



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and looking at all the lovely photographs of all the enrichment experiences the children have benefitted from in school. The weather has been great which allows us to enjoy our amazing outside space even more.

We welcomed our new children starting nursery/reception in September during two sessions in July. We still have a few spaces, if you know anyone who may need a place in the new term, please ask them to get in touch with us.

Many thanks to our volunteers Chris, Ruth, Masa and Sue for working with Class 3 and 4 children in 'Prayer Space' sessions.

We had a brilliant Science Day in school, and would like to say a big thank you to Alex Hamilton, Thomas Winkler, Zoe Laughton and Mett Lindsay-Smart and their team, Ralph Westmoreland and Captain Alice for coming in and working with the children and telling them a little bit about how science impacts their jobs. It was very informative and the children enjoyed the hands on experiments that were organised for them by staff too.



Class 1 and 2 trip to the Derngate Theatre



Children in class 1 and 2 went to the Derngate Theatre to see 'Zog' they all enjoyed the singing and dancing at the end of the show. 😊



Summer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Festival...

held at Oundle School where year 5 children got the opportunity to take part in activities which included dissection, colourful Chemistry and Robotics.



We had a brilliant time!

Anti bullying Ambassador Training...

Roman, Reid, Ellena, Abigail and Luka took part in the Anti-Bullying training through the Diana Award. They will start on a campaign to make a difference in this important topic, in September.



Class 1... visited Little Houghton House in the village and had the surprise of a helicopter landing in the garden, I'm sure children came home and told you all about it! They have also been making cinnamon biscuits, using the language of a story in role play and a visit from Casper the horse!



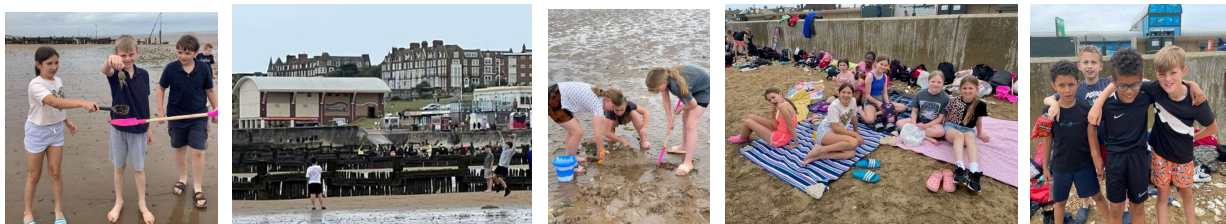
Class 2... went to Salcey Forest. The weather was great and they looked at different habitats for the animals. The children have been learning so much and even reading to children in class 1 too. This helps encourage them to read and influence class 1 children to enjoy reading themselves.



Class 3... children enjoyed a visit to Little Houghton House in the village to see their beautiful gardens they have there, a big thank you to staff who showed the children round and answered their questions. Children have also been enjoying swimming lessons at Barry Road pool. For part of their study on the Romans they have been looking at what they eat and finished the project by making pizzas! They have also been taking Samba drumming classes too!



Class 4... the children have been learning about 'Forces' in class and enjoying the experiments to see how force is measured and understanding how gravity works. Children had a great time in Hunstanton, the weather was kind and didn't start raining until after lunch! It didn't stop them going in the sea and getting even wetter!



We wish our Year 6s 'goodbye' and wish them good luck in their new schools, we know they will be fabulous!

Sports Day... We had a fantastic Sports Day despite the rain shower! Well done to Delapre House for winning the trophy this year. The children were great taking part in all the activities, thank you to all parents for encouraging their children on!



Many thanks to FOLHS for organising the barbeque and refreshments, they were much appreciated especially the Krispy Krèmes!



School Games Gold Award 2023

We have been awarded the 'Gold Award' for making sport available to all children in school.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 4th September - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th September - Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 6th September - Back to school for years 1 - 6 and new nursery children

Home Visits for new reception children on **Wednesday 6th Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September**

Monday 11th September - New Reception children start school and stay until 12pm for the rest of the week

Wednesday 13th September - Class 3 swimming lessons start for 6 weeks until end of term

Monday 18th September - Reception children will attend for the week until 1pm

Wednesday 20th September - First Hotshots after school club session

Monday 25th September - Reception children will be in school full time.

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th October - Year 5 to attend Bikeability training.

Friday 20th October - Last day of term

Monday 30th October - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 31st October - Back to school



Farewell

We would all like to wish Mrs Shanks good bye and wish her all the best in her new adventures, you will be missed by all the children and staff, we hope that you enjoy your travels and wish you lots of luck and good wishes for the future.

We also say goodbye to Miss Middlebrook and Miss Jones, thank you for all the work you have done with the children, they will miss you and we will too!

A final note

I wish you all a Happy Summer and look forward to seeing the children back in school in September and welcoming our new reception/nursery children.

Kind regards

Mrs Carolyn Fairbrother