



Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of this very unusual academic year approaches, it has been quite an emotional one in school. Last week at our Leavers Assembly we said 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to our Post 16 students: Jack, William, Ben, Morayo, Kyra, Hassaan, Megan, Connor, Mikey and Immy.



We also said our farewells to Kuba, Ethan, Lucas and Logan who are moving onto new schools in September. We all hope that everyone continues to make progress and enjoy the next stage in their life's journey.



Congratulations goes to Hannah, Lauren and Karen who have successfully passed their NQT year. Well done to all of them. One of new teachers Alice has started with us - based within the EYFS department. We will be wishing Angela a very 'Happy Retirement' and 'All the Best' to Chloe and Jenny who are moving to new jobs at the end of term.



Everyone will be spending time in their new class groups for the last 4 days of term. Staff have planned lots of fun and active activities for all to enjoy.

This Half term the EYFS Home-Link team have been working and playing hard. Our focus has been getting to know our new children who are due to join our EYFS department in the coming weeks. We have made regular visits home and spent time playing together and learning from parents about their little ones. We have taken our trusty toy box and explored the contents together. Some favourite activities have included, messy play with shaving foam, parachute games and stories together. Our new home-link approach and way of working is already proving to be a really beneficial and positive start to children's learning journeys. Our aim is to also build strong links with parents and carers right from the start and in turn hopefully aid a really smooth transition into nursery.



How is it the end of the school year already?! We have taken full advantage of the sunshine when it has made an appearance by getting outside and enjoying walks in the local area. We have focused more on the 'out and about' area of our topic this half-term so of course that included the seaside and we had great fun playing with beach balls and paddling pools. In what has been an unsettled year for all, our Rainbows and Dinosaurs have continued to give the biggest smiles and the most infectious giggles! We hope you all have an enjoyable summer break



We aren't quite sure where the year has gone in Pirates! It has been a very busy end to the Summer Term with Healthy Living Week and the usual Forest School, swimming, and activities in class. The picnic days during Healthy Living Week were a highlight, the children all enjoyed making and eating their own sandwiches. During the warm weather we had a large paddling pool out in the garden and along with our friends in Rainbows and Dinosaurs, had a fantastic, splashing experience! All the children in Pirates are moving on to a new class in September so we wish them the very best of luck for the rest of their school journey! We will miss them very much!



In Dragons class this term we have been focussing our learning around the story, We're going on a bear hunt. We went out to the orchard to film some footage and star in our own class video. We have listened to a sensory story, drummed the beat around the big drum, and explored the sensory stimulus from the long wavy grass, to getting undercover in the dark gloomy cave. We have made some chocolate bear toast and during healthy eating week, fruit kebabs. In our phonics sessions we have continued with listening to sounds in the environment and using these sounds in our play. We have made use of the lovely weather and had lots of playtime and picnics outside. We made a start on our sensory garden and planted some herbs and made some mobiles. All the children have enjoyed swimming this term and we have all gained confidence and made some great progress. It has been a privilege to have worked with such a wonderful group of children.



Although the weather hasn't been quite as nice as we'd have hoped, we have tried to get out and about and enjoy the sunshine where we can. Everybody has enjoyed playing in our classroom courtyard. All of the plants/vegetables we worked so hard to plant in the spring term have brought a lovely splash of colour, along with our brightly painted fences. We have had a chance to engage in some water play and love taking turns on the swing. We got out and about lots during Healthy Living Week, going for a little picnic one morning and flying kites on another.



Linford class have embraced the summer topic with lots of gusto. We have enjoyed the sunshine, going out for long walks and exploring the changes in the nature. We have pretended we were on the beach, by the sea; exploring sand, listening to the waves of the ocean, and playing lots of beach ball games with our friends. During our cooking sessions, we used all our senses to explore summer fruits and vegetables, developing at the same time our independence and cognitive skills, following instructions in a recipe.



Our story for this topic was "The Big Red Bath". We have had lots of splashing, whilst developing communication skills in water play, and finding various ways to make more bubbles in "the bath".

We are certainly ready for summer holidays!



This term has been busy in Furzton class. We have been embracing the weather and going for walks in our local community. The pupils have enjoyed exploring their surroundings, smells, sounds and touching different flowers and trees. Our favourite session this term has been our number songs session, especially 'Leo the Lion' song. The children anticipate the reveal of the Lion by pulling down the blanket, laughing and patiently waiting for their turn. Furzton team would like to wish you a happy and safe summer holidays and a huge thank you for the continued support you have shown this year.



The Summer topic has been a great reason to pretend that we are on the beach, exploring sand, water, shells and listening to some great Summer tunes! We have also used foot spas which have been popular and have brought some great responses. Our PSHE session has been all about the different parts of our bodies, encouraging body awareness and this has been very successful.



As part of Healthy Living week, we went out into the playground and through the Willow tunnel on the field. It has been lovely to go out on home visits when we can, to see our friends who are not currently in school. We hope that next year we will see more of us together again. We wish everyone a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.



This term in Wavendon as well as meeting new teacher Jules and new support assistant Shannon; we have been working hard in exploring the topic 'Summer'. We have explored summer in lots of different ways from water play, shell painting, making a sun out of our handprints and exploring sand. This term we have also had great fun playing the big drum and learning some new songs to sing along whilst we play.



We have had a great final half term in Wolverton class. Our topic has been Summer and we all enjoyed the warm weather, especially when we could use the paddling pool outside! In class, we have focused on a new story- What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside. Pupils have enjoyed exploring the book, our favourite part was using the button to operate the fan and create a summer breeze.



For our art and cooking sessions, we have thought about going on a summer holiday. Each week we learnt about a different country and created artwork and recipes that linked to this. Pupils also enjoyed Healthy Living Week, we had lots of fun taking part in different activities up on the field as well as using the tumble track in the gym. All the staff in Wolverton are really proud of the pupils' achievements this year. We wish you a very happy summer holidays and look forward to seeing everybody in September!



Arrows have had a wonderful year, despite the challenges that have been thrown at us all. We have all worked hard to keep a smile on our face. We have also done all that we can to remain focused on our learning targets through putting our very best efforts into each and every opportunity to develop our skills.



Summer has given us the chance to take full advantage of the outdoors; water play, Healthy Living activities, not to mention, exploring new taste sensations. As always whatever we are doing, we have not forgotten to have fun!



It has been a bittersweet term for us in Aston Martin: we have had so many happy moments, all whilst knowing that our older students will be leaving for new classes next year. We have been continuing to work on our cooking skills. We can now purchase our ingredients at the shop and then make our biscuits with very little help. We have learnt all about Jackson Pollock and have enjoyed throwing, splatting and spraying paint onto surfaces to make beautiful art.

We have particularly enjoyed celebrating the British summer - although we would have liked to see Mr Sun far more than we did! We loved playing in the paddling pool and practicing making sand castles. As you can see, we have been good friends to each other and have enjoyed spending time together.



Brabham thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Thomley Hall. We really enjoyed playing in the sandpit and this is where some of the class spent most of their time playing with both staff and peers as well as enjoying the sensory experience of sand between toes and fingers. We also enjoyed the swing, soft play area, musical equipment and looking for the signs around the grounds. This was a great way of saying goodbye to William and Jack.



This half term, all the children in Woburn have loved our class story, 'Barry the Fish with Fingers'. We have created lots of artwork using Barry and his fishy friends as our inspiration. We enjoyed 'Healthy Living Week' and really engaged with all the fun activities designed to make us stronger and fitter.

We have had lots of opportunities to explore sensory activities as well as other activities that have helped us develop our curiosity and problem-solving skills. We have continued to practice our emotional regulation skills and are all becoming better at letting people know how we are feeling, in an appropriate way. We have been out into the community, visiting woods and play parks, learning about the world around us and having fun!



What a year it's been! However, we have been really proud of the children and how they have adjusted to all the changes. This term, Jaguar class have been enjoying the summer come rain or shine! We have enjoyed lots of exploration using our senses during our Summer Sensory Story sessions and listening to feel-good summer hits during our Tac Pac and Big Drum sessions. We have dusted off our paddling pools and had a wonderful time exploring capacity in the sand or on hot days, we have been cooling down with water play. During Healthy Living Week, we went out for a lovely walk in Rushmere Park and took part in many fun activities such as hook-a-duck and water sprinklers! We hope you all have a wonderful Summer Holiday, and we all look forward to being back in the new year.



Red Bull, as always, have had lots of fun packed learning with the added bonus of mainly warm weather! We've enjoyed walks out in our local Community especially to the Orchard to see how nature changes.



Healthy Living Week was great fun as we got to play Boccia and practice our teamwork with the parachute well, nearly all of us! In Maths we used scales to weigh lots of familiar objects and in mark making practiced drawing around different shapes. Our Sensory Story was called 'A Trip To The Seaside' where we encountered a very lively Sea Urchin!

Our Topic this half term was 'Summer' and we all got into the spirit! Remember, the future's so bright I've got to wear shades!!



For the topic of Summer this term Woughton have explored our Story "A Day Trip to Brighton." We have walked along the pier and the pebble beach, felt the different textures of the seashells, we have scooped and squirted ice cream into our cones, and dodged the seagulls trying to steal it! We have also had fun in the paddle pools with our friends and we have chopped summer fruits and made delicious smoothies. A good time was had by all!



This term Whaddon class have been reading 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We enjoyed lots of local walks to see if we could find any caterpillars with little success. In our cooking sessions we made fruit kebabs, ice cream and a caterpillar salad which all the pupils enjoyed tasting, but the ice-cream was definitely our favourite. We were all fascinated by the baby caterpillars as we watched them grow and create their cocoons before emerging as beautiful butterflies ready to be released into the wild next week.



The pupils in McLaren Class have enjoyed our summer themed sensory story. Pupils have been captivated by the giant beach ball and interactive themed resources. The water run, car with garage slope and ball run have proved lots of fun and children have started to anticipate with 'ready, steady, go!'



Pupils have engaged with mark making activities with ice which has been intriguing! During Tac Pac the shells, summer songs and seaside fabric have been awe inspiring. The creation of our own sand made from cornflour, brown sugar and oil has been mesmerising and all the children have impressed us with their progress mixing, making marks, tipping and pouring. During outdoor learning pupils have made fish from old discs and had fun with water play and water sprays! Our sensory cooking has given the children opportunities to develop cutting and pouring skills whilst exploring a range of fruit to make a variety of milkshakes. Pupils have visited the local shops on our outings into the community.



This final half term seems to have flown by. During this time, we have enjoyed our Summer Topic. Our key text, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', has taught us about looking after our planet. We have been exploring materials, and things that 'rot or not'. We have seen that plastic does not decompose; and so, decided to reuse and recycle materials to make eco bricks. We have enjoyed our summer and beach themed play area outside - playing darts, crazy golf, fancy dress, role play at the ice cream parlor and building sandcastles.



As it comes to an end, we say good-bye to an interesting year and look forward to the one ahead. We are proud to have shared a very memorable year together. The children in Mercedes class and across the school have shown wonderfully positive attitudes and an incredible commitment and enthusiasm to their learning. It has been a pleasure to spend this year with you. Well done Mercedes. We are all so proud of what you have achieved!!

This half term Woolstone have been using the theme of summer throughout our learning. There has been lots of water play, sand galore and ice lollies. We have been out and about as much as we can come rain or shine: a typical 'British Summer'! The boys enjoyed the PE fun day especially the messy foam activities. A highlight was being able to use the paddling pool when it was really hot. Woolstone has found it's class identity and the boys will be with each other next year.



Willen have had a fantastic few weeks this half of the summer term. We have enjoyed our story, 'Creepy Crawly Calypso' and have explored instruments that we would hear in a carnival- some of them we had never learn to play before! We have also experienced the sensory aspects of a trip to the beach: warmth, sea, sand and ice-cream. Due to a difficult year, we wanted to celebrate our achievements in style so we had our very own carnival in the hall and held a water festival on the playground where we explored warm water, ice water, water beads, water guns and sprinklers. Being one of the most consistent few weeks, without closure, it has really been a brilliant time and the pupils have been able to learn and grow together, and with their own individual targets. Have an amazing summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



Summer finally arrived and the transitions department have fully embraced it. A highlight from this term was our healthy living and well-being festival. We had a morning filled with live music, large bubbles, water play and yoga in the tent. The students enjoyed having the freedom to choose from the array of activities on offer, however the bubbles were definitely the biggest hit! Despite the turbulent year all of transition pupils have achieved different AQA units that relate to their personalised timetable such as sensory ICT skills and cooking. This is a great achievement! Sadly, as the summer term comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to some of our transition's pupils. All our leavers are moving onto great adult services where we are sure they will continue to flourish and blossom. We are very sad to see everyone go however; this is not a 'goodbye' but more like a 'see you soon'. Have a lovely summer everyone and we look forward to seeing you all in September. Take care!



Healthy Living Week - PE

This year, sadly we have been unable to get off site in large groups due to the pandemic, hopefully we may be able book some activities when we get back in September. BUT in true 'Redway' style we rose to the challenge and came up with lots of different school based activities. We had a wonderful couple of days where we managed to set up lots of outdoor activities on the playground and the field. Some budding Boccia players were identified, and all pupils (and adults!) particularly enjoyed the water based activities. In addition to these, classes made healthy snacks and smoothies which complemented the picnic days. We even ran our own version of the hidden painted pebbles game and called it 'Redway Rocks' we decorated card 'rocks', placed them all over the school and classes went exploring to see what they could find. Transitions came up with lots of activities too, including their own take on Glastonbury in the Orchard! We certainly made some fantastic memories, well done to all the children and staff for embracing a different Healthy Living Week!



Thank you to everyone who supported the two old girls and donated to The Redway School!!!

In total we raised £1,470.00 and we are so pleased to have been able to do that. We had a lovely day and some of you may have seen the (highly flattering!) photos on Facebook! Special thanks to Will's and Jack's dad, both of Tina's sons and her best friend for the donations of £50. Those really boosted the funds. We are now thinking about what other mischief we can get up to - watch this space!!

Best wishes for a great, safe and healthy summer.

Ali and Tina



We are pleased to announce we raised a fantastic £454.00 on the summer raffle. Thank you to everyone for donating prizes and purchasing tickets. We are hopeful our usual summer fayre will resume next year.

Dates for the start of the Academic Year 2021-2022

- Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September - Staff Training Days
- Monday 6th September - **Transition Department Only** - Closed for pupils for essential Health and Safety Training
- Monday 6th September - School reopens for all pupils on main site, but please note for all pupils in Rainbows and Pirates this will be a phased start. Further information will be sent home in September.

A full list of dates for the rest of the academic year will be sent home in September.

Happy Holidays!

Finally on behalf of all the pupils and staff I would like to wish you all a lovely summer holiday. I hope that it is not only a safe one for you all but filled with fun, laughter and enjoyment.

Thank you all once again for your ongoing messages of support and understanding through what has been an extremely difficult year of the pandemic. Let's hope the next academic year is a better one.

Take care and remember to 'Always look on the bright side of life!'

Ruth

