



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

Friday 21st July 2023

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER 22-23

Sports Day was a huge success on Monday and luckily the weather held bar a few small drops early in the afternoon. The morning consisted of 12 field type events that children moved around in small house colour teams. There was a variety of skills on show and the children all worked very hard gaining as many points as possible. After a picnic lunch the school community went to the village green to compete in track races. Again, we saw some great determination, perseverance and support (as well as plenty of competitiveness) in the heats. This was a really enjoyable day successfully organized by Miss Curtis and led by all the staff. Thank you for everyone's support for the day and well done to the children who showed great sporting values throughout.

Morning Winner: Fire

Afternoon Winner: Earth

Overall Winner: Earth

We also had **Homework Gallery Day** with once again some incredible pieces and hard work on display. It was lovely to see the creative work shared as well as some super research, writing, cooking and it is lovely to be able to discuss with the children the work they have done. As previously mentioned, the children had a discussion about homework and the new system – their feedback is attached.

Yesterday as part of our final VIP assembly we awarded the **annual trophies** to pupils across the school. These were decided by staff - they were awarded to:

Award Name	AWARDED TO-
Music Trophy	ESTELLE G
Art Trophy	ALBIE B
Kent Sport Trophy	ARCHIE T
Maths Trophy	ALEX R
Reading Trophy	SOPHIE H
RE Award	JOSH S
Judd Handwriting	LOLA N
Above and Beyond Award	HENRY B

We also totaled all the house points for the year to get a collective total for each team:

AIR 3481

EARTH: 3653

FIRE: 3228

WATER: 3344

I want to say a big Well Done to the House captains and deputies this year for their superb work each Friday in sharing the scores.

I also have shared with the Year 5's their Pupil Leadership role for when they return in Year 6! See below:

HEAD PUPILs	HOUSE CAPTAINS	SPORTS LEADERS
Archie T	AIR Maisy	Finn R
Daisy S	EARTH Hetty	Evie OC
DEPUTY PUPILs	FIRE Oscar J	Jacob W
Bronwen K	WATER Maigen	Darcey
Isla R	SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR	ARTS AMBASSADOR
ETHOS CHAIR	ESTELLE	Imogen
Holly D	VICE CHAIR	Bradley
VICE ETHOS CHAIR	Alfie	STEM AMBASSADOR
Adam		Oliver W
		Ava G

Hotshots have been in weekly delivering a great basketball club on a Monday lunchtime. Children who attended received their own certificate today as well as Estelle being awarded the Hotshots Player of the Year! Well Done!

	<u>Headteacher value Award - Courage</u>	<u>Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe</u>
BEECH	Olivia VDW	William R Alba P
CHESTNUT	Archie-James N Finley G	Poppy H George W
SYCAMORE	Betsy T	Amelie P Lewis W
MAPLE	Maisy W	Cameron W Aimee CC

Whole School Attendance figure for the year: 94.93%

Library challenge -message from Ben at Brackley Library:

Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at Brackley Library where your child will be challenged to read six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. The theme this year is Ready, Set, Read focusing on celebrating participation and play so plenty of events will be running, including making a quiz, party games and lots of other fun things! All of this runs free of charge and your child will collect stickers along the way and then get a certificate and a medal at the end which they can bring in to school to show in September. This year, children who finish the challenge will also receive a voucher that can be redeemed at Brackley Leisure Centre. If you're not already members of the library, it's free, quick, and easy to join. The Summer Reading Challenge finishes on Saturday 9th September, so remember to collect your rewards by this date. Plus, our school could win a trophy if we have the highest percentage of finishers in the local area so take part to help us show what a fantastic school of readers and Superstars we are! We've had a fantastic turnout so far already, with about 120 children already signed up (just 1 from Croughton School though!) to this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Signing up for the challenge is a great way to help maintain or improve children's literacy skills and increases the chances of your school to win our School Summer Reading Challenge 2023 trophy.

Today we celebrated the end of the school year with a service in church led by Reverend Terry. This gave us an opportunity to reflect on feelings about moving on.

This afternoon our Year 6's led us through the leavers assembly, that they had organized, with a mixture of things included – some lovely memories, some singing readings and prayers.

As we end the academic year, I would like to say what a joy it has been to see the **Year 6's** mature and develop as they end their time at Croughton Primary school. I have only known you for a relatively short time in your primary years, but we have certainly had some fun and made some great memories. You each are a unique individual that holds some wonderful core values that you take with you as you progress in your next step. Embrace the opportunities on offer at Secondary School and keep shining Year 6!

I would also like to thank the Year 6 families for their support and involvement in the school. For many there are siblings still with us but for some this is the close of your chapter too at Primary. You trust us to care, nurture and teach your child and although this is a joint effort with home and school in partnership, it is a privilege that staff have.

As a school we also wish to say the best of luck to Finley G and Olivia VW as they move schools in September – we wish them every success.

Mrs Naish ends her time with us too after working in Beech from September to Easter and Fridays since. She has been a valued member of the team, was a great leader during Ofsted and I know the children are fond of being with her. We wish her the best of luck in her new adventures.

As one chapter at Croughton closes and a year group moves on, we get ready to **welcome** to school a new cohort of pupils and the next chapter starts. This year we have both Reception and Nursery children to welcome to our community in September. We can't wait!

We are having our **working party** morning on Tuesday (25th July) from 10am -1pm, which I suspect will be the first of a few. Thank you to those who have said they will be able to offer a hand. We will have a metal shed to construct, gardening to do and soil and areas to clear as well as painting and clearing of the

Burrow. Do let us know if you can attend – refreshments are provided. We can certainly find some jobs for children to do too! The floor to the Burrow now can't be laid until mid-August but we can certainly get work done around that.

At the **start of the new school year** we shall be joining together for a whole school project – it involves water, rainbows and an imaginary town called Trickle! This will be a super way to start our school year!

Finally, I want to **extend my thanks** to everyone in the school community - pupils, parents, families, staff and governors for their support and involvement in the school, especially in the changeover in Headship at Christmas. We have had some super achievements in my short time, and I can't wait to see what the next academic year can bring. We have an excellent set of staff working very hard to help the children be the best they can be.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break and hope you can enjoy each other's company, have some fun and make some memories. We return on **Wednesday 6th September 2023!**

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Smith – Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers

I think it's fair to say that this school year has been one of change and renewal, we've seen the retirement of one headteacher and welcomed a new one, we've had teachers and staff depart and new ones arrive. I think I can speak for all of the Governing Body in saying we are extremely proud at how well the school has not just coped, but thrived and grown throughout the various changes, and we can't wait to see what next year brings.

There have been a great number of challenges with flooding hitting the Burrow and Ofsted's inspection, but the entire staff rose to the occasion and the Burrow is now starting its transformation process to become the new Ash classroom. Retaining our "Good" grading after the Ofsted inspection I feel was both a fantastic sign of just how well the staff have gelled together and just reward for how hard everyone has worked to make that happen. Bravo!

On a personal note, I would like to extend my thanks to all the Governors for all their time, effort and dedication they have given to ensuring the school and staff are supported and the school is run efficiently and well. We do bid fond farewells at the end of this term to two governors, first is Rev. Terry Richards who has been our longest serving member of the Governors, and Roger Allum who has been a parent governor for several years. Thank you both so much for everything you've done, you will be missed.

For those of you reading this, if you are interested in becoming a governor or know someone that is, and you would like to know more please get in contact with me at: m.stapleton@croughtonschool.co.uk

To our Year 6 pupils who are progressing to the exciting challenges of secondary school, we bid you farewell and wish you the best of luck. You have been fabulous and an absolute credit to yourselves, the school, and your parents. I am certain you will all go on to achieve great things in whatever path you choose to follow in the future.

Finally on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, teaching and non-teaching alike. Without all your hard work and dedication, this year could have been very different for the children and the school. The Governing Body is very proud to have such a fantastic team working at the school.

In closing, myself and the Governing Body wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and an excellent new school year.

Mark Stapleton
Chair of Governors