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## Newsletter

### 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Apologies for not sending you a newsletter before now – I am not sure where this term has gone. What is even more scary is that we only have 3 weeks left, and what a busy 3 weeks they will be. See below for arrangements for the activities happening over the next few weeks. We will get some photographs out to you soon to show what we have been up to so far this term

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#### Diary Dates

This is a list of dates – please see sections for further information about each event.

##### July

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Transition Day at Hinchingsbrooke School  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Transition Day at Hinchingsbrooke School  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – Stay and Play afternoon – current Robins and Wrens and next year's Wrens  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Transition Day at Hinchingsbrooke School  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – Transition morning for R-Y5 children  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> – Kingfishers' performance of 'School Daze' at 9.30am and 2pm  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Hawks and Kingfishers: theatre trip to Gangsta Granny  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – End of year reports published

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – School disco/games evening 5-6.30pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sports morning and parents invited to lunch  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Y6 leavers trip in the afternoon followed by party at school  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> – Y6 Leavers' assembly – 9am  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Last day of school term

##### September

Thurs 1st – Professional Development Day  
Fri 2nd – Professional Development Day  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Autumn Term (Y1-Y6)

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#### School Daze – Kingfishers Performance

The Kingfishers class are busy in rehearsal for their end of year production – School Daze. They will be holding two performances, both on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, one at 9.30am, the other at 2pm. Information on how to get tickets has been sent out this week.

Hawks, Robins and Wrens children will have the opportunity to watch the play at the dress rehearsal earlier that week.

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#### Transition Events and next year's staffing

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the children will spend the morning in their 2022-23 classes. They will get to meet their new teacher properly and be in their next year's classroom.

The children will need to come into school as usual that morning and following an assembly will head off to their new classes.

All our current teachers will be remaining at school from September and keeping their current year groups:

EYFS – Mrs Taylor  
Y1/2 – Miss Hartland  
Y3/4 – Mrs Whitehead  
Y5/6 – Miss Brown

We are still unsure when Mrs Johnson will be well enough to return to school. I am sure you join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Our support staff are: Mrs Blackhurst, Mrs Bull, Mrs Spafford, Mrs Webb, Miss Wildber and Mrs Williams. They all have different specialisms, and work across the school supporting need as required.

Miss Clarkson will be returning for a short while in September, before leaving to go to university to train to be a teacher. We'll let you know exactly when this will be nearer the time.

#### Y6 – Hinchingsbrooke Transition Days

The Y6 children will spend three days at Hinchingsbrooke School on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. All the information has been sent direct to parents from Hinchingsbrooke. It is our understanding that the children will attend all three days at their new school, using the normal school transport to get themselves there. Any Y6 children not attending Hinchingsbrooke will be expected to attend our school as usual.

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## **Stay and Play Afternoon – for current Robins and Wren families**

We are inviting next year's reception parents to school from 1.30pm and would like to invite parents of current Robins and Wrens children in too, so that the new parents have the opportunity to meet existing parents.

Our plan is for you to join your children from 1.30pm to join in some activities in the classrooms and outdoor area. During the afternoon Miss Hartland and Mrs Taylor will hold a little talk about the EYFS & KS1 curriculums.

We do hope you can join us this afternoon – we will have some refreshments available as an enticement! Unfortunately, I can not join you that afternoon as I am attending my daughter's graduation, but, as always, if you have any questions for me, please contact me direct.

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## **School Disco – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

As an end of year 'party' we are holding a disco/games night for all the children. It will be from 5-6.30pm and tickets will cost £2.

As well as a disco and organised games, the children will have some sweets and drinks during the evening. We look forward to seeing the children in their dancing clothes!

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## **Sports Morning – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Our annual sports day is being held on the morning of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, beginning from 9am (stay after drop off).

Parents and families are invited to come to watch to encourage and support the action. Children will be in teams of either red, white, blue or green. Letters have gone home telling you what colour team your child is in, we are asking that they wear a t-shirt of that colour.

If you were here last year, the format is going to be similar to then. There will be group activities first for the teams to earn points for their colour teams. After a short break, we will have some races on the track including obstacle races, dressing-up races and the finals of the running races.

The winning colour team will be awarded the Offord School Sports trophy.

Parents are also invited to stay and have a school dinner with their children straight after sports day. We are envisaging the sports morning to finish about mid-day and if you stay for lunch, you can leave at approximately at 1pm.

We will send more information out nearer the time, but keep the morning free and pray for nice weather 😊

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## **Gangsta Granny – Peterborough Theatre**

The Hawks and Kingfishers are heading off to the theatre on the morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. They will be seeing a performance of David Walliams' Gangsta Granny. The trip is being subsidised by a very kind donation from a neighbour.

The trip is all happening within school time – the children will be back to have lunch at school.

Hopefully it will be a great show. Watching live theatre is a fantastic experience, so we are really pleased that we have been able to arrange this. Details of costs will be being sent out very soon.

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## **End of Year Reports**

The children's end of year reports will be sent out on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. These reports will inform you about the results from any statutory tests the children have taken over the last few months as well as achievements and progress from the past year.

We have changed the format a bit this year, but hope you will find it informative. We plan to email reports out to you, but can provide a printed copy if required.

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## **Year 6 leaving events**

The year 6 children will be heading out to play crazy golf on the afternoon of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. When they return, they will stay at school for a leavers' party with food and games until 6pm.

Again, letters will be sent out with details to the relevant parents.

On the last morning of this term (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July), the Y6 will lead a leaver's assembly. This will be at 9am in the school hall. Parents and family members of the Y6 children are invited to attend. I am not sure how long it will last for, probably about an hour – bring your tissues with you for this usually very emotional farewell.

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## **Returning in September**

I hope that you have some exciting things planned for the summer and the weather is nice for us all.

I am very excited as I have been chosen to be one of the volunteers at this year's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, so I will be there welcoming spectators to the NEC to see a variety of sports.

School returns on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September with two training days. The first day back for children is **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.