



The Lord your God is with you.

Joshua 1:9



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Summer Term 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to The Summer Term – I can't quite believe I am saying that!

Everyone had a very busy Spring term and all should be commended for their hard work. I have been particularly impressed with the effort Year 6 children are putting in to preparing for their SAT's. They have all been committed to the 'Booster' classes after school and I'm sure it's not just the chocolate biscuits that are the attraction; They actually have to complete a few tests before they get their reward.

We had a 'light touch' inspection from our Local Authority School Improvement Partner and she was also impressed with the children's work in their books and agreed with our predictions for the SAT's and end of year results. She visited on the day of the Lego Control Workshop and commented on how lucky our children are to be given such an opportunity. We were both amazed at the Robotic creations and baffled by the children's knowledge of such things as algorithms.

We also had a visit from the new Diocesan Deputy Director of Education. He loved his first visit to our school and was delighted to see the WWII street party in action – I'm not sure why he wasn't keen to have a corned beef sandwich! He was very moved by our lovely garden dedicated to Eve, which has been a rainbow of colour recently with all the fabulous tulips in full bloom.

Once again I have been able to attend all the Class Assemblies last term and thoroughly enjoyed each of them; Year 5/6 shared some very interesting facts on Space and World War II – I was very impressed by their moves in the War dances; Year 3/4 shared their work on Rome and concluded with a very entertaining 'Is that a Fact' song; Year 1/2 displayed some of their wonderful artwork and particularly enjoyed singing their song about smelly cheese, dirty socks and rotten apples; Reception class showed us their 'Spring' paintings and sang their 'Spring' song beautifully. They also shared some lovely descriptions of their Mums in recognition of Mothers' Day.

I was very lucky to be able to accompany Reception class to the Oundle Literary Festival 'Kid Lit'. We were entertained and inspired by Ian Whybrow. I wonder if the children can remember his impersonations of the different dinosaurs! As always, I have enjoyed my Wednesday afternoons with the children; We have been engaged in lots of activities, playing board games, ball games and I can't believe how competitive they all are – I can foresee Stanion winning lots of competitions in the future. I was also very impressed with how quickly they all mastered the art of sending emails – it is easy to forget that they are only 4 or 5 years old. KS1 have also had a fantastic new adventure trail installed as part of the project to replace the fencing around the school. The children have been very keen to show me their acrobatic skills on the parallel bars. They are much braver than me!

The term ended with our wonderful Easter celebrations. I was in Ireland and missed the Assembly but have seen photos of all the creative bonnets. Thank you for all the effort you put into this and everything we ask you to do. Your support is greatly appreciated and enhances the learning experience for our children.

I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Successful Summer Term!

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