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Be Kind.

Be Brilliant.

Have an "I can" attitude.

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Dear Parents / Carers

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It has been a very busy few weeks at Oxley. Just like Y6 children across the country, our Y6 children have been doing their SATs tests this week. We are all incredibly proud of the sheer effort and "I can" attitude that they have shown, no matter how challenging the questions might have been! Thank you to the parents and carers of the Y6 children for supporting the children so brilliantly, and a big thank you to the staff who have gone the extra mile to help make the SATs experience as non-stressful as possible.

Speak Up, Stay Safe

To complement the work that we do in school, we will soon be having a special assembly and some workshops run by the NSPCC. The "Speak Up, Stay Safe" programme helps children to understand how to keep themselves safe in different situations, and how to get help if they need it. The assemblies will take place on the 4th June, and workshops for children on the 12th June. We are also hosting an e-safety workshop for parents on the 12th June at 9:30. Thank you to everyone who has already indicated they would like to take part. If you want to come along, please just call or email the main office and we will book your place.

As the NSPCC is a charity, and could not run sessions like this without donations, we will be having a **non uniform day on 12th June**. Children will be allowed to come into school in non uniform, if they bring in a donation for the NSPCC. We suggest a £1 donation.

Foxes Summer Festival

We are really looking forward to this year's summer fair! Following on from last year's success, we will be holding it on a Friday once again. However, feedback from last year also suggested that many people would have preferred it to start and finish a little later. Therefore, this year, it will be on **Friday 7th June, from 6pm-8pm**. Look out for the poster with more details...!

Colour Run

Evie D in Leopards class took part in a Colour Run challenge in aid of the British Thyroid Foundation. She took part in this fun event, in which you get covered in coloured powder, with her mum, and was literally bursting with pride when she came back to school to tell us all about it! The charity that Evie and her mum were raising money for provides support for people and families affected by thyroid problems, which includes Evie's family. The money raised will go towards research for new medication, which people often need to take for the rest of their lives.

Evie's mum has kindly sent some photos of the event, which are on the Photo Page with this newsletter.

Tennis Competition

A couple of weeks ago, a team of Y3/4 children took part in a tennis competition at Charnwood College, Loughborough. Unlike some previous tournaments, there were no doubles games in this competition, the children just competed as singles. They played with great enthusiasm and determination, in what were some tough games! In the end, the Oxley team came joint 3rd place, along with St Botolphs.

Well done to:

Elizabeth B, Lily R, Ethan M and Archie S.

The next stage of this tournament takes place soon, this time with the Y5/6 team.

Sun Safety

As we have at last seen some lovely sunshine, it is a good time to mention the importance of keeping children safe from too much exposure to the sun. We do teach the children about ways they can keep themselves safe in school. We also provide plenty of shaded areas where the children can go to avoid sunburn. In the meantime, we recommend that you can help by:

- Providing your child with a hat (named, please!) to wear on sunny days;
- Applying sun cream (minimum SPF 15) **before school**, preferably the type that only requires **one application** for the whole day.
- Children from **Y2 upwards** can bring in some sun screen to re-apply during the day, but it will need to be in a bottle **labelled with their name**. Staff will **not** be able to apply the sun screen but can help supervise the children putting on their own cream.
- If your child is in Y1 and knows how to put on their own sunscreen, we will allow him/her to bring in some, but please contact the class teacher to let them know beforehand.

Children will not be able to lend their sunscreen to others to use.

- **Sunglasses** - children can bring in sunglasses to wear if you think they need them. However, it is best to avoid expensive ones, as there's a risk they will be broken! If children bring in sunglasses, they will be expected to take responsibility for looking after them in school. A sticky label with the child's name on will help to avoid them going missing.

Stonehurst Farm Trip

The Bears class had a wonderful visit to Stonehurst Farm in Mountsorrel on Tuesday. The sun shone down on everyone as they explored the farm. The children enjoyed being able to get up close to the animals and learn about them. They particularly enjoyed handling the baby animals such as guinea pigs. They also got the chance to play and pretend to be real farmers. When the children arrived back at school, lots of them told me that their favourite animals were the pigs.

Accessibility to the school

Having recently reviewed our Accessibility Plan, the Governors and I thought it would be worth reminding you about our commitment to making the school accessible to all visitors. Although

the majority of the school was designed and built before consideration was given to accessibility, we will always do our best to provide whatever assistance we can. If you or someone you know has limited mobility or a disability and ever needs any assistance getting into the school for a visit or appointment, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Message from the FOXES

Dress Down Day

Monday is dress down day (Year 6's has taken place today). We invite children to come dressed in non-uniform, if they bring in a donation for the Friends of Oxley Summer Festival. Donations could include toiletries, bottles of alcohol or anything that you think would make a nice gift or prize - Any Donation should be in an unopened/unused condition. Thank you for your support.

Summer Festival

The Friends of Oxley Summer Festival is taking place on the 7th June 6pm-8pm. Please see our wonderful poster attached for all the different stalls on offer. It will be a wonderful evening and everyone is invited so please invite family and friends. We are still in need of someone to man our BBQ so please let the office know if you think you can help with this. We also need more helpers to assist in packing away after the event and we really need more Raffle Prizes. There are letters in the office if anyone can drop one into their workplace or to a local restaurant etc.

Dates for your diary

Don't forget that next Friday (24th) is an INSET day and the school will be closed to children.

- Half term break - Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
- Monday 3rd June - first day of the new half term
- Wednesday 5th June - Whole School Art Day
- Friday 7th June, 6pm-8pm - Foxes (formerly the PFA) Summer Festival
- Wednesday 12th June, 9:30 - NSPCC e-safety workshop for Parents / Carers
- Wednesday 12th June - NSPCC "Speak up, stay safe" workshops for Y5/6 children
- Thursday 13th June - Y4 visit to the Thinktank
- Friday 14th June - Y3 visit to the Thinktank
- Monday 24th June - Sports Day (KS2 am, Reception and KS1 pm)
- Tuesday 25th June - Y1 & Y2 visit to Warwick Castle
- Monday 1st July - Reserve Sports Day
- Friday 12th July - last day of term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher