



Well the sun is still shining as I write this so I'm hoping it continues as we enter into the holidays! It's been a fantastic term, once again, and such a busy one. There have been many highlights from visits to

Curly Tails, Bikeability successes, Pirate days, FUDGE days, sports day and what an ending from The Pirates of the Curry Bean! This term is always a sad one at the end however as we say farewell to our Year 6's. They certainly will leave a huge hole in our school family, but I know they are more than ready for the opportunities that await them at Secondary School. As we wave a very fond farewell, we welcome in our new Foundation Stage Class. They have completed their induction into school confidently and with lots of smiles, so it's already looking like we have a great year ahead to look forward to. Plans are already well underway and diary dates will be on our website before the end of term. Before that let's look back to the term we have had:

Foundation Stage

Our Minibeast topic has been great fun. We have been learning about tiny creatures using non-fiction texts, stories, songs and movements. We have discovered insect homes in our outdoor classroom, and been on minibeast hunts all around the school grounds.



We have designed and created our own creatures using the computer, and even given them super powers! Using a range of materials and joining techniques, we made bugs, butterflies, ladybirds, ants and caterpillars. We showed how good our fine motor skills were by moulding with clay and

shaping with playdough.

Our FUDGE event was really exciting: thank you to all those who came. Our challenge was to make things that could fly using whatever we could find in the classroom! Although it was very hot, we managed to show excellent teamwork and produce some weird and wonderful models.



Year 1

What an exciting and busy last term we have had in Class 1! The children have enjoyed planting sunflowers, uncovering spell bounding stories of enchanted woods and in particular learning about the inspiring life of Florence Nightingale. We had a fantastic time on our visit to Claydon House, the home of Florence's sister, Parthenope and loved dressing up as nurses and soldiers.

I could not be more proud of each and every one of the children. A highlight has to be the phonics challenge where I saw so much determination in the children to do their best which is all we ever ask of them. Thank you for the wonderful support from the grown-ups this year. I hope you all have a super fun summer holiday and come back looking forward to new adventures in Class 2. ☺



Year 2

We've come to the end of our second year together and what a lot we have achieved in that time. This term, everyone took part in our annual sports day event and showed true team spirit. Man on the Moon and the Owl and the Pussycat were two of the key texts we used and really enjoyed reading together. We've been using the milk bottle castle as part of our reading area. We have learned about a wide variety of famous people, from Mozart to Van Gogh including the inventor of the World Wide Web (www) Sir Tim Berners-Lee. Some fantastic artwork has been produced on Starry Night and Sunflowers. Due to the children's interest in David Walliams, we read some extracts from his stories during Walliams Week. The children thought about the question: If *you* could be anyone you wanted to be – who would you be and why? Half the class took part in the KS1 Athletics festival at Stoke Mandeville. The children have also completed their Footsteps training which teaches them how to cross the road safely. We finished the term with our class trip to Claydon House which has a family connection to Florence Nightingale, the Lady with the lamp. We took part in three activities which involved acting out the soldiers' experience travelling to the Crimean War, dressing up as injured soldiers/helpful nurses and having a tour of the museum including sitting on Florence Nightingale's bed. One of the guides commented on how knowledgeable and well behaved our pupils were. We completed auditions for the Talent Show and house colour teams voted for their favourite act to represent them at the final last Friday. Well done to everyone who took part. Thank you for being such a brilliant and delightful class to teach. Good luck in Year 3 – I know you will enjoy it. A big thank you to our volunteer helpers this year. I hope you all have a safe and happy summer holiday.



Year 3



What a fantastic end of term we've had in Class 3! Your children have worked really hard, and are definitely looking ready to move into Year 4. I'm sure you'll agree the children did brilliantly in their recent class assembly. (Apologies for the tears!)

Our walk around the village last week went really well. The children behaved brilliantly (of course!) and many of them looked at Newton Longville through new eyes! The many observations they

made are now being used in their creation of visitor leaflets about Newton Longville. The visit to Curly Tails was amazing too – the children loved feeding the pigs from their 'treat buckets' (I don't think any of the children shared the treats!) Curly Tails is being promoted in the Newton Longville visitor guides too!



Can I take this opportunity to say a big 'Thank You' to all the parents of Class 3? Your support this year has been invaluable, and I have enjoyed our many chats throughout the year. Your children have done you proud, and I hope that they, and you, have a fantastic summer break!

Year 4



Although the children may say that their favourite part of this term was having an ice lolly, (it was the quietest they'd been all year!) summer term has been full of exciting and special moments. I know that the residential trip to Caldecotte has stood out for the children as one of the highlights this year. All of the children challenged themselves to try new things and had great fun in the process.

The year 4 FUDGE day was a great success. The children made some fantastic guitars with the support of our volunteers and then created posters to advertise them. Thank you to everyone who came in to support the children.

A few weeks ago, Class 4 had an incredible time meeting all of the pigs at Curly Tails. They learnt lots of information about how to look after the pigs and were very moved by some of the sad stories about the pigs' lives before they moved to Newton Longville. Your donations were greatly appreciated.

Inside the classroom, the children have been working really hard. Their recent retellings of Ancient Greek myths were incredibly well written. These were supported by their fantastic homework projects all about Greek mythology. There was a huge variety in what they produced, from films to sculptures to animations.

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the school year already. I would like to say thank you to all of the parents/carers that have made me feel so welcome this year. See you in September! Mrs Haycock.

Year 5

Another busy term in Year 5! We had our Bikeability training, learning about how to safely ride our bikes whilst using hand signals, with a practical element outside of school too. Our FUDGE day was a huge success, we created news reports and films related to our class text 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Many thanks to all of the FUDGE's who attended. You can see our completed films on our class page. Finally we met our foundation buddies, most of us remember our buddies from when we were in foundation and we are looking forwards to Year 6. Where has time gone?

No pictures this time but videos under class page section 😊

Year 6

It hardly seems possible that we are about to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 class!

It has been a tumultuous year, with many too many things to mention in one final newsletter. The class have been truly wonderful. They have engaged with every topic wholeheartedly and given their very best to every challenge.

It wasn't until the children recently shared the pieces they had written for their reports that we realized just how much we had packed in this year. With memories of: floating paper boats, visitors who had climbed mountains, designing internet safety board games, making clay paperweights, being buddies, learning to use BIDMAS, making 'light up' Christmas decorations, writing plays and stories to perform, funny grammar, going to Bletchley Park, filming mini movies, giving speeches to the class, learning Morse Code, making blood smoothies, leading the warm up in P.E. lessons, WW2 day, Fudge Day, Dodgeball success, Condoover residential, fun with chocolate, making Mayan masks and of course preparing to perform our 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' production.

The children have all had a visit to their senior schools and are well and truly ready for their next adventure in life. All that remains is for me to wish them the very best of luck as they move to year 7 and remind

them, as they face new challenges, to remember the words of Nelson Mandela ' **it always seems impossible until it is done**'.

Goodbye and good luck. Mrs Duxbury



Thankyous and Goodbyes

A huge thank you must go to the Friends of School for all their support this year. All the money they have raised has gone back into school and we truly appreciate all that they do for us.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Mick Durham. As many of you are aware Mick supports the summer fair and runs the discos for the FOS free of charge. This summer was his last ever disco as he hands over his DJ decks. The children will miss them Mick! Thank you for being truly amazing.

This term we also say fond farewells to Mrs Howlett and Mrs Holmes who both move on to pastures new. Thank you for all you have done. We wish you well in your new schools, they are so lucky to have you!



As we move into the summer holidays we're already started planning for next year.

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The children this week have all met their new teachers and visited their classrooms to ensure a smooth transition in September.

For parents there will be induction afternoons on 10th (Y5/6), 11th (Y3/4) and 13th (Y1/2) September at 3.30pm so that you can hear first-hand all about the class, the routines and expectations.

Uniform:

Please can I remind you all of the uniform policy, ready for September, in particular the compulsory items of jumper or cardigan **with school logo** and PE tops also **with the logo**. Please remember year 6 ties are purchased from the office for £3.10.

May I also remind you that earrings must not be worn in school unless for medical reasons they cannot be removed. If children are still within the 6 week period post piercing they must come to school with tape applied to the front and back (it is the back which is most dangerous). Please supply additional tape for in school if needed.

Water bottles:

School water bottles can now be purchased from the school office for £1.50. Please ensure you name these before bringing them to school.

Late arrivals:

We do hope that children will arrive on time for school (the whistle blows at 8.55am). However if for any reason you have been delayed children must still enter via the side gate. The main entrance is for visitors to the school and must be kept clear for emergencies.

School Carpark:

The carpark is for staff only and must not be used by parents dropping off or collecting children from school, or Kidspace, unless agreed in advance.

School Festival Kit:

Please, please if you have any school festival kit at home can you return it; we do need it for the new year.

Monthly drop in:

As a church school we believe that our duty of care goes beyond the part of looking after your child during school hours; we seek to offer care and support for the whole family and for our staff and we do this in conjunction with our local church.

We are exploring ways that we can make this more accessible to all those connected with the school. Starting in September 2018 on a monthly basis, Simon, our local Rector, will be in school from morning drop off until around 10-10:30am. He will be available to chat, to listen and to offer support to anyone who would like the opportunity. You don't have to have any links with the church or be a Christian and this isn't about getting you to go to church, it's about offering support and a listening ear where it is needed.

Details of when and where are below. You don't need to make an appointment, although you can let the school office or Simon know beforehand if you would like to see him.

If the times and dates below don't fit with your diary then you can contact Simon to arrange a mutually convenient alternative time.

Simon can be contacted via web form on the church website (<https://5parishes.org.uk/contact/> Please select 'Simon (Rector)' from the drop down menu) or you can call him on 01296 728531.

Upcoming dates 2018:

September 25th

October 18th

November 20th

December 13th

And that's it for another year:

So all that is left for me to say on behalf of myself and all the staff at school we hope you have a wonderful summer with lots of family time together;

A colorful graphic with the words 'happy holidays!' in a playful, multi-colored font. The letters are in various colors like red, orange, green, purple, blue, and pink. There are small heart shapes integrated into the letters, particularly in the 'i' of 'holidays' and the 'y' of 'happy'.

**and see you on
Thursday 6th September!**

PS: good luck Year 6, we'll miss you!