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Dear Parents / Carers

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Where has this school year gone? It seems to have flown by, once again! Perhaps that is a sign of just how busy everyone has been. The children and staff certainly have earned their summer break and are looking forward to recharging their batteries ready for the start of the new year. However, as well as looking to the future, this is a time when we look back on the achievements of the year. In particular, we have been thinking a lot about our Year 6 children who finish their primary education this week.

#### Year 6

This incredible group of children have really made history! As our first ever group of Y6 children, they have accomplished so many "firsts", and I could not be more proud of them. They approached the challenges of SATs with incredible resilience and a real "I can" attitude. We are also very proud of what they achieved. This week, they performed their show - "Super Stan" to the whole school and then to parents and other families. I have to say, I was completely blown away by the quality of their performances. They spoke with such confidence, sang beautifully (including some amazing solos and duets) and danced their way through a number of songs. To top it all, they gave an emotional leavers' assembly on Thursday. I want to thank them all for their hard work and contributing so much to the life of the school during the time they have been here. If they can continue to take that "I can" attitude with them into secondary school, I am confident they will flourish!

#### Saying Goodbye

As well as saying goodbye to our Y6 children at the end of the week, we are also saying a fond farewell to some staff who are leaving Oxley.

Miss Chappell, one of our teaching assistants, who has been working with our Reception children for more than two years, is taking up a new position in the Autumn term. We will really miss her incredible energy and creativity, but at the same time are happy that she is being promoted to a more senior role at her new school.

Mrs Tyler, who has been teaching the Bees class, covering a maternity leave, for the past year, is also moving on to a new post in the Autumn term. In the short time that she has been with us, she has brought a wealth of experience, creativity and a lovely serene manner which has helped to keep everyone in her team calm during some of the more frantically busy days in school!



Mr Langston, who has been teaching at Oxley for the past 4 years, is also leaving us at the end of this week. We will certainly miss his sense of humour, which has helped to brighten up the duller days in school. I would like to thank him for his work at the school and wish him all the best in his next venture.

Mrs Longman, who has been supporting in Year 6, is not quite leaving us completely at the end of the year. She is, in fact, beginning to train to become a teacher and will be spending the majority of her year at Oxley. This does mean she will no longer be working as a support assistant, but our children will continue to benefit from her expertise at the same time as she begins her new career!

### Saying Hello

I am delighted to announce that we will have a new support assistant starting at Oxley in the Autumn term. Miss Cunningham will be working with the Reception children. Alongside her, Miss Rippin, who has previously worked in Reception supporting a child on a 1:1 basis, will be providing additional support to the Reception children.

### Sports Day

Last week, underneath blazing hot sunshine and a clear blue sky, we had our sports day. This year, the sports days were organised differently with a greater emphasis on traditional sporting events. Both events were extremely well attended by parents and family members. The children's attitudes and determination in all of the events was exceptional. One particular memory of mine was watching how determined to finish some of the youngest children were in the sack race. Despite falling over several times, they kept getting up and completed the race. In fact, across both sports day events, not a single child gave up on any activity, which is a tribute to their amazing attitude. Photos from the day are now on the school website and some of them have been included with this newsletter.

### Rock Steady

This week got off to an amazing, musical start, with a performance of songs by our children who have been taking part in Rock Steady sessions for the past term. Once again, I was astonished by the sheer confidence that the children showed in playing (and sometimes singing) on stage in front of an audience. I hope this will spur them on to continue learning to play an instrument and perhaps form a band of their own in the future... Photos are now on the website and some are included with this newsletter.

### Special Recognition

On Wednesday, there was an immense feeling of pride coming from the hall! We held two celebration assemblies to pay tribute to children from across the school who had stood out for all kinds of reasons over the past term or year. Not only were the staff proud as they talked about these amazing children, but also the parents and family members were proud to see their children being recognised for their achievements. The following children were given a Special Recognition award:

<i>Elise N</i>	<i>Ellen G</i>	<i>Lilly L</i>	Kitty A	Ioan E	Reuben H	Scarlett L
<i>Ila F</i>	<i>Ethan M</i>	<i>Daisy B</i>	Grace M	Lewis H	Reegan B	Alex W
<i>Heather B</i>	<i>Louis C</i>	<i>Charlie T</i>	Faith N	Lucy B	Jonnie J	Tyler B
<i>Ria H</i>	<i>Kinley V</i>	<i>Lucie H</i>				

## Governors' Cup

The recipient of this term's Governors' Cup was Jack Dowding. Jack has shown an exceptional attitude to learning throughout the term. Mrs Lofthouse, one of the governors, presented Jack with the trophy in front of his proud parents. Miss Curzon, his teacher, was moved to tears by the whole thing, because she was so proud of him!

## Oxley World Cup

During the past few weeks, Mrs Webb, our Play Leader, has been working with the sports coaches at lunchtimes to run our own mini World Cup tournament. For Key Stage 1, the winning team was England (Ethan, Max, Jasmine, Lilly, Oliver). For Key Stage 2, the winning team was Spain (Harvey, Kieran L, Saffie, Lucy, Kieron B, Emma)

## Top House for 2017-18

I am delighted to announce that the winning House, with the highest total of points for this year is Willow House! Congratulations to all the children in this house. As a treat, they got to play on the field on Friday afternoon.

## Message from the PFA

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff, parents and children who have given up their time to help us this year - you did an amazing job! Thank you also to everyone who joined us for the events and helped with donations, we couldn't have done it without you. For the whole academic year (Sept-July) we have raised an amazing amount of £6526.46! nearly £2000 more than last year's £4636. Thank you for all of your continued support.

## School Fundraising

Thanks to the efforts of everyone in the Oxley community, we have raised the following amounts of money for good causes this year:

- Children in Need - £697.10
- Sport Relief - £231.50
- Poppy Appeal - £308.13

**Total 1236.73..** An amazing total - thank you.

Finally, I would just like to extend a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers, grandparents and family members for all the incredible support you give to the children and the school during the year. We simply could not do what we do without the important partnership we have with all of you. I wish you and your families a fantastic summer holiday!

The first day back for the children is Wednesday 29th August. The full list of term dates is also attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman  
Headteacher