



End of Year Newsletter

What an amazing year!

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to thank our children, staff, families and wider community for making it such a special one.

There have been so many highlights! Some that have particularly stood out have included our wonderful outdoor performances of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', where the children looked and sounded amazing; Oak Class's memorable residential visit to York, packed with history, culture and adventure; and the incredible success of our Charity Auction and Bingo fundraiser in March.

Our Preschool has continued to amaze us with its commitment to outdoor learning, exploration and curiosity, while Sapling Class brought their rainforest topic to life with a visit from the Rainforest Roadshow earlier in the year, even meeting some of the Amazon's smaller inhabitants! In the Spring Term we also enjoyed a fantastic whole-school trip to Hay-on-Wye to celebrate World Book Day. It's certainly been a busy year!

There have been challenges too, however. This has also been one of the trickiest years for weather, with extreme conditions that have been too cold, too hot and too wet at different times. Thank you for your patience and understanding whenever difficult decisions have needed to be made. Please know that these are always taken with the children's best interests at heart.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful and dedicated staff team, who work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities and experiences for our children. We are fortunate that staffing remains very stable for September, and later on next year we look forward to welcoming Miss Cook back from maternity leave.

It's always a time of mixed emotions as we celebrate another wonderful year while saying a very sad goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils. They have worked incredibly hard, achieved so much, and been fantastic role models within our school community. We are so proud of all they have accomplished and will miss them greatly, but we know they are more than ready for the exciting adventures ahead. We wish each and every one of them every

success, happiness and confidence as they begin the next chapter of their journey.

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer holiday. The Crocker family will be celebrating Mr Crocker's 'special' birthday later in August with a trip away which includes driving over The Great St Bernard Pass (the third highest road pass in Switzerland) and, naturally, a bike ride in France in the Vosges mountain range on the big day itself!

We look forward to seeing you all in September. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and let's hope the sun stays out for a little while longer!!

Louise Crocker

Key Dates September:

Tuesday 1st September - INSET day (no children)

Wednesday 2nd September – Primary School children back (no preschool)

Friday 4th September – No flexi-school

Monday 7th September – Preschool starts – No flexi-school

Acorn Class Resources Request

Over the summer, if you're having a clear out and come across any small toy cars (such as Matchbox or Hot Wheels) in good condition that you no longer need, we would be delighted to give them a new home in Acorn Class. We would also be very grateful for any larger wheeled vehicles you are able to donate.

Preschool News

We can't believe that the end of term—and the end of the academic year—has arrived!

This half term, the children have watched caterpillars transform into butterflies, which were then released into our garden. During Kindness Week, we made a cake and invited Farmer Lyn for afternoon tea. The children were delighted to bring their teddy bears for a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Spinney and, this week, they have thoroughly enjoyed Beth's Beach in the garden.

On Wednesday afternoon, we were fortunate to watch *Three Little Pirate Pigs*, a new show from the Sea Legs Puppet Theatre, as part of our celebration afternoon to say goodbye to our Super Six, who are leaving us to join Reception next door.

Thank you for the kindness you have shown us and for all your support over the past year. We really do appreciate it.

Please note that Preschool starts again on Monday, 7th September.

We wish you a restful, fun-filled summer break and hope the sun continues to shine!

Julie, Beth and Bron