

## Newsletter

### 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

We have been really busy over the last few months and still have an action packed three weeks planned at school.

Here is a summary of the activities that are happening and how you can sign up if need be.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via your child's class teacher or via the office.



#### Dates for the rest of this term:

June		July cont.	
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Music Concert 11am	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers' production 9.15am & 6pm
July		Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Morning and Parent Lunch from 9am
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hinchingbrooke Taster Days for Y6 children	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	OPTA Disco 5-6.30pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Change over day – new classes in morning	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 leavers trip and party (afternoon and early evening)
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	New starters afternoon – all current Wrens and Robins parents invited for coffee afternoon 1.30pm	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers assembly 9am
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Smartie Prize time	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Summer Term
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wrens visit to Shepreth	Sept	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year reports sent out	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Autumn Term 2023

#### The Offord Music Concert

Our children are offered music lessons in school which are run by our music teacher Matt Young. Tomorrow sees our second music concert where some of his students will be showing off their drumming, piano, guitar or singing skills. All parents of the performing children have been invited but anyone can come and see our talented musicians. The concert will be from 11am in the school hall.

#### Y6 End of Term Events

It becomes a busy time of year for the Year 6 children as they finish off their time with us and prepare to head off to their secondary schools.

For those going to Hinchingbrooke, there is a three day transition from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> where they will spend their days getting to know their new school.

On the following week they will be joining forces with the Y5 to perform their play The Rocky Monster Show.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, the year 6 will be having an afternoon out of school, and then will be heading back for a party and some food which will finish at 6pm (details to be sent out soon)

Lastly they will be holding their Leavers' Assembly at 9am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Family members are invited to join and bring a tissue or two!

#### Staffing Changes

We are very sad to inform you that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Johnson at the end of this term. Mrs Johnson has been at Offord Primary School for 4 years teaching either Robins or Wrens classes.

She has seen many of the current children through the first years of school and Offord and is sad to be leaving us. Her last day in school will be Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and I am sure you'll join me in wishing her well for the future.

#### The Rocky Monster Show

Kingfishers are busy rehearsing for their production of The Rocky Monster Show.

They will be performing it to the other children during the school day soon.

The performances for friends and family will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am and 6pm. If you would like tickets, please request them through this link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/5NrMnuSCuF>

A big thanks in advance to families for helping the children to learn lines, songs and get costumes together. Miss Brown will be in touch with Kingfishers parents to share any information as needed.

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## Change Over Days

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the children will be spending the morning in their new classes.

Children that are moving to a new class have been participating in some transition activities with Mrs Webb. The Tuesday morning will allow the new classes to spend time together with their teachers so they can meet properly and do some activities in preparation for next September.

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## New Wrens Visiting Afternoon

We have invited our next year Wrens children and their families to spend an afternoon with us on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. We would also like to invite all parents of current Wrens and Robins children to come that afternoon from 1.30pm.

The afternoon will be a time for the new children to get to see their new classroom and meet some of the children who will be their friends next year.

It is also important for us to make the parents feel welcome, so would like them to have the opportunity to meet some existing parents.

The afternoon will be quite casual, with Mrs Taylor sharing some information about next year and OPTA providing some teas and coffees! Second hand uniform will be on sale that afternoon too.

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## End of Year Annual Reports

Your child's end of year reports will be sent out on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. As well as written information from your child's class teacher about their learning in school this year, it will also include their teacher assessments to show how they are achieving in-line with their year group expectations.

If your child has taken any statutory assessments this year, the results of those will also be included. Due to the extra bank holiday in May, Y6 SATS were postponed slightly and so there will be a delay with schools receiving results. As these are not due into school until the 11<sup>th</sup>, Y6 reports will go out as normal and then the SAT results will follow the next day.

All reports will be sent to you electronically via ParentHub. The children will bring home a slip on the day, which we ask you to fill in and return to school acknowledging receipt of the report. Any comments you would like to make can also be made on the slip, or can be emailed through to us. If you would like to discuss your child's report in person, you can make an appointment with your child's teacher through the office.

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## Building work

We will be having some building work take place over the summer. Our open-plan classrooms, which were all the rage in the 1980's when the school was built, are not very popular with our children. They are not conducive with learning and the children, especially in Hawks complain that they are disturbed by people walking along the corridor and through their classroom (this is the only way for Kingfishers to access their toilets).

A new door opening is being opened up in the corridor outside the offices for Kingfisher children to access the toilet through. Hawks classroom is having a wall built between the classroom and the corridor.

A wall will also be built between the Wrens and Robins classrooms and the corridor outside the staffroom as well as a wall between the two classrooms.

Finally a door will be added so that Robins class will have direct access to the front outdoor play area. This will mean that they can access their classroom and leave in the afternoon directly from the classroom rather than through the cloakrooms.

We are very excited for the works to take place. It will be very different when we return in September. Hopefully all will go smoothly over the summer and we look forward to welcoming the children back to their new look school in September. We will let you have a look around then too!

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## OPTA Disco – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 5-6.30pm

OPTA will be holding a disco for the children towards the end of term.

More information will be sent out nearer the time including how to purchase your tickets. They will be £3 each and include (as well as some banging tunes!) a hot dog, popcorn and drinks for each child.

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## Sports Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

We will be holding our sports day from 9am this morning. We will be welcoming you over to the field following drop off. OPTA have offered so sell drinks and cakes during the morning break (donations of cakes will be gratefully received).

You are welcome to stay for dinner on that day to have a picnic style lunch with your child. It will be fish and chips and Here is the link for ordering your meals <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/AV48yGjMaN> The cost is £3.30 to be paid through ParentPay.

We do hope you can enjoy us for our Sports morning.

## Class Visits – Summer Term

Kingfishers, Hawks and Robins classes have been out on school trips this term.

Great fun and lots of learning was had on each visit.

Kingfishers headed down to London on the train. It was a lovely day and they enjoyed seeing the sights of London as they walked along the South Bank to The Houses of Westminster. The tour around the parliament buildings was really interesting and this was followed by a workshop on Making Laws. Jonathan Djanogly, our local MP, also came and spoke to the children and answered their questions. Before returning to St Neots by train, the children went via Downing Street and Buckingham Palace, but unfortunately didn't get invited in for tea!

Hawks went to St Albans to learn more about the life of Romans in Britain in the old Roman town of Verulamium. They explored the museum and saw old Roman pottery, coins and skeletons! They also had a workshop where the children looked around a Roman market. They also played Roman games and saw the ruins in the park. It sounds like they had a super day that has really enriched their class-based learning.

Robins trip took them off to see the collection of old types of transport at The Shuttleworth Collection. The children were very excited when they were talking about, on their return, the old bikes and planes, the buses and cars. The highlight of the trip was the ride on the 1940s bus. Sitting on the wooden seats upstairs on the open top bus was great fun. Wrens are off to Shepreth on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, where they will be seeing lots of animals around the park. They are all very excited already.



## Smarties Competition Award

You may remember that OPTA held a competition over May half-term, where the children were tasked to do jobs for their family in exchange for money which they donated to the school.

This raised over £400 for OPTA.

The year group that raised the most amount averaged out per child was told that they would earn a 'treat' of their choice.

The year group that won was the Year 2. They have chosen to have a craft morning, using clay and other craft materials. This is taking place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Well done Year 2 children and we hope you enjoy your craft session.

