

Dear parents, carers and pupils,

### Headteacher for the day



Shasha (EYP) won the chance to be Headteacher for the day in the silent auction at the summer fete. On Monday, she went into all of the classrooms to check on the learning that was taking place and made the decision as headteacher all the pupils extra break time for their hard work. She also helped to lead assembly and worked in the headteacher office choosing new signs for our outside areas.



A headteacher in the making!

### Admissions

Although we are currently full, invariably we will have some pupil vacancies in September which arise due to the transient nature of our community. It is always better for us to be as full as possible in September as our funding is directly linked to pupil numbers. If you know of anyone new to the area or anyone waiting for a school place, please do encourage them to get in touch with us via [admissions@ss-philip-and-james.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@ss-philip-and-james.oxon.sch.uk)

*Mrs Lisa Smith – admissions administrator*

### After School Club

Thanks to everybody who submitted their applications for September ASC. We have availability on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, please email Mr Sadler on [clubs@philandjim.org.uk](mailto:clubs@philandjim.org.uk) to reserve a space. If your child is new to after school club, then please complete an application form. These can be found at the school office.

We will be running on the last day of term, Wednesday 24th July, and we will finish at 4.15pm.

*Mr Sadler*

### Holiday Courses - 12 - 16 August and 19 - 23 August

We still have availability on our summer holiday courses. These are run by Mr Sadler, and other staff, and involve Sport, Arts and Crafts, Cooking and ICT. If you would like to book please book via parent pay to secure your space.

*Mr Sadler*

### Year 6 Leavers events

As the end of year of year approaches, we would like to invite Year 6 parents to join us for a celebration of the children's time in school. The leavers' assembly will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 23rd July from 2-2:50pm. In addition, Year 6 parents are also welcome to join us in church on Friday 19th July at 11am (please note the change of date) for a service led by Andrew Bunch. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us as possible.

### Dragons' Den

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their Dragons' Den project this term. A big thank you to our Dragons – Mrs Joyce and Mr Phillips – for taking the time to come in and hear the children pitch, ask great questions and then give them feedback. Also, a big thank you to Mr Thorpe for his pitching advice, which helped the children really focus on what to include. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who came to our sale afternoon and purchased the wonderful range of products on offer. The children worked incredibly hard to design, make and sell their products and we are very proud of them all. We are pleased to tell you that the children made a combined profit of £348.97, which they have decided they would like to put towards two things: a picnic in the park next Friday lunchtime (children will not need to bring a lunch with them on this



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day) and the remainder will go to the charity Ocean Protection.

*The Year 6 Team*

### **A note on Plastic pollution**

Single – use plastic or sometimes known as disposable plastic, are invading and dominating the seas. It is also killing over 100,000 marine animals per year, but this is not only effecting sea life but also the humans that eat it.

*Matthew, Frankie and Eleanor in 5F*

### **Sing for the climate**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the afternoon, we are going to record the pupils singing. We are looking for anyone who has audio and/or video recording equipment we could borrow, or would be happy to come in and help us. If possible, we would like a drone to film from above. If you, or anyone you know can help us, please email for my attention to the school office.

Could I also take this opportunity to remind you to complete the filming permission form on ParentMail, if you have not already done so.

Many thanks,

*Miss Lambert*

### **Road Safety – Footsteps**

Teaching your children to walk safely to school will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Children who develop road awareness in primary school are in a much better position when they make the transition to secondary school. You can find some information about teaching children about being a safe pedestrian on the school [website](#).

### **Summer Holiday Reading List**

We would highly recommend that your child reads as much and as widely as possible over the summer holidays. Reading for pleasure has been shown to:

- **increase a child's empathy**
- **widen their imagination**
- **improve their ability to use punctuation in their writing**
- **expand writing vocabulary**

Words that are written are often more complex and varied than the words that we speak. Reading introduces our children to these words in meaningful contexts which can then be translated into their own writing vocabulary repertoire.

### **Reading Communities**

It has been found that children who see reading valued by people around them are more likely to value reading themselves. Take a moment to discuss the books that you were reading when you were their age. If you have a copy, read them with your children. Discuss the books that they are interested in. Take a trip to the library together – show your child that you are there to borrow a book too. Do your children see their grandparents as avid readers? Are they taking part in the summer reading challenge?

### **Here are some websites to help support your child:**

- [Summer Reading Challenge](#)
- [Pearson - top tips](#)



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- [Booktrust recommendations](#)

Here are some links to books that are recommended for specific year groups:

- [Year 6](#)
- [Year 5](#)
- [Year 4](#)
- [Year 3](#)
- [Year 2](#)
- [Year 1](#)
- [EYFS](#)

If your children have grown out of good quality books and they are in need of a new home, we would love to receive your donations for our library and book corners.

Summer reading activities:

- [Story Museum Events](#)
- [Blackwells Story Time](#)
- [Meet Robin Stevens \(Waterstones\)](#)

## Weekly Celebration assembly

Over and above our conduct expectations, we also award house points to children for showing kindness, care and effort.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Bronze certificate for being awarded a fantastic 25 house points. **EYC: Peter, Alice**

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Silver certificate for being awarded a fantastic 50 house points. **4CM: Alex, Tom, Alex 3L: Archie, Sasa, Oliver**

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Gold certificate for being awarded a fantastic 100 house points. **6CY: Benjamin 5F: Molly, Tommaso, Jamie, Hippolyte, Oliver, Mary, Gordon, Saoirse 3L: Troy, Madeleine, Alex, Eirini, Livvi, Jo 2BH: Aaron, Wilfred, Luca**

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Gold certificate for being awarded a fantastic 200 house points. **3S: Gulperi 3L: Pierrick 2BH: Genevieve**

Yours sincerely,

Ms Sarah Awuye  
Headteacher



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#### PTA News

After 2 years co-chairing the PTA, Becs Ekins and Carrie Heyward are stepping down from their PTA positions. We have loved being involved in this part of school life but both have other pulls on our time which mean we need to step down. Please do consider whether you might be able to take on a co-chairing PTA role. It's a wonderful way to get to know people and to help grow the school community and invest in the school. Many of the events which we run have their own teams of people to take a lead or offer support and the PTA team are an incredible bunch to work with (thank you to you all). Please contact us through Carrie's email ([carriext@aol.com](mailto:carriext@aol.com)) if you are interested, we are happy to answer any questions which you might have.

#### Summer Term dates for your diary

Year 6 End of Year Play Dress Rehearsal	Wednesday 17 July 1:15pm
Year 6 End Of Year Play Performance	Thursday 18 July 6pm – 8pm
End of Topic to Parents Year 4	Thursday 18 July
<b>Year 6 Leavers Service, St Margaret's Church</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 11am (change of date)</b>
Leavers Assembly for Year 6	Tuesday 23 July 2pm
Year 6 BBQ	Tuesday 23 July 6:30pm-8:30pm
End of Summer Term	<b>Wednesday 24 July 2019 1.30pm finish</b>

#### Autumn Term 2019: dates for your diary

INSET school closed for children	<b>Monday 2 September</b>
INSET school closed for children	<b>Tuesday 3 September</b>
Start of term for Year 1 – Year 6	<b>Wednesday 4 September</b>
Start of term for Early Years	<b>Monday 9, 16, 23 September (Staggered start dates)</b>

#### Community news

Please find information that might be of interest to members of the school community.

### Summer Holiday Science camp

#### Spaces still available!

#### Register your child for a day or week of Fun Science activities!

Designed to entertain children during the school holidays with fun science activities that are sure to 'wow' them. We provide a safe environment for children to get hands-on with science, with enquiry lead activities and exciting demonstrations each day.

- Our Science activities are suitable for ages 5 to 11 years.
- All days run from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.
- Camps cost £30 per child, per day - 10% sibling discount is available.
- All children are required to bring a packed lunch with them every day and suitable outdoor clothing.



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