



# Headteacher Newsletter

*Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.*



So we have come to the end of another academic year. I cannot believe where the time has gone!

It has been a rather busy year and as we come to our final day, I look back over the year - what has gone well and what can we develop further for the future?

Thinking back to the Autumn term the children all settled in very quickly to their new classes, we welcomed

another 90 children into reception and spent time planning lots of excellent learning opportunities for our children. We started the year with a theatre production of the Jungle Book in KS2 followed by a visit from the Blunder Bus in KS1. Our fantastic range of clubs began and Enrichment also started with a key focus on writing to support the school's priorities. The Year 5's kicked off our trips and visitors for the year with a visit from the mobile planetarium and visit to the Space Centre as the Year 6's went on an adventure to the Living Rainforest. As we made our way into October the Year 3 pupils visited Flag Fen, Reception visited the library, and Year 2 went to Nene Valley railway. The Year 4's also took History off the page exploring life as Romans. In school we help Open Evenings and events for the curriculum, Interfaith Council and Eastern European coffee mornings. Each year groups across the school held reading cafes to support reading and invited parents in to breakfast meetings with the children. As we made our way into November the Year 3 children performed a wonderful Harvest Assembly linked in to their Stone Age topic and we had two successful Parents Evenings. And to end the term in December we had the Healthy Schools Christmas Bingo, Southfields Christmas Crafts, a Pantomime of Aladdin for the whole school (with ice cream...yum), many productions for Christmas time, Year 4's had their own Christingle service with parents while the rest of the school had their own Key Stage services too, the Talent show, Christmas dinner and even a visit from Santa himself. Wow that was a busy start the year!

We began the Spring term and got stuck straight in to many sporting events including the Sportshall Athletics and Gymnastics competitions. We celebrated Safer Internet Day and World Book Day and loved getting dressed up as our favourite book characters. The Year 2 children went on their very first residential visit to Stibbington and visited the Peterborough Museum, Year 3 went to the 999 club, Woodgreen visited several year groups in school, Year 4 children went on a spellbinding mission to Harry Potter Studios, Year 3 went back in time to the Ancient Greeks with History off the page, Year 1 visited the Dinosaur Park, Year 5 went Tudor for a day and had a visit to Hampton Court Palace and Year 6 spent time completing some Motivational Workshops as well as being evacuated to Stibbington for the day too! The Year 2 children performed a beautiful Mothers Day Assembly and Year 4 children went on their outdoor adventure residential to Horstead. To end the term we had lots of Easter fun with our Easter Egg Competition, Easter Service at the Church and a visit from a rather special bunny.

And then we made our way into the final term. The Summer saw us work towards the children's Year 6 and Year 2 SATs in addition to the Year 1 phonics screening assessments. We had our residential visits to Aylmerton, London and Scarborough, many day visits to the Spy Mission, Hunstanton, Black Country Museum, Burghley Sculpture Park, Peterborough Museum, Sandringham Gardens and Conkers. We held our week of Sports days (7 to be exact) and enjoyed many visits to the academy to take part in various sporting events such as Tri-golf, Sports Hall Athletics, Country Dance Festival, Multi-skills, Dance Festival and swimming in addition to enjoying time in our own school pool. As well as all of this we had



## Highlights from the past few weeks

The Year 6 pupils went on their residential visit to Scarborough.

We had 7 successful Sports days.

We celebrated the children's achievements at our prestigious Awards Evening.

The children had two wonderful days getting to know their new teachers.

The whole school turned into an art studio as we completed our fantastic Arts Week.

The Parrots won the house points for the year and had a bouncy castle treat.

The Year 6 children celebrated the end of their Primary years with a leavers disco and bouncy castle treat.

The children received awards for their attendance and behaviour.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Zoe-Eliona, Henry, Alan, Frankie, Sofia, Ashton, Lilana, Cameron, Enya-Skye, Phoenix, Nico, Amanda, Hermione, Noah, Hannah, Amber, Bobby, Mackenzie, Kaya, Rebecca, Logan, Kaden, Lily, Cerys, Tyrese, Zilvinas, Lucy, Seren, Charley, Allen, Isabelle, James, Lucian, Isobelle, Oliver, Emilija, Imogen, Hyronemo, Marcelina, Charlie, Thomas, Ellis and Erin.

## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Thomas, Nasir, Ruby, Evan, Sebastians, Chloe, Fatima, Sienna, Miley, David, Brooke, Victoria, Scarlet-Rose, Ema, Sarena, Lucy, Nell, Elouise, Esme, Annabelle, Mason, Oliver, William, Patrick, Sofia, Melody, Nia, Kyle, Varnika, George, Carley, Aimee, Jaydee, Patrick, Ryan C, Emily Ruby, Callum, Alannah, Filip, Nathan, Delilah, Lily, Kataleja, Elliot and Thomas.

our two Move Up Days which were so positive (although we missed our current Year 6's) and it was lovely to see how settled and happy all of the children were during these few days. Only a few weeks ago the Governors held their prestigious Awards Evening to celebrate the achievement of the children and we would like to thank those who worked hard behind the scenes to create such a wonderful event. A thank you must also go to all of the children who attended, and their guests, for making the event such a success. And finally in the last two weeks we have enjoyed our week of Art, we hope you all enjoyed taking some time to appreciate the efforts of all the children and staff in creating some unbelievable pieces. We have celebrated the children's achievements, attendance and behaviour. I am so proud of all of the children who have worked exceptionally hard this year with their academic achievement as well as ensuring their learning behaviours are also exemplary.

Today we say a very fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils and they will be kicking the day off with their Leavers Assembly. I have the tissues at the ready and by listening to you all practise, I know that it is going to be the best one yet. We will all miss you and wish you all the absolute best in your future adventures at Secondary School. Whichever school you have chosen to go, please remember to pop in and see us but above all smile, shine, be happy and continue to be the kind and caring children that you are.

As we say our final goodbyes to the Year 6 pupils, we also say a fond farewell to a few members of staff who are moving on to different adventures as mentioned in our previous newsletter. So I would like to say a huge thank you to them all for their handwork and commitment to the school, we all wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

I would just like to take this moment, as I come to the end of this newsletter, to recognise the incredible staff that I am lucky enough to work with. I have an amazing team, who work very hard and I feel very privileged to work alongside you all. We are a big family and I am so appreciative of everything you do, thank you all for your continued support.

On behalf of all of the staff and myself, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and kind gifts and messages to end the term. To the children, I would like to thank you for being the super stars you all are, keep aiming high and trying your hardest. To the parents and carers, once again thank you for your support and encouragement.

I look forward to seeing you all back again in September. Please stay safe and make amazing memories together, I can't wait to hear all about it.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TERM DATES 2018-2019

#### AUTUMN TERM

Term begins: Wednesday 5th September 2018  
Half term: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October 2018  
Term ends: Wednesday 19th December 2018

#### SPRING TERM

Term begins: Friday 4th January 2019  
Half term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019  
Term ends: Friday 5th April 2019

#### SUMMER TERM

Term begins: Tuesday 23rd April 2019  
May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019  
Half term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2019  
Term ends: Friday 19th July 2019

## STAFF AWARDS

Many of you have been asking who the winner was from the staff awards. Yesterday after school we held an end of term celebration for all of the staff at school to thank them for all of their hard work this year. During this we announced that the winner was...drum roll please...Miss Wilson. She is a very worthy winner and we thank everyone who not only voted for her but all of the staff members involved. Today Mrs King has passed around all of your wonderful comments to the staff so they can read your comments too. Lots of them will be overwhelmed I am sure.

