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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 is hard to believe that we've now entered the final half term of this academic year! As always, there will be lots of exciting things happening in school during these final weeks.

Staffing and classes for next year

I wanted to start this newsletter with some important updates regarding the class structure for the school and some changes to staff that will be taking place.

Saying goodbye: Firstly, it is with sadness (and also a little pride) that I can tell you that Mrs Roberts will be leaving Oxley at the end of this year. Mrs Roberts has been successful in gaining a headship at a school in Leicestershire. There has never been any doubt in my mind that Mrs Roberts would make an excellent headteacher, though both she and I were surprised at how quickly this opportunity has come along. Clearly, we are going to miss Mrs Roberts; in the two years she has been at Oxley, she has contributed enormously to the life of the school. As well as feeling sad about her leaving, we are also proud that she has been able to use her leadership experience at Oxley to enable her to take on the role of headteacher at her new school.

Given the timing of this, it would not be possible to recruit a new Deputy Headteacher in time for the start of the new school year. Rules relating to resignation dates for teachers mean that the earliest likely date we could appoint a new deputy would be January 2020. Therefore, Miss Shelton will take on the role as Acting Deputy Headteacher for the short term while we recruit a new Deputy Headteacher. Miss Shelton is an experienced member of the school as well as a member of the school's leadership team, and I know she will do an amazing job in this role.

Someone else we will be saying goodbye to at the end of this year is Miss Smith. Miss Smith has taught in Y6 for the past two years, though she has previously worked at Oxley as a member of support staff. Miss Smith is taking up a new post, as class teacher and Head of English at a school in Leicester. We are going to miss her, too, but are pleased that she has also been able to take advantage of an opportunity for developing her leadership experience further.

Saying hello: I am delighted to be able to tell you that we will have **two** new teachers starting at Oxley next year - Mr Dobson and Mr Duffy. Both of these teachers bring with them a range of talents, including experience and interest in Sport, Science and Maths. Mr Duffy, for example, has had previous experience working with secondary pupils with Sports and Science. Mr Dobson has a Maths specialism and experience of coaching children in a range of sports. Both teachers will be spending some time in school, including meeting their new classes, during the remainder of this term. We are excited about them starting at Oxley and I know they will be excellent additions to our school!

Class Structure

In spite of the current climate of financial insecurity for schools, I am pleased to be able to confirm that we are able to retain a 10-class structure next year. As you will see, we have made a few changes to this year's setup. This is what we expect the class structure to look like next year:

1. Miss Shelton - Reception
2. Miss Evans - Reception/Y1
3. Mr Bicknell - Y1/Y2
4. Mrs Palmer and Mrs May - Y2
5. Mr Dobson - Y3
6. Mrs Reeve and Mrs Rhodes - Y3/Y4
7. Mrs Campbell and Mrs Spivey - Y4/Y5
8. Miss Curzon - Y5
9. Mr Duffy - Y6
10. Mrs Bibb - Y6

This structure also provides continuity for children who might otherwise have experienced disruption part-way through the year, when a new Deputy Headteacher is appointed. **Mrs Beswick** will continue to teach in school next year, providing support for Miss Shelton and other staff to enable them to carry out some leadership responsibilities.

Art Week

In other news, children throughout the school have been taking part in a range of art projects this week. They have been sketching, painting, sewing, sculpting and building, and sometimes getting messy! You will see photos of some of their work on the Photo Page accompanying this letter.

The children have also been truly inspired by the art students who have been in school all week. They have been designing and painting an incredible mural inside the new library, which is now underway. I have included a few "sneak preview" photos of their work in progress. We can't wait to reveal the finished product to the children! We are extremely grateful to these talented artists who have given up their time, free of charge, to support our school. It really does underline our "Be kind" ethos.

Science Museum Visit

The children in Y5 had an amazing visit to the Science Museum in London on Thursday. It was a long day - setting off early and not returning until around 7pm - but definitely worth it. The Science Museum is a world-class facility and this visit has enriched the children's Science topic this term. Look out for photos on the Photo Page!

NSPCC

This week, the NSPCC came to school to talk to the children about keeping safe. Next week, they will also be running some workshops for children in KS2. Unfortunately, due to low levels of interest, we have had to cancel the proposed e-safety workshop for parents.

As the NSPCC is a charity, and could not run sessions like this without donations, we will be having a **non uniform day** on **Wednesday 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 Fair

Finally, I hope you can come and support our annual Summer Fair today. Last year's event was the busiest we have ever had, and following feedback from people who came along, we have moved the event a little later in the evening, so that it is from 6pm-8pm. Come rain or shine, there will be lots for everyone to enjoy!

Dates for your diary

- Ambulance visiting the school
- Wednesday 12th June - NSPCC non uniform day. "Speak up, stay safe" workshops for Y5/6 children
- Wednesday 12th June - Fathers' Day Secret Room
- 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
- Wednesday 3rd July, 6:30pm - Y6 Show
- Thursday 4th + Friday 5th July - Y6 Transition Day at Iveshead School
- Thursday 4th July - optional parents' evening
- Friday 5th July - Class Swap; children spend time in their new classes.
- Friday 5th July, 3:15 - 3:45 - an opportunity to come into school meet your child's new teacher
- Wednesday 10th July - Special Recognition Assemblies for Reception/KS1 and KS2
- Thursday 11th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- Friday 12th July - last day of term

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher