

# Weekly Newsletter 14th July

Dear Everyone

I hope you all enjoyed our wonderful Key Stage 2 production of Treasure Island as much as I did. It takes immense effort from all the children and staff, and because it happens right at the end of the academic year, everyone is always at their most tired! But yet again it was a triumph, and I am extremely grateful to our staff for being willing to take on something so ambitious year after year.

Message from Diana and Grahame - thank you to parents who helped clear up after the production; the field was left better than ever before!

## REPORTS:

Thank you for the positive comments you have given us about the new style of reports. Also Year 6 parents, thank you for your forbearance over the confusing sets of data you received; I was somewhat gratified that the day after I sent you a parentmail message consisting of four paragraphs to clarify the different sets of results, the DfE published a four page booklet for parents of Year 6 to explain the end of Key Stage 2 results! [Here is the link:](#)

For those of you who would like to support their children's learning, we recommend the [CGP Maths and English practice books and study guides](#). We use these with Year 6, and will be offering them to children in the autumn, but parents of those in younger year groups might find them useful to boost their children's learning in areas where they are still developing towards the expected standard.

## END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS:

1. Please remove everything from children's cloakroom pegs and shoe lockers on Wednesday 19th - anything left after the end of the afternoon, will be hung on the railings to be claimed as lost property by before we break up.
2. Please send in a carrier bag on Monday for your child to bring home their work - we will be keeping some books for them to continue using next year, and we will be keeping samples of children's work as part of preparing to go into an Ofsted window next academic year.
3. Please pay any outstanding amounts for school lunches or trips before next Friday.

## LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS:

Even though the deadlines have passed, please continue to bring back any school library books that you find at home; a great number have gone missing this year.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Over the last couple of years we have had several incidences of children developing very high temperatures very quickly, and we have had to call the emergency services. To give us greater peace of mind, Mrs Robson has bought a digital ear thermometer for school which will give us instant, accurate readings of temperature if a child becomes ill. It cost approximately £50 and we would be very grateful of any donations to cover the cost. Please give to Mrs Robson.

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 STORIES:

We are having a special afternoon on Wednesday to honour Ms Ahilan, and our other wonderful staff leavers. Please join us after you have collected your children from class on the field for a feast of stories. Please bring a rug and a cake to share.

## STAFF LEAVERS:

The good news is that Miss Saadi and Miss Flora Robson are both now staying on longer in the autumn! The bad news is that Mrs Price will be leaving us after very many faithful years of service in our EYFS. Following Mrs Sloley's departure last summer, I was very grateful that Jo stayed on to bring some continuity to Garry Class, but a year on, sadly for us, she has decided to stop being a teaching assistant to try something different.

## SCHOOL DINNERS:

Just to give you advanced warning that the cost of school dinners will increase to £2.20 in September. However, the government is continuing free school meals for all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 that we hope most parents will take advantage of. These children also get a free fruit break during the morning, and we do encourage all of Key Stage 2 who do not get the free fruit to bring in fruit or veg sticks of their own.

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS 2017-2018:

I can confirm that apart from Ebbenezers, after school clubs will not start until our second week back in September (w.c. 11.9.17). Gardening Club run by Miss Cranham and Y1 Drama Club run by Miss Pullin are going to become lunchtime clubs in the autumn. Here is an updated version of what we have been notified is on offer this autumn:

NAME OF CLUB	DAY	WHO?	TIME	email contact	Name of Leader
SING UP	MO	Y 1 - 2	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:EMFORMUSIC@OUTLOOK.COM">EMFORMUSIC@OUTLOOK.COM</a>	Emily Marshall
HISTORY OF ART	MO	Y 1,2,3	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:arthistox@gmail.com">arthistox@gmail.com</a>	Arianna Sangiovanni
THEATRE CLUB	MO	Y 3,4,5,6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:alice.farrell@hotmail.co.uk">alice.farrell@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Alice Farrell
FOOTBALL CLUB	MO	Y 3,4,5	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:matthewjamesfrancisreece@gmail.com">matthewjamesfrancisreece@gmail.com</a>	Matthew Reece
HOMEWORK CLUB	TUE	by invitation	3.10 - 4.10	-	Mr Godby/Miss Pullin
HISTORY OF ART	TUE	Y 4,5,6	3.10 - 4.10	<a href="mailto:arthistox@gmail.com">arthistox@gmail.com</a>	Arianna Sangiovanni
RUNNING CLUB	TUE	Y 5,6	3.10 - 4.10	<a href="mailto:lsha0273@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk">lsha0273@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk</a>	Lisa Shaw
GUITAR LESSONS	TUE	Y 2-6	20 MINS	<a href="mailto:INFO@DRUM-BEATS.CO.UK">INFO@DRUM-BEATS.CO.UK</a>	Nigel Ralph
BOLLYWOOD	TUE	ALL	3.10 - 4.10	<a href="mailto:narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk">narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk</a>	Mrs Thapar
FOREST SCHOOL	WED	Y 2	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:rosieharlow@gmail.com">rosieharlow@gmail.com</a>	Rosie Harlow
MUSICAL THEATRE	WED	Y 4,5,6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:jhor1197@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk">jhor1197@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk</a>	Mrs Horn
DRUMBEATS DRUMS	WED	Y 2-6	20 MINS	<a href="mailto:nigel@drum-beats.co.uk">nigel@drum-beats.co.uk</a>	Nigel Ralph
CRAFT CLUB	THU	by invitation	tba	-	Mrs Taphouse
BIRDWATCHING CLUB	THU	Y1-Y6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:ejac0207@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk">ejac0207@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk</a>	Miss Jackson
SPANISH CLUB	THU	ALL	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:teititas@yahoo.com">teititas@yahoo.com</a>	MRS PEREZ
NETBALL	THU	Y 5/6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:callumhicks97@hotmail.co.uk">callumhicks97@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Callum Hicks
GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB	FR	REC - Y6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:michk1@sky.com">michk1@sky.com</a>	Michelle Keeler
ULTIMATE FRISBEE	FR	ALL	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:elisa@atm.ox.ac.uk">elisa@atm.ox.ac.uk</a>	Elisa Carboni
KOREAN CLUB	FR	REC - Y6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:jieun.kiaer@orinst.ox.ac.uk">jieun.kiaer@orinst.ox.ac.uk</a>	Jieun Kiaer

There will be additional clubs starting up in the autumn hopefully including Philosophy, Zumba and Stretching and Breathing for Kids! Please note that in the light of current financial constraints, we need to ensure we are maximising our funding opportunities, in order to be able to maintain the quality of provision during the school day. Therefore, from 1st September 2017, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per week for clubs that have previously been free e.g. Musical Theatre, Running Club, Netball Club and Bird Watching Club. Parents and Carers need to pay termly in advance, please, by cheque to Diana Forbes made payable to OCC.

We are sorry that we have to resort to this, and we sincerely hope that it does not prevent your child from attending clubs. We will be using this income plus the weekly rent we are charging all the other club providers, to fund Sawson to continue providing our wonderful lunchtime Jigsaw Puzzle Club and Games Club, and Arianna to continue providing our lunchtime Art club. These clubs are so valuable for children who need a quieter, more structured environment than the playground, and for those who love puzzles, board games and art.

## SCIENCE CURRICULUM DAY:

Our first curriculum day will be on Monday 25th September and will be a whole day dedicated to Science. Are you a nurse, a doctor and dentist or hygienist who would be willing to come and talk to children about your job, or a scientist willing to run a practical workshop? If so, please speak to Miss Jackson in Pangani class who is already planning what I know will be a very exciting day.

## PARENT GOVERNOR:

Today is the deadline for nominations. I have one so far, if no one else puts themselves forward, they will be elected unopposed.

Have you read your class curriculum newsletter this week? Here are the links to each class area:

[MISS WOODS' GARRY CLASS](#)  
[MISS SELF'S DARLING CLASS](#)  
[MISS PULLIN'S CONGO CLASS](#)  
[MISS DILL'S LIFFEY CLASS](#)  
[MISS JACKSON'S PANGANI CLASS](#)  
[MRS HORNER AND MADAME VERGIER'S THAMES CLASS](#)  
[MISS CRANHAM'S SEINE CLASS](#)  
[MISS WELHAM'S YANGTZE CLASS](#)  
[MISS WILSON'S DANUBE CLASS](#)  
[MISS AHILAN'S AMAZON CLASS](#)  
[MRS HORN AND MR LITTLE'S LIMPOPO CLASS](#)  
[MR GODBY'S HARO CLASS](#)  
[MR STOWE'S OB CLASS](#)

This is the final newsletter of the year, but I will send you a closing parentmail message next Friday as we break up.

Best wishes

**Susie Bagnall**

### IMPORTANT DATES!

These dates, plus all the class cake sales and more are all on the website calendar [here](#):

Monday 17th July Oxford Library Summer Reading Challenge assembly

Tuesday 18th July Shuffle Up Morning (new classes)

P.M. Bollywood Dancing performance, Fashion Show and Year 1 Drama performance

Wednesday 19th July AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 STORIES event in honour of Ms Ahilan and our other staff leavers. Please join us on the field after you have collected your children at 3 p.m. Bring a rug and a cake to share.

Thursday 20th July Children's Leavers' Assembly 9.10 a.m. (BBQ and disco organised by parents early evening)

Friday 21st July Break up for the Summer 2 p.m.

Tuesday 5th September Children return to school

### Community Events:

**SOAP:** Open daily after school 3.15-5.15pm. Free inclusive outdoor play and activities for all children. Children 7 years and above can stay without a parent /carer but must be registered with SOAP to do so. Parents/cares are responsible for their children if under 7 years, or they are accompanied. Please be aware that private parties are not allowed when SOAP is open after school and during holiday sessions. SOAP thrives on being inclusive and we want all children to feel equally welcome to join activities and use the equipment. The playground is available to hire for private events at weekends and weekday evenings from 6pm. Please ask a playworkers or email [hiresoap@soapoxford.co.uk](mailto:hiresoap@soapoxford.co.uk) if you have any questions or would like to know more about our party policy. Thank you for your understanding.

### Help Me To Cook – Summer Cookery Classes

Please find below the dates and menus for this summer holiday cookery classes. If you would like to book a place or know any more, please just email [helpmetocook@btconnect.com](mailto:helpmetocook@btconnect.com).

Monday 24th July - 9am to 12pm

Bang Bang Chicken & Coconut Macaroons

Monday 31st July - 9am to 12pm

Beef Burgers with Homemade Rolls & Eton Mess

Monday 7th August - 9am to 12pm

Griddled Turkey Pasta Salad & Double Choc Muffins

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

W: [helpmetocook.co.uk](http://helpmetocook.co.uk)

Twitter: @helpmetocook

Facebook: @helpmetocookathome

M: 07814907293

We hope you are looking forward to the Summer holidays. We would like to inform you of a **2-day Technology Camp** we are running on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August at St Ebbe's C E Primary School, OX1 1QE from 9am to 3pm each day.

From Robot Programming to Hoverboard Segways, there are lots of fun and enriching activities to ensure the children have an unforgettable learning experience. The fee is only £80 in total for the 2 days with limited availability. For more information and to enrol simply visit:

[www.nextthing.education/ebbes](http://www.nextthing.education/ebbes)

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**FREE ENTRANCE  
AND FREE  
ACTIVITIES!**

**ABINGDON PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY**  
**BACK FOR IT'S THIRD YEAR!!!**  
SOUTHERN TOWN PARK, LAMBRICK WAY, OFF  
PRESTON ROAD, ABINGDON, OX14 5TJ

**SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2017**  
**11AM UNTIL 3PM**

Bright Sparks Science \* Go Kart Party \* Drumming \* Body Zorbing \* Fire Play \* Muzo Akademy \* Edible Hanging Baskets \* Bouldering Wall \* Orinoco Scrapstore \* Groovy Su \* Giant Bubbles \* Healthwatch \* Library Service \* Mobile Childrens Centre \* White Horse Leisure Centre \* Churches Together in Abingdon and much more!

**BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER THROUGH PLAY**

For further details please contact - Oxfordshire Play Association  
Tel: 01865 779474 / [www.oxonplay.org.uk](http://www.oxonplay.org.uk) / [martin.alliet@oxonplay.org.uk](mailto:martin.alliet@oxonplay.org.uk)

This is an Open Access event. Please note that NO Childcare is provided. There is NO Parking on site.  
Food and Refreshments will need to be purchased, you are most welcome to bring a picnic.

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The **IRIS** project are delighted to be offering another **Classics Summer School** this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney. It will take place on the mornings of 29, 30 and 31st August 2017. Details

**Jessie's Art Shed**  
**SUMMER Workshops 2017**  
For all children aged 5 - 14

**AWESOME INDONESIA**  
Wednesday 26th July - 1:15pm - 4:15pm  
Thursday 27th July 9:30am - 12:30pm

**DAZZLING DRIP PAINTING**  
Thursday 3rd August - 1:15pm - 4:15pm  
Friday 4th August - 9:30am - 12:30pm

**BRILLIANT BUTTONS**  
Tuesday 8th August - 1:15pm - 4:15pm  
Wednesday 9th August - 9:30am - 12:30pm

**FAB FUN FAIR**  
Thursday 10th August - 10am - 3pm

For more information or to book a place contact Jessie Whealy on:  
Email - [jessiewhealy@gmail.com](mailto:jessiewhealy@gmail.com)

at <http://www.eoccc.org.uk/classics-summer-school-29-31-august-2017>

The format for each day will be as follows:

9 - 10.30 - Latin (ages 7 - 10); Latin (ages 11 - 14); Greek (ages 7 - 10); Greek (ages 11 - 14)

10.30 - 11.15 - refreshments and activities

11.15 - 12.45 - Latin (ages 7 - 10); Latin (ages 11 - 14); Greek (ages 7 - 10); Greek (ages 11 - 14)

The classes will be run by experienced teachers and will include activities as well as language learning. There will be activity stalls and refreshments between the morning classes themed on different archaeological sites!

If you would like your son/daughter to attend the summer school, you can book to attend by emailing [info@irisproject.org.uk](mailto:info@irisproject.org.uk) and stating name, age, and which language class he/she would like to join for the duration of the summer school. Attendees need to choose one language they would like to learn for the duration of the school - either Latin or Greek - as each class builds on the previous one.

The summer school is free of charge, although we very much welcome donations to help cover our costs for refreshments. You can make a donation online at <http://www.eoccc.org.uk/support-us>

Please feel welcome to get in touch with any questions.

We are also offering a Sunday Latin class starting in October for children and their families to come and learn Latin - details at <http://www.eoccc.org.uk/beginners-latin-for-children>



### e-safety:

Please know **what** your children are playing online and **who** they are playing with over the summer.

If your child uses **social media**, please make sure they are not sending or receiving any inappropriate messages.