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Dear Parents / Carers

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The spell of warm weather has continued - it actually feels as though we are having a proper summer this year! I am pleased to see so many children with their sun hats and coming to school having put on their sun lotion to protect them from burning.

Summer Fair

Thank you for your amazing support at this year's summer fair. We had an excellent turnout. It was lovely to see that children's stalls were so popular, it made them feel proud of their efforts, too! To date, this event has raised well over **£2000** for the PFA, which will be used for the benefit of our children. Amongst many things, we are planning to create a library / community space in school, and we hope that the money raised by the PFA will be able to help support this and other projects. We have listened to feedback from many parents who came to the event; people seemed to enjoy having the fair on the Friday, but several told us that it could be even more popular if it were held a little later in the day. We will take into account all feedback as we work with the PFA to plan next year's calendar of events. Of course, none of this would be possible without the incredible generosity of the PFA and other parents who give up huge amounts of their time and energy for the benefit of the school and community.

Reports

The annual reports will be sent home on Monday next week. Although they are shorter than in previous years, they do in fact contain more information about children's academic achievements, together with information about any support that they have been given in school. Headteacher comments have been included for children in Reception, Year 2 and Year 6, as these children will be completing one of the key phases of their primary education (Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2).

Parents of Y6 pupils: please note that Y6 SATs are not published until 10th July, so we will send out the SATs and teacher assessment information separately to the report during that final week of term.

Parents' evenings

These take place next week. Appointments have filled up quickly. However, please do contact the school if you have not been able to find a suitable slot, and we will do our utmost to help you.

New classes

Information about your child's next class will be sent with their report. In the previous newsletter (letter 16) there was a detailed explanation about the way that our classes have been put together. In time for next year, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Palmer will be returning to us after their maternity leave. One important change for next year is a reduced teaching commitment for Mrs Roberts. As Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Roberts has a large number of additional whole-school responsibilities. In order to provide sufficient time, Mrs Roberts will be teaching her class in

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the mornings, which will cover the bulk of the lessons for the week, including Maths and English. We have appointed a new teacher - Mrs Beswick - who will teach the class for the afternoons. This will ensure that the class has continuity across the week with their core subjects as well as their topic work. Mrs Beswick is a highly experienced teacher, with more than 30 years' experience working in schools, including senior positions and responsibility for pupils with additional needs. This arrangement is in line with good practice in other schools of our size, and means that children are not being taught by a range of supply teachers whenever Mrs Roberts needs to carry out her other responsibilities. Mrs Beswick will also be joining us for our **transition days** next week, so that the class can get to know her alongside Mrs Roberts. The classes next year will be:

Class 1 (Reception) - Miss Shelton

Class 2 (Year 1) - Miss Evans

Class 3 (Year 1+2) - Mrs Palmer and Mrs May

Class 4 (Year 2) - Mrs Campbell and Mrs Spivey

Class 5 (Year 3) - Mrs Reeve and Mrs Rhodes

Class 6 (Year 3+4) - Mrs Roberts (mornings), Mrs Beswick (afternoons)

Class 7 (Year 4+5) - Mr Bicknell

Class 8 (Year 5) - Miss Curzon

Class 9 (Year 6) - Miss Smith

Class 10 (Year 6) - Mrs Bibb

In order to increase the school's capacity to support children with additional needs, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo), Mrs Kabir, will not have a teaching commitment. This will make it easier for parents to be able to meet with her, as well as providing additional time for Mrs Kabir to work with children and ensure that any additional support needed for pupils is in place.

The children will be spending **two days** (Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July) in their new classes. During this time they will be doing a range of fun activities that enable them to get to know each other and their teachers, as well as to allay any fears or worries that some of them may have about moving class.

Sports day

We are all looking forward to Sports Day next Monday. It would be extremely helpful if you could ensure your child has a sun hat and has put on sun cream before school on that day, as they will be spending a long time outside. We hope that lots of you will be able to join in the fun! For further details, see the letter sent out earlier this week (also available on the "newsletters" area of the website).

Town Sports / Quad Kids

Recently, a large number of children took part in a whole host of athletics events (including sprints, relay races, long jump) as part of the Town Sports and Quad Kids tournaments. This included a team of children competing on Saturday 17th June at Loughborough University. This was the best year ever for the number of Oxley children winning medals! You will see photos on the photo page which accompanies this newsletter. A huge well done to all the children (see below) and a massive thank-you to Mr Vasey, Mrs Harcourt and Mrs Taylor for organising the teams. Amazingly, some of our children competed alongside others from the year group above. Finally, thank you to the parents for supporting their children every hop, jump and step of the way!

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Be Skilled Y5

This week, the children in Year 5 took part in a challenge day at Long Whatton Primary School, as part of a Be Skilled event for children across the 5 schools. The day was full of adventure: den making, climbing trees, making fires, making jewellery and more. Children had to overcome a number of challenges, including working in groups with children they did not know. On returning to school, the children had huge smiles on their faces, having really enjoyed themselves and feeling proud of what they had accomplished.

Dates for your diary

- **Week beginning 2nd July - Parents' Evenings**
- **Monday 2nd July** - Sports Day (KS2 am, Reception and KS1 pm)
- **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July** - Y6 transition days at Iveshead School
- **Tuesday 10th July** - Y6 Show, 2 performances. Details and invitations will be sent out directly to Y6 families.
- **Monday 9th July** - reserve Sports Day
- **Monday 9th July, 10:30** - RockSteady Concert
- **Wednesday 11th July** - Special Recognition assembly. Reception / KS1 at 9.00. KS2 at 10.30
- **Thursday 12th July, 9:15** - Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- **Friday 13th July** - Last day of this academic year

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher