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Summer Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

I must start by congratulating our Year 6 cohort on the completion of their SATs. I was so impressed with their positive and calm attitude towards these tests and I hope that they will be proud when they receive their results. My thanks go out to all the staff who were involved with supporting the children, Mrs Braddock and her team for the breakfasts and to you as parents for supporting them with their homework. A particular thank you goes to our Year 6 teachers, Miss Dienel and Mrs Rampersaud. Their commitment and effective working partnership helped to ensure the children were well prepared for such an important week.

Fun Day

Our way of celebrating the end of SATs week was another success. Despite the weather, we were all able to share a picnic on the school field after some fun activities and challenges both inside and outside the classrooms. We enjoyed a repertoire of songs from the Chauncy junior choir who were then delighted to join in with our whole school dance to the Macarena!

Trips & Journeys

This half term the children have been extremely lucky to participate in many trips and journeys. Reception had a fantastic time at Shepreth finding out and experiencing many types of animals through workshops. Well done to the children for their wonderful assembly in which they shared this work with their parents and the school. Nursery enjoyed a very sunny day at Cedars Park where they explored the maze, decorated the pavements with chalk and explored the zoo. Lower Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed travelling back in time to the Stone Age at Celtic Harmony Camp. The Year 5 camping adventure was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their independence and survival skills. They experienced a wide range of activities such as shelter building, fire lighting, wildlife first aid, filleting a salmon and so much more! My thanks go out to all the staff, governors, parents & volunteers who give their time to ensure that we are able to provide our pupils with so many different experiences.

Sports

The Year 5 cohort have almost completed their play leader training and have worked really hard to develop these skills. Next half term they will putting these skills to the test as they work with our Key Stage 1 pupils to enhance their playtime games opportunities. Legends tennis visited us this half term to work with the children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 to give them experience of a range of tennis skills. We are now preparing for our upcoming sports day and district sports events. We have recently received the date of district sports which sadly this year clashes with our Year 6 residential journey.

Rotary Essay Competition year 6

Well done to Oliver, Evie and Hayden for their fantastic entries. Oliver was best in school with Hayden runner up. Evie's essay was highly commended for her portrayal of emotion as a child social worker.

Kitchen Garden Project

We now have a growing space with a vegetable trug and potatoes and strawberries growing! Thank you to Groundwork East for their support towards this project.



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Building Works

The works to the ceiling project will commence this weekend. As you know this major refurbishment will continue up until at least the end of the autumn term. I will send you regular updates at times when your children or classrooms may be affected. My thanks go to Mr Dicker and Mrs Coates for their help in organising the project so efficiently. This week we have needed to pack away a lot of the rooms that will be affected and The Croft has been relocated. Thank you so much to all the staff who helped with the move. We will be in touch with more information when we return after the half term break.

I am amazed at how much we have been able to fit in to such a short half term. We still have so many more fun and exciting activities ahead. My thanks go out to you all for your patience regarding the security gates which are now up and running. Although the timings will be something for us all to get used to, these gates will help support us safeguard our children and our school community.

I wish you all a restful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all in our busy summer term full of productions, sports days and not forgetting our Summer family festival.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs D Miller
Head Teacher



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Playleader Training



Summer Fun Day