



## Message from Mrs Crocker

I hope you all had a fantastic half-term break! Mr Crocker and I were excited to bump into so many of you at the Hay Festival last week enjoying some of the events. Although the weather wasn't quite as warm as it had been recently, it stayed dry enough for lots of outdoor adventures and I hope everyone had some special time with family and friends.

Now that we're back, we're heading into one of the busiest and most exciting parts of the school year. Over the next few weeks, we'll be enjoying our annual Highland Games Sports Day, where we hope to hear lots of cheering and encouragement! Our end-of-year performance of Oliver is also just around the corner—children have already begun rehearsing, and we can't wait to see them shine on stage. And, Oak Class are looking forward to their Activity week which is the week after next.

We're so proud of how well the children manage in these fun, but busy weeks! We look forward to sharing many memorable moments with them—and with you—as we approach the end of what has been a very successful school year.

Mrs Crocker

## Preschool News

The children are enjoying being back after the half term break, they have been very busy playing indoors and outdoors. On Tuesday we harvested our first strawberries for afternoon snack and have collected sticks to tie our sunflowers to as they have grown so much during the holiday! We enjoyed a lovely walk learning to identify and pick elderflower, naming wild flowers which are in abundance on the track and insects.

Over the next few weeks we are going to continue looking for and identify insects and their habitats. The children are searching for a caterpillar they can bring back to preschool to observe it changing into a butterfly!

Herefordshire has implemented a supervised tooth brushing programme in some early years settings, to improve oral health and prevent tooth decay. This is part of the Time to Shine initiative, involving children brushing their teeth with fluoride toothpaste once a day under the supervision of trained staff. We are planning to implement this programme in our setting. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at the end of preschool Vicky from Public Health will be available to chat with parents as they collect their children. Vicky will then

provide training for preschool staff. In 2022 a significant number of five year olds in Herefordshire experienced tooth decay, 38.7%having decay experience and 1.5 teeth on average affected. This was a higher rate than the national average!

Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> please note preschool will close at 12 pm all families are welcome to join the whole school on the field to watch Sports day which starts at 12.30pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July is our last day of term. All children and parents are invited to join us in a celebration tea party at 2.00pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Julie and Beth

**[Dates- All our upcoming events and important dates can be found on the calendar on our website here.](#)**