeson
Art Club – Y5	Mrs Smith
Art Journaling Club – Y6	Mrs Roach and Mr Beal
Athletics Club – Y3	Mr Braddock and Miss Jones
Athletics Club – Y4	Mr Braddock and Miss Jones
Cricket Club – Y3,4	Mr Braddock and Miss Lee
Cricket Club – Y5,6	Mr Braddock and Mrs Dugan
My Maths Homework Club	Miss Jewsbury and Mr Beal
Rounders Club – Y6	Miss Beasley and Mrs Dugan
Rounders Club – Y5	Miss Beasley and Mrs Dugan
Science Club – Y1	Miss Hollis and Miss Barber-Jones
Tennis Club – Y1	Mr Creffield and Mrs Dugan
Tennis Club – Y2	Mr Creffield and Mrs Semple
Textiles Club – Y4	Mrs Quan and Mrs Roach
Tri Golf Club – Y4	Mr Rhodes and Miss Beasley
Tri Golf Club – Y5,6	Mr Rhodes and Miss Beasley

Visits out of school

- Year R have visited Park Hall Farm.
- Year 1 have visited the Secret Hills Discovery Centre to support their science work about trees and plants.
- Year 1 have visited the parish church to explore the church as a place of worship.
- Year 2 have visited Shrewsbury as part of their history work about famous people.
- 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 5 – twelve children visited Meole Brace Secondary School for business and maths day.
- Year 6 have taken part in ‘Crucial Crew’ at Nesscliffe Camp.

Assemblies and Visitors to school

- In mid-June we said goodbye to Rev. David O’Brien as he moved to his new parish in Blackpool. Rev. O’Brien made a really valuable contribution to our school in many ways. This included taking assemblies, working as a governor, supporting some learning connected with RE and generally supporting the school. We will miss him and wish him well for the future.
- Roadmaster Visit - Shropshire Council were so impressed with the gritter naming suggestions last year, that they invited Mr Morgan’s class to enter a competition to name two of their brand new pot-hole filling Roadmaster vehicles. Congratulations to Shay Hammond and Frankie Breger for their winning suggestions ‘Fill.I.am’ and ‘Harry

- Pothole'. The whole class had a chance to meet 'Fill.I.am' recently and had their photo printed in the Shropshire Star. Perhaps the advertising industry beckons as a future career!
- Year 6 have undertaken cycle training courses.
- 'Blue Skies' – Year 5 enjoyed taking part in a business and enterprise project run by staff from The Priory School.
- Staff and pupils from Shrewsbury High School led a drama session for our Year 5 classes.
- Year 5 have been working with a cricket coach over a number of weeks.
- Year 2 enjoyed a day finding out about Florence Nightingale with a member of staff from the Shropshire Museum Service.
- The Shrewsbury Youth for Christ team have visited to lead an assembly and workshop for Year 6 about transition to secondary school.
- Staff and volunteers from the NSPCC delivered assemblies for all classes and follow-up sessions for children in year five and six.

Sporting Achievements

Mr Jones writes:

Football:

Shrewsbury and District Boys U11 Severn Cup

Oxon 0 – 2 St Winefrides

Oxon 0 – 0 Oakmeadow

Oxon 0 – 1 St Winefrides

Oxon 0 – 0 Oakmeadow

Shrewsbury and District Boys U11 Kerrison Jones Cup

Oxon 0 – 3 Radbrook

Oxon 0 – 2 Oakmeadow

Oxon 2 – 0 St Giles

Oxon 1 – 1 Mereside

Shrewsbury and District Swimming Gala

12 schools competed at this annual event. Our team finished in a very creditable 4th position overall. The boys freestyle relay team swam well and finished 6th in their final. The girls relay teams raced well too and qualified for both relay finals. They finished in 3rd place in the Medley Relay Final and earned another 3rd place in the Freestyle Relay Final – amazing! A special mention to Eve Carpenter for qualifying for the Individual Backcrawl Final too – finishing in a tremendous 2nd place and to Molly Hall for finishing in a fabulous 1st place in the Individual Breast Stroke Final and in 6th place in the Individual Butterfly Final.

As if that was not enough, Eve and Molly then had the honour of being selected to compete for Shrewsbury and District in the County Swimming Gala – a terrific achievement indeed.

School Games Day

Three of our school teams competed at this event.

Congratulations to our Year 4 cricket team who scored really well throughout the afternoon and finished in a terrific 2nd place. The Year 4 Tri-Golf team enjoyed competing at the event too and scored 534 points which was enough to secure 6th place overall – well done! The Year 6 Tri-Golf team scored over 1000 points in their competition. This was enough for them to be crowned champions - again! The team had previously won this competition for two years running so being crowned

Champions for a third consecutive year was nothing short of incredible. Could it get any better...?

County School Games

...well...yes – it could!

The Year 6 Tri-Golf team represented Shrewsbury and District in the County School Games and were crowned County Golf Champions securing a narrow victory over their nearest competitor with just 10 points between the teams. The title of best team in the county has a nice ring to it – congratulations once again - four golf titles in three years is simply stunning!

Area Sports

A team of 26 children enjoyed a very successful night competing at this event. There was success in the field events this year to go with our usual success on the track. A special mention to Dan Mitton who, as last year, finished in an incredible 2nd place in the Turbo Javelin and to Jack Parkinson for finishing in 3rd place in the high jump – magnificent! It was great to see Erin Johnston qualify for the Under12 80m Sprint finishing in 8th position and Oliver Mirceta-Jones who came 5th in his Under12 80m Sprint Final. Congratulations to Samantha Ilesanmi and Harlow Hughes for both getting to the Under10 80m sprint final and finishing in 3rd and 7th place respectively. Well done also to the Under 10 Girls Relay Team of Samantha Ilesanmi, Harlow Hughes, Izzy Jones and Chloe Mirceta-Jones who finished in a wonderful 2nd place in their final – a great team performance!

Other Achievements

- **Arts Week** – We took the theme of ‘Our Planet’ this year. Class teachers planned a wide variety of activities to develop this theme and we invited professional artists to further enhance the week. Some of the work from the week was displayed as part of the Belle Vue Arts Festival. My thanks 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 fourth place in the West Midlands for this competition which measured the number of children cycling to school over a period of time in May.

Fundraising

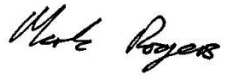
- **Summer Fayre** – We enjoyed a fantastic, well supported, summer fayre. My thanks go to Mrs Ure, her team and all those who worked to make the evening a success. I am delighted to inform you that the event raised a fantastic £3,526.
- **School Disco** – The PTA held two successful discos these events raised £539.
- **Sports Day Drinks** – The money raised by this welcome service on very hot days totalled a £184.

Summary

The autumn term starts on Tuesday 3rd 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 holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rogers". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Mark" and "Rogers" being capitalized and prominent.

Mark Rogers