



Friday 14th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Doug the Pug

Thank you very much to Lydia in Year 6 who arranged a special visitor to school last Friday. Doug the Pug is a therapy dog and he spent the day with us at school. Each class, including the children at Stepping Stones, had a visit to find out more about therapy dogs. They all had the chance to meet Doug and have a stroke and a cuddle. It was an amazing experience for the children and Doug was very well behaved in school!



French Day – Wednesday 19th July

We will be celebrating Bastille Day as part of our French curriculum and each class will be enjoying a variety of French themed activities throughout the day. You will have seen the French Day menu that came home earlier this week and we would like the children to dress in red, white and blue in the theme of the French flag. They will also have the chance to visit our French Café during the day so please bring in a small donation which will be changed into Euros at the Bureau de Change. Watch out on Class Dojo for photos of the day!

Sports Ambassadors

On Monday the School's Sports Ambassadors; James, Leon and Violette travelled to Oakham School to take part in the Rutland Schools Key Stage 1 Multi-sports Festival. Our ambassadors were responsible for running 2 events during what proved to be a very busy day. Each event started with the ambassadors briefing the teachers and children on the event, the ambassadors then ran the event and passed the scores to the games co-ordinator. James, Leon and Violette rose to the challenge of the day and supervised their events with confidence and determination. At the end of the day over 150 children had participated in their events!



**Eco-Schools
Bronze Award**

Award!

Well done Eco Club!

Eco-club members have been working hard this year, trying to encourage the school to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle. The school has taken part in Waste Week, Recycling and Upcycling projects, Outdoor Learning Day, the RSPB Bird Watch and Rutland Water Osprey Week, to name but a few. As a result of weekly meetings, environmental reviews and a clear action plan for the year ahead, we have proudly earned the Eco-Schools Bronze Award. Eco-club are now looking forward to next year in the hope of achieving the Silver

Breakfast Club

Our "Breakfast with Friends" during wellbeing week was so successful that we are planning to run it regularly in September on a Monday and Friday morning. If you could commit to helping out regularly please pop in and see me next week as we are looking for volunteers to get it up and running. More details will be sent home in September.

Induction Day

Thursday was a very exciting day as everyone in school moved up to their new class. We had new teachers and new pupils joining us for the day as we all began getting to know our new classrooms and teachers.

Squirrels It was lovely to meet the new children who will be in Squirrels Class next year. They all came in really confidently and spent their session exploring the different areas in the classroom. They also went on a tour of the school and visited lots of different places!

Hedgehogs The children had a very busy day talking and writing about their talents, making hedgehogs and getting to know Mrs Hanwell.



Badgers Their day consisted of lots of practical activities –team games (pass the squeeze), making their own badgers and using counting and adding skills to play snakes and ladders

Foxes investigated what their dreams are, changed the rules to snakes and ladders and wrote about our favourite books brought in from home. In the afternoon they designed class crosses and Mrs Scarrott shared an art challenge.



Rabbits Children in Rabbits Class had a brilliant day getting to know their new teachers, Mrs Goatley and Mrs Potter. They asked some very interesting and thoughtful questions to get to know them better. There was a real buzz in the classroom all day from the children and the teachers!

Woodpeckers The children requested more outdoor learning days so they took their Maths data handling activities outdoors. The children collected and presented their own data in a variety of interesting ways, creating tally and frequency charts and also bar charts.

Owls Year 5s had a fabulous day in Owls class, they settled in well and showed how good role models for the rest of the school they will be! Excellent pieces of writing, based on a spooky film, were produced as well as creative pieces of art that will personalise the classroom for the children in September.

Payments

There are still some outstanding debts on Parent Pay for school lunches and clubs. Letters are coming home soon to remind you if you still owe money. Payment needs to be made as soon as possible, if debts are not paid we unfortunately may not be able to offer your child clubs next term.

September

During the Summer holidays I will be going into hospital for planned surgery. This means that you may not see me as much in September as I will still be recuperating, but rest assured I will be keeping in touch with school and will be back as soon as I am fit enough.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are currently looking for two lunchtime supervisors as Mrs Chiverton will be starting her maternity leave some time in September. If you are interested in this job and would like to come and join our Lunchtime team then please



pop into the office for more details. Please pass this information on to anyone else who you think may be interested in joining our team.

The Last Week of Term	
Monday 17 th July	Music Afternoon – a chance to celebrate the musical talents of our school. If your child is performing, then please come along and share an afternoon of musical delight! Unfortunately we are unable to open this to all parents as we do not have capacity in the hall.
Tuesday 18 th July	2pm Leavers Service at Church – please join us as we say farewell to our Year 6 pupils and look back on the year.
Wednesday 19 th July	French Day – We will all be wearing red, white and blue to celebrate everything French!
Friday 21 st July	“Snow White” the Year 6 Leavers Production – Parents and extended family of Year 6 children are invited to join us as the Year 6s put on a production of Roald Dahl’s Revolting Rhyme – Snow White.
Thursday 31 st August	Academic Year 2017 – 2018 Term 1

Best wishes

J. Exton

Headteacher