



## Newsletter 2 Summer Term

6 May 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

### Chicks!

The children in Class 1/2 were very excited to find on Thursday, after 3 weeks of watching and waiting, that six of their chicks had hatched! They then saw the seventh chick hatch just before lunchtime. They have named them Biscuit, Custard, Ray, Ben, Josh, Tom and Flour. They look forward to caring for them over the next week before they go home with Noah Ellis, whose family was kind enough to provide the eggs for us to incubate.

### NSPCC Fund Raising

You have done it again! Children, parents and friends raised the grand total of £1740.17 for the NSPCC. Bearing in mind this came so quickly after Sport Relief this is a magnificent achievement. Thank you so much!

### Mobile Library to close

With a budget cut of 69 million pounds to make, Oxfordshire County Council has sadly decided that the Oxfordshire mobile library service to schools will cease at the end of the Summer Term 2016, with no further visits by this service after July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. This will mean that the last date for borrowing books through the mobile library will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, with the final collecting in of books being on 14<sup>th</sup> July. I do hope that you will encourage as many children as possible to continue their love of reading by using the network of 43 libraries across the county.

### Park Gate

As the school is now being used more in the evenings for after school care and clubs, we have decided to leave the park gates open until 6pm every evening, when they will be locked. This will enable parents to have easy access to the Playing Fields car park when collecting children. The park gates will also be locked during the weekend. Now that the warmer afternoons are upon us and the park is being used more often after pick-up time, can I please remind you that children should not be coming back into school to use the toilets.

### Composite Cheques

A few parents have been handing in composite cheques for multiple events. Unfortunately as Val has to reconcile cost against income received for each individual trip in multiple spreadsheets, composite cheques don't work for this system. Please provide individual cheques for each reply slip. Where two siblings are on the same trip a joint cheque is fine.

## SATs

Next week is the beginning of our annual round of statutory tests. Please make sure your children are in school for the tests, even if they're feeling a little under the weather (they can always be sent home afterwards if they become unwell). The Year 6s will complete their tests next week, having worked extremely hard all year, preparing for them. We're very proud of the effort they, and their teachers, have had to put in to be at the new levels expected of them by the government. Good luck to you all!

The Year 2 tests will be more low key and will take place from the week beginning May 16<sup>th</sup> until half term.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Debbie McLeod  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL DIARY

9 May- SATs Week  
12 May- Library Van  
18 May- Yenworthy Meeting for Year 5 Parents  
27 May- End of Term 5  
6 June- INSET Day  
7 June- Back to School  
16 June- Library Van  
16 June –New Parents Meeting 6pm  
24 June- Sports Day 8 July-Evening-FoFS Summer Fete  
5 July- 2pm Year 5 Brass Performance  
5 July- 6.30pm Year 5/6 Performance  
6 July- 6.30 Year 5/6 Performance  
8 July- Summer Fete  
12 July- Class Swap Day  
14 July- Library Van- Book Collection Only  
14 July- Presentation Evening Year 6  
20 July- Leavers' Service and End of Term