



'Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe 'To believe, achieve, succeed together'

Thursday 25th May 2023

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

Well, we have reached the end of another term – time sure flies when you're having fun. What a term to reflect on! Ofsted visiting, SATs tests completed for both Year 6 and 2, Coronation celebrations, and plenty to add from this week too!

Hotshots' basketball seems to be going well on a Monday lunchtime and despite running for such a short time Mark has already selected players for the Month of May. This time the awards went to Archie T and Bronwen K.

We had a visit from the **Director of Education for Peterborough Diocese** on Monday. As well as touring school and seeing children learning Peter Cantley joined us for Worship. Here we continued to explore the value of Justice and ensuring we see the whole picture. However, it was on Monday that we also filled the gem jar again and a reward is to be had by the whole school. We shall repeat the activities on offer from last time, which the children have already selected from, and this will happen on the first Monday back after half term.

Children had their **follow up NSPCC** lessons this week with Maple being visited by a representative from the NSPCC – Pam. They all explored several areas in further detail relating to staying safe and speaking out. They looked at different ways children could be hurt, adults that they can go to as well as recapping about Childline. This is a very important part of our curriculum as we do all we can to ensure that children always remain safe and know what to do if they feel they are not. It does often spark conversations both at school and at home and if you as parents feel you need some further advice as to how to discuss and tackle this please do go to the parents section of the NSPCC website: [Support for parents | NSPCC](#)

We had our **second Gallery Day** this week for Homework and again there was some wonderful work on display which I very much enjoyed seeing and discussing with the children. They were proud and excited to share their work in this way. We will ask the children for some feedback on how they find this system and will collate and share this with you next term. Photos are now on a new board in the hall and house points have been awarded for the number of pieces completed.

Wednesday also saw a group of 28 children attend **Woodford Halse for the annual Cross-Country event**. Slightly different weather for this event than when I have done it in the past, although was also hot I think, but it was clearly an event loved by all who attended. Thank you to Miss Curtis who did much of the organizing, with Mrs Green too, as well as attended the occasion. A big well done to all the children who competed but a special shout out to Jack J, Bronwen K and Cameron W who all finished in the top 10 and received medals as well as a team award for the Year 3 girls!

Today we welcomed coaches from Dan the Man Skipping Team into school who led all classes and children in a **skipping workshop** – it was a tremendous day where we learnt lots about the benefits of skipping as well as some new skills. A big thank you to the PTFA who paid for this to happen and to coincide with the visit, have set up a **sponsored skip** for the month of June. Children have today come home with a sponsor form about this. Children can be counted skipping at lunch and break after half term, but also can do so at home – I have set myself the challenge to also complete this task!

I have written to the children in Year 5 inviting them to share with me in a letter the reasons they feel they should be one of our **Head pupils** next year. I look forward to receiving their letters after half term and forming this new team as part of our pupil leadership opportunities.

Attached is a letter inviting you to the first of our **Curriculum Evenings**. This one's theme - Special Educational Needs and Inclusion on Tuesday 13th June at 5pm. The whole school community is invited to listen to our presentation on this theme, followed by parents of children on our SEN register being able to meet with teachers to review current pupil profile and discuss the new targets set. Miss Curtis and I will also be available during this time to answer any questions.

Also attached is an updated set of **diary dates** for Term 6 and a reminder of the term dates for the next academic year. It is very busy as ever, and things are still subject to changes, but hopefully it will be a very useful guide for you. All clubs will continue as we had in place this term. The diary for next week is below.

When we return after half term, I am hopeful the **sunnier and warmer weather** will remain with us (although hopefully not reaching the sizzling temperatures we had last year). Please can you therefore ensure children have a hat to wear in school to protect them from the sun as at lunchtime they will be out in the heat of the day. If they have no hat in school, then they **MUST** remain in shadier areas at lunch. At break time it is a shorter window of time and they will be able to go out in the sun. Also please make sure sunscreen is worn or that it is provided, named. Children will be encouraged to drink plenty of water as well as part of our sun safety procedures. Finally, sunglasses are always promoted as part of these policies, and I am happy children bring these in to be worn outside only. Please be advised children do bring these in at their own risk. This website is very useful to explain further https://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/how-to-stay-safe-in-the-sun?qclid=EAIaIQobChMIyMfC0L-O_wIVS9HtCh2x-gB3EAAAYASAAEgJkAfD_BwE or I do also attach a child friendly guide that you may wish to print/put up to help the children. We will carry out an assembly session on this theme next term too.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break – hopefully the sunshine will remain, and everyone can relax and recharge.

See you on Monday 5th June!

Kind regards,
Sarah Smith, Headteacher

Week Beginning – 5th June 2023

Monday

Start of Term 6

Reward afternoon 2-3pm

Tuesday

Sycamore at Ashmolean Museum

Wednesday

Girls Tag Rugby Event – Saints – Y5/6

KS1 Music Project starts.

Thursday

Friday

8:30 am Book Look

Maple Forest School