



Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of the school year and we would like to wish **Year 6** the very best start in September at their new schools. Thank you to them all for sharing their memories with us at the Leavers' Service with eloquence and humour. We also enjoyed their rendition of 'Walk the Road.' Particular thanks go to Tilly M for playing us in and out of church and to Jago for playing a violin solo for us. (Apologies for the late change to the start time – we needed to make sure that we could all finish lunch before the performance in the afternoon and I forgot to put that in the newsletter last week.)

Well done also to Year 6 for taking part in **Bikeability** the cycling proficiency course that makes sure children know how to handle their bike and look after it properly and also trains those who feel confident to cycle in traffic. Further congratulations are due to Year 6 who did very well in their **SATs**. Every single child has progressed at least 2 levels since the end of Year 2 which means they are ready to start High School knowing that they can work hard and achieve well. We will update the results section of our website in the autumn when we have the national data for comparison.



Yesterday afternoon we enjoyed a visit from **The Pier Boys**. With a mixture of nonsense poetry (by Lewis Carroll, Dr Seuss and original material) and songs it was a great afternoon of summer fun. They also included a very special Native American transition story for our Year 6s. Y6 returned the favour by playing some of the parts – Martin and William (the performers) were so impressed with Madison as the old buffalo that looked like a mountain they wanted him to come on tour with them!



The scores from **Sports Days** have been added to the running total and I am pleased to announce that the **House Team** points this year are:

1st: Giraffes (4556)

2nd: Lions (4511)

3rd: Rhinos (4029)

4th: Leopards (3770)

5th: Elephants (3695)

We know that at the end of the summer term parents are reluctant to replace worn out or outgrown **uniform** before the growth spurts of the summer holidays so we have not made a fuss about a few lapses in footwear and clothing. Can I please remind you though that we aim to have all the children taking pride in their appearance and avoiding the pressure to wear fashion items. Therefore, from September:

- All clothing to be of school uniform type and accessories (socks, hairbands, etc. in keeping with the style of uniform)
- Grey or black skirts, dresses, shorts or trousers. (Purple and white summer dresses are an alternative in warm weather.)
- White or purple polo shirts (with or without logo)
- Purple cardigans or sweatshirts (it is difficult to get the right colour without the logo)
- Black, sturdy school shoes suitable for running, walking and playing
- PE kit of a white or purple t-shirt and black shorts. (Black jogging bottoms are fine too, especially for the older children in winter). Suitable pumps or trainers for indoor or outdoor use.

FOSOPS are busy washing and getting ready new to you uniform for sale in September. We also have some items available for free where cost is a barrier to being properly kitted out. If there are items that we do not have in our stock then you can apply to the Opportunities Fund for help with uniform costs if they cannot be met in any other way. We never want cost to be a reason for children to look different from their classmates and will help however we can.

| Class | Well done to the Superstars of recent weeks who were chosen by the staff in their class. Apologies to anyone who has not been included in the newsletter! |
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| YR (Thames) | Rylan could remember his spellings and write them down. Sophie did her best to learn her spellings homework. Anil has settled in his new class well and is making new friends. Jayden did really well with his spellings and is improving his writing. |
| Y1 (Nile) | Erin is working hard to improve her writing by using connectives and adding detail. Tameem has worked so hard to learn phonics and to blend his sounds. |
| Y2 (Aruvi Aru) | (not in assembly due to activities) |
| Y3 (Rhine) | Ibrahim has made sure that Miss Spence had an enjoyable last memory of Shire Oak. Brooke has had a mature attitude to learning at the beginning of the week. Poppy has been very focused on her work is a good role model. Noah always sets a good example around school and in class. |
| Y4 (Ganges) | Coco for being a pleasure to teach throughout my placement (Miss Brown) and Niamh is always a pleasure to teach and contributes to every lesson. She is polite and mature. Lola tackled perimeter and area questions with a positive approach. Theo had the right attitude to maths challenges. |
| Y5 (Tigris) | Mercedesz you are showing a great attitude in class. Rhiannon shows kindness and works well with others! |
| Y6 (Amazon) | Nathan and Lasharde have done a fantastic job of learning their lines and songs for the production. |

Citizen of the Week (1/7/15) was Max in Y3 who was nominated by Noah (also Y3) for being a kind friend and member of the class.

Thank you for all your support this year – we really appreciate it. Please remind your child to **read, write**, and practise **Maths Passport** targets regularly so that they feel confident and ready to start the new year's learning in September. Have a brilliant summer.

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We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Hilary Whitehead.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Janie Percy-Smith percysmithjanie@gmail.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)

Did you know?

Our new parent governors are Helen Pickles and Anna Swinburn. Professor Killington, a friend to the school, is also joining as a co-opted governor. We currently are waiting for the Local Authority to fill their vacancy on the governing body.

Special event taking place at HEART in Headingley (Bennett Road) in the first week of the summer holidays.

Mimika Children's Theatre - Landscapes

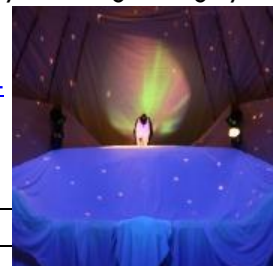
Tuesday 28th July Four performances – 11am, 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm.

Landscapes is a wordless theatre presentation set inside a beautiful white dome! It is an intimate, gentle and magical evocation of four areas of the natural world. Audiences travel from the Desert to the Rainforest from under the Sea to Antarctica.

Using puppets, fantastic visual effects and an immersive sound track Mimika Theatre take their audiences on a very special journey. Mimika Theatre have performed this hugely successful show to children in Europe, U.S.A, Canada, South East Asia and China. There is limited capacity inside the tent, early booking is highly recommended.

£6 adults £4 children up to 18

http://www.heartcentre.org.uk/whats-on/event-details?cid=all&mc_id=mc_2015-07-28_1158



DIARY DATES

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| Monday 7 th September | TRAINING DAY – school closed to children |
| Tuesday 8 th September | First day of the school year 2015-2016 |
| Friday 23 rd October | TRAINING DAY – school closed to children. Child Protection refresher training. |
| Monday 4 th January | TRAINING DAY – subject to confirmation |
| Thursday 24 th March | TRAINING DAY – subject to confirmation |
| Wednesday 22 nd June | TRAINING DAY – subject to confirmation. Assessment and report writing. |

* means added or changed since last newsletter