



Dear all,

It's certainly been action-packed at school since the last headteacher's newsletter back in January! From the dark and cold of Term 3, we now find ourselves enjoying the warmer weather as our natural environment springs into life around us. A later than usual break-up for the Easter holidays has left plenty of time in Term 4 to fit in a wide variety of activities, in school and out. We've had Book Week, fundraising, music, panto, sport, School Association events, a fashion show... the list goes on...and I haven't even mentioned the big 'O' yet!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 – 2017 (see School Website for further dates)

SPECIFIC DATES – SUMMER TERM

Term 5

Tuesday 25th April
 Wednesday 26th April
 Monday 1st May
 Friday 5th May
 Monday 8th May onwards
 Friday 12th May
 Mon 15th – Weds 24th May
 Mon 15th – Tues 23rd May
 Thursday 25th May

Lower School visit to Sealife Centre (Birmingham)
 2nd Chesterton Sportshall Showdown
 May Bank Holiday – School closed
 School Association Bags2School
 Key Stage Two SATs week (Year 6)
 School Association Film Night – The BFG
 Key Stage One SATs window (Year 2)
 Scholastic Book Fair
 May Day Celebrations



Term 6

Monday 5th June
 Tues 6th – Thursday 8th June
 Monday 12th June onwards
 Wednesday 28th June
 Saturday 1st July
 Friday 14th July
 Friday 21st July

INSET Day – School closed to pupils
 Prayer Space in school
 Year 1 Phonics screening check
 Sports Day
 Summer Fayre (*note change of date)
 School Association Summer Party
 Break up for Summer Holidays



- NB: 2017-18 Term dates, including INSET days, are available on the school website.

MARVELLOUS MAPLE

Attendance this year is currently 97.0%, which is above the national average (96.1%) and an improvement on last year. There haven't been too many nasty bugs floating around recently and let's hope that the warmer weather means that we can have a healthy end to the year. A special mention to Bobbie Brelsford (Apple Class) who we discovered - in the course of our analysis - has reached the incredible landmark of 650 consecutive days in school! With 100% attendance for the whole of this year and the previous two academic years, we found out that the last day Bobbie took off school was in November 2013. What an achievement!

Remember: House Points have been awarded for any children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of Term 3 & 4. The same will be true of Term 5 & 6, so don't worry if you didn't quite make it this term.

The top two classes for attendance in the Spring Term were as follows:

Maple : 97.7%
 Apple: 97.1%

Well done to Mrs Leonard and her resilient band in Maple Class who knocked Beech off the top of the table and have earned some extra break time!

Spring Term House Attendance:

Jersey: 98.0%	20 points
Squire: 97.7%	15 points
Penrose: 96.7%	10 points
Buckle: 96.1%	5 points

100% Attendance:

There were 44 pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of the Spring Term, including a whopping 15 pupils from **Squire**.

Remember: Even if you have already had a day off this year, you can still earn 100% attendance for the Summer Term.



HOUSE SYSTEM

The race for the Term 3 House Cup was certainly close with nearly 1000 points shared between the four houses. In the end, only 14 points separated **Squire** from **Penrose**, as the reds dusted themselves off after the disappointment of collecting the wooden spoon in Term 2 to regain top spot! **Penrose** captain Kirsty will be hoping that, having finished as runners-up for two terms in a row, the greens can finally make it to top spot this time around. Jasmine's **Jersey** haven't quite recreated their Term 2 form, but are still lurking dangerously in 2nd place for the year. Meanwhile Charlotte and **Buckle** will be aiming to build on their strongest term so far to get the blue ribbons on the trophy in the Summer Term.

The Term 3 leaderboard was:

- 1st: **Squire (Alex Bell/Miss Gascoigne) 261 points.**
- 2nd: **Penrose (Kirsty Ellacott/Mrs Leonard) 247 points**
- 3rd: **Jersey (Jasmine Kirby/Ms Bailey) 233 points**
- 4th: **Buckle (Charlotte Kavanagh/Mrs Salter) 221 points**

As I write, there are only a few days to go before this term's winner is decided. However, a lot can change as significant points are on offer for gold certificates (handed out this Friday).

The current Term 4 leaderboard is:

- 1st: **Penrose (Kirsty Ellacott/Mrs Leonard) 301 points**
- 2nd: **Squire (Alex Bell/Miss Gascoigne) 271 points**
- 3rd: **Jersey (Jasmine Kirby/Ms Bailey) 260 points**
- 4th: **Buckle (Charlotte Kavanagh/Mrs Salter) 255 points**

Despite not yet winning the termly cup, **Penrose's** consistent performances have seen Kirsty's house be the first to reach the 1000 point mark and open up a lead at the top of the table.

The current 2016-2017 academic year leaderboard is:

- 1st: **Penrose (Kirsty Ellacott/Mrs Leonard) 1036 points**
- 2nd: **Jersey (Jasmine Kirby/Ms Bailey) 1012 points**
- 3rd: **Squire (Alex Bell/Miss Gascoigne) 989 points**
- 4th: **Buckle (Charlotte Kavanagh/Mrs Salter) 910 points**



AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

Gold Certificates

Our gold certificates, which are awarded for outstanding effort, are given out at the end of each term. Two children were chosen per class and received their certificates before February half-term. Ten more gold certificate winners will be announced on Friday. Our chosen few in Term 3 were:

Maple Class: **Poppy Simpson & Eleanor Messum**

Beech Class: **Harriet Ford & Lucy Billington**

Ash Class: **Amelie Barlow & Olwen Parsons**

Apple Class: **Carissa Murfitt & Chris Meek**

Oak Class: **Emily Martin & Rosie Ashton**



EXCELLING IN ENGLISH

Amazing Authors

Writing has been celebrated again recently, with our latest Amazing Author certificates for February being awarded. Congratulations to **Poppy Muddiman-Wickson**, **Jessica Honour**, **Harriet Ford**, **Caitlin Tingey**, **Will Reeves** and **Inés Piaget-Thompson** for impressing your teachers with your writing last term. We will be presenting some more Amazing Author awards soon and we look forward to reading more fantastic writing. Look out for the display board in the school hall.
(Mrs Salter)

Regular Readers

Our enthusiastic reading has continued after Christmas and seven more Reading Raffle draws have been carried out during Friday celebration worship. We have also had our first double winner, with Emily Martin's name being pulled out for the second time in a few weeks!
Remember: the more tickets, the more chances to win!

Winners since the last newsletter:

February	Jess Cresswell	Benjamin Horseman	Emily Martin	
March	Chris Meek	Amelie Barlow	CJ Hawes	Finlay Haynes



Each excited winner has been to my office to choose their prize of a book from the large selection on offer. Thank you to the School Association for funding this initiative.



MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

Our Amazing Authors have been celebrated for a while now, so it is about time that effort and expertise in Maths was recognised. Therefore we have decided to introduce a new certificate to be awarded to our Marvellous Mathematicians from across the school.

Our very first certificates (for February) were awarded by the teachers recently. Congratulations to **Meriel Woodrow**, **Oscar Horwood**, **Evie Walford**, **Ruby Evans** and **Benjamin Horseman** for impressing your teachers with your Maths earlier this term. We will be presenting some more Marvellous Mathematician awards soon and we look forward to seeing more impressive work. Look out for the new display board in the school hall. (Miss Regan)



BRILLIANT BOOKS AND CLEVER COSTUMES

At the beginning of March, we ran our annual Book Week. With this year marking the 20th anniversary of World Book Day, it was great to see so many children (and parents!) putting in a huge effort to create some fantastic book character costumes. We were so impressed by the range of ideas and certainly enjoyed stepping into the world of some of our favourite stories for the day. During the week, we also had additional opportunities to read, study and enjoy a range of activities linked to books. In a special collective worship, contestants from each class competed in a book-themed quiz.

Then the winners of our 'Design A

Book Cover' competition were announced. See below for results. If you haven't done so already, check out some of the competition entries, as well as photographs of us all dressed up, on the school website or on the display board outside Ash Class.

In May, we are looking forward to running a 'Travelling Books' fair, which will be a good opportunity for you to buy some new books, whilst earning rewards for the school. This will enable us to purchase new books for our school collections. Further details of this event will be sent to you after Easter.

Thank you for all your support with our book activities so far and we hope to see you at the book fair in May. **Mrs Salter**



Book Week 2017 Quiz Participants

	Winners – Team Spiker	Runners-Up – Team Sponge
Maple	Albie Floyd	CJ Hawes
Beech	Ruby Chandler	Joely Donaldson
Ash	Olwen Parsons	Benji Blakey
Apple	Taylor McDonald	Jessica Cresswell
Oak	Rosie Ashton	Maggie Smith

Front Cover Winners

Lower School	Eleanor Messum
	Lilly-Marie Leeson
	Willow Boshier
Upper School	Taylor McDonald
	Melody Cameron

Costume Winners

Class	1 st	Character
Maple	Ted Thornton	Supertato
Beech	Finlay Haynes	Alien In Underpants
Ash	Caitlin Tingey	Matilda
Apple	Holly McLellan	Awful Auntie
Oak	Evie Mimpres	Pippi Longstocking



A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Durham and Mrs Liversidge would like me to remind parents of a couple of details for after the Easter holidays.

School Lunches: Please be aware that the Summer Term will begin with the Week 1 menu straight after the Easter holidays.

Club Energy: Due to the Sportshall Showdown taking place on 26th April, the first Club Energy of the Summer Term will take place on Wednesday 3rd May.

Football Club: Due to a girls' league football fixture taking place on 28th April, the first Football Club of the Summer Term will take place on Friday 5th May.

Office Staffing: On a temporary basis for the Summer Term, there will be a small change in the division of staff time in the school office. Mrs Liversidge will now work on a Tuesday – in addition to her usual Weds, Thurs, Fri hours. Mrs Durham will now work on a Monday and a Wednesday. As always, Jackie and Pauline will liaise closely during their 'handover' day on a Wednesday, which helps ensure continuity.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

If you (or any family or friends) do any of your shopping at Sainsbury's, please help the school by posting the vouchers into the box outside the office. Vouchers are being given out (1 for every £10 spent) until May 2nd so there is plenty of time for us to collect a healthy haul. Through this scheme, we will be able to order a wide range of sports and playground equipment; all of which helps to improve the quality of physical learning and release much needed funds within the school budget!

Sainsbury's



SCIENCE MUSEUM

On the 15th March, Upper School travelled to London for their trip to the Science Museum. First of all, the classes were split into groups, before they headed off with their adults to begin looking around the museum. One of the children's favourite exhibits was 'Engineering Your Future', which included massive touch screens which visitors could play on, learn from and enjoy. There were many other fascinating sections, including: 'Who am I?', 'Space', 'Mathematics', 'Air' and many more. The lucky pupils were also invited to a 45 minute workshop about forces, such as: magnetism, air resistance and the laws of Isaac Newton. During one of the activities, Mr Horner and Phoebe had to take part in a challenge involving a shot put, which was very amusing. We were also introduced to Phil the Frog, who took part in lots of force-related experiments.

The workshop was very enjoyable, as was the whole visit.

By Thomas Blakey – Oak Class



FABULOUS FUNDRAISING

Chesterton pupils raised a fantastic £365 on Red Nose Day. We had an enjoyable day dressed in as much red as possible.

Each class held a joke-telling competition in the morning, before the champion comedians went head-to-head in a special assembly. Watched by our judges - Miss Gascoigne, Miss Mansfield and Mrs Leonard - our thirteen brave contenders cracked their best jokes to make the audience chuckle. There were some especially cheesy gags, even better than Mr Horner's, and the standard was high. In the end, Alfie Clarke triumphed with his joke about Miss Gascoigne and a boy not handing in homework! Watch of our videos to have a laugh at some of our other contestants.

The fun didn't stop at the end of the school day as our School Council helped run the ever-popular cake sale to 'Bake a Difference'. The array of sweet treats certainly disappeared quickly!

Parents also kindly donated loose change at the start and end of the day, with a little

encouragement from the School Council bucket shakers.

Thank you to all our bakers, jokers, donors and red-wearers who supported such a worthwhile cause.



Comic Relief Joke Competition 2017

Class	Maple	Beech	Ash	Apple	Oak
Joker 1	Albie Floyd	Joshua Horseman	Isla Simpson	Jessie Ward	Kyle Nix
Joker 2	Herbie Allmond	Anabelle Meek	Charlotte Hornby	Alfie Clarke	Emily Martin
					Lillie Norman

AU REVOIR NOS AMIS

Unfortunately, this term has seen us bid farewell to some old friends.

Brownies: After running for a number of years, the 1st Chesterton Brownies has closed its doors for the last time. From earning badges to raising funds, from art to adventure, have heard many happy tales from the girls in yellow. I would like to thank all the parent helpers (From Emma Wray in 2007, through Zoe, Sooz, Julie, to Laura Summers and Helen Thornton) and volunteers who have been involved over the years in giving so many girls the chance to be part of a Brownie group in the village. The Chesterton Rainbows are still going strong and, again, I would like to thank Helen Hayes and the team of volunteers who make that possible.



Mrs Whybrow: At the end of the Spring Term, Oak and Ash Class teacher, Mrs Nicola Whybrow will unfortunately be leaving Chesterton. As high-quality teachers for part-time roles can sometimes be difficult to come by, we were very lucky to find Mrs Whybrow and she has certainly fitted seamlessly into the staff team here. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to our pupils' learning - and to the wider life of the school - and she certainly leaves with our very best wishes for the future.

Departing Pupils: As most of you will know, we bade farewell to Taylor and Lilly-Marie last Friday, as they have moved back up to Lincolnshire. We wish the whole family (and the impending new arrival) all the very best for the future. Today, we also bid 'adieu' to Mathilde Porter (Apple Class). We are sure that she will be a great success as she hops over the county border to her new school in Buckinghamshire. Worry not though French Clubbers, as Elodie (Mathilde's mum) will continue to travel to Chesterton on a Thursday afternoon to teach you the difference between a 'chat' and a 'chien'!

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

As you can see from their totaliser below, the School Association have been extremely busy continuing their fundraising towards the goal of providing two more interactive panel screens for Ash and Apple Class. Thank you to Helen Marchetti and everyone else involved in putting on the very successful Silent Auction at the Community Centre last Friday evening. I have heard that a good time was had by all and we look forward to seeing the profits added to the totaliser.*STOP PRESS* As I write, I have heard that the event has made approximately £1500, which is an incredible result.

School Association Fundraising Totaliser - last updated 15 March

Event	Amount Raised
Film Night	£403.00
Bags for School	£116.00
Christmas Fayre	£1139.99
Cauliflower cards	£212.10
Andy Reading	£315.32
Disco	£318.11
Panto	£1373.44
Silent Auction	£ tbc
Achieved	£3877.96
Goal	£6,000.00
School Association Totaliser	65%



Mother Goose

This year's Panto was yet another success and excellent production from the cast and crew. We are very lucky to have the Panto each year and for all profits to be donated to the School. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and this year we have made £1370 that has been added to our totaliser!!

Thank you to all of the committee members and volunteer helpers for issuing the tickets, buying stock for the bar, all the publicity surrounding the panto, helping run the bar on the night and selling raffle tickets, without whose help we would not be able to run these events so smoothly!

Chesterton School Association.

We have more exciting events planned so keep an eye out for emails, website updates, Facebook posts, and leaflets in book bags.

The Chesterton School Association

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone involved for the hard work that goes into making the panto such a success. As last year, it was lovely to see our pupils play a big part on stage (and behind the scenes).

The amount of money raised was fantastic and will be a great help to the school, especially in a time when the squeeze is being put on our budget. More than that, however, is that it is such a great event for the whole community (school and wider) to come together and have a really good laugh! I really enjoyed the performance (theirs more than mine!) and I think that the debutants definitely deserve a mention for putting their heads above the proverbial parapet for the first time and continuing the panto tradition in style. I know that nothing this good just 'happens' and we really do appreciate all the work that goes into rehearsals, costumes, staging, lighting, make-up, sound, direction, music, choreography, herding children, attending to Mother Goose's every diva demand.



THE BIG 'O'!

As you know, our school was inspected by Ofsted on 6th March and, on behalf of the leadership Team, staff and governors, I would like to thank parents for their support, particularly those who filled in the online Parent View questionnaire. We received a number of lovely, supportive messages before, during and after the day of inspection, which were hugely appreciated by the staff. Thank you also to the pupils and parents who spoke to our inspector on the day.

Although I have been sent a draft copy of the report, it has not yet been 'released' officially by OFSTED for publication to parents. As soon as this happens, we will, of course, share it with you.



SCHOOL EXPANSION

As you may be aware, Oxfordshire County Council has given approval to the proposed expansion of the school (see Bicester Review article below). Whilst we appreciate that there are some legitimate reservations about the potential impact of the expansion, we feel that the benefits will far outweigh the negatives for our pupils, present and future. We look forward to keeping you up to date with the project, as it progresses to the planning phase.

More pupils for village primary school

A village primary school has been given permission to expand.

Chesterton Primary School wants to build a new classroom block and increase its admission numbers from 20 to 30 in response to a new housing development in the school's catchment area.

The new block will allow teachers to work with one year-group per class rather than mixed-ages in the same

room.

The new classroom block will contain one 'group room' and a specially designed flexible working space. It will be delivered by developer funding linked to the local housing growth. The estimated cost is £850,000. OCC's councillor for education Steve Harrod said: "I'm very pleased to give the go-ahead to this expansion project, which will not only provide the necessary accommodation to admit more children, but also create an excellent new teaching space for staff and pupils.

"I share the governors' view that this will secure a sustainable future for the school, while retaining its ethos and village character.

"I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition and to more local families joining the Chesterton Primary School community.

He added: "Legitimate concerns over a potential increase in local traffic were raised during consultation, and due consideration was given to these.

"It was felt that the project should be approved in order to secure the school's future while funding is available, and that these issues could be addressed as part of the planning process."

PE & SCHOOL SPORT

Despite the cold weather that prevailed for most of the last term, our sportsmen and women have not been in hibernation, and a number of clubs, competitions and events have taken place. In Term 3 and 4, we have participated in a Year 1 multi-skills festival, a Year 3 girls' multi-skills event, a Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics competition, two North Oxfordshire finals (hockey and netball) and a number of inter-school football fixtures and tournaments. Please see below for the full list of what we have been up to.

Recent North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership Events

Date	Event	Year/s	No. of teams/competitors	No. of Chesterton teams/competitors	Results	Certificate Winners
10 th February 2017	Multi-Skills	Year 1	8 teams	1 team	Non-competitive	Oliver Couling Oscar Horwood Sophia Shirvell (Passion)
1 st March 2017	Bicester Quicksticks Hockey Festival	Year 5/6	16 teams	2 teams	A Team Runners-Up	Jasmine Kirby Ben Baxter (Respect)
15 th March 2017	Girls Inclusion Festival	Year 3	8 teams	1 team	Non-competitive	Amy Miles (Self Belief)
17 th March 2017	Girls On The Ball Football Event	Year 5/6	15 teams	1 team	Quarter-finalists 2 wins, 1 draw, 2 defeats	N/A
20 th March 2017	North Oxfordshire Netball Final	Year 5/6	11 teams	1 team	1 win, 1 draw, 3 defeats	Alex Bell
22 nd March 2017	North Oxfordshire Hockey Final	Year 5/6	5 teams	1 team	Fourth Place 4 draws, 1 defeat	Maggie Smith (Respect)

Year 1 Multi-skills

Back in February, a group of our Year 1 and Reception pupils made their way to Bicester Sports Centre with Miss Jones and Miss Mansfield for a fantastic multi-skills event. The children, some of whom were representing the school for the first time, had a very enjoyable day trying out a number of different activities. Oliver, Oscar and Sophia were awarded certificates for their enthusiasm when taking part in the activities. All the children certainly did themselves and Chesterton proud – well done!

Year 3 Girls Multi-skills

On Wednesday 15th March, a team of Year 3 girls travelled to Brookside Primary School with Ms Bailey for a very enjoyable afternoon. Not knowing exactly what they had let themselves in for, our pupils took all the challenges in their stride. Helped by young leaders from The Bicester School, the girls tried events ranging from hockey to yoga. The certificate for the School Games value of 'Self-Belief' was awarded to Amy Miles.

District Netball Final

On the 20th March, a team of Year 5/6 pupils went to the netball District Final at The Bicester School. We qualified after winning the Bicester tournament back in the Autumn. There were some brilliant teams that we played against. We won two games, drew two and lost three, with some fantastic goals from Alex, Benjamin and Maggie. Star goal scorer Alex Bell said, "We played well and everyone had improved by the end." Inés Piaget Thompson commented that, "All of our team definitely played their very best."

Before Jasmine and Inés had to dash back to Chesterton for a crucial football match, the teams all gathered for the announcement of where every team came. At the end, we played a friendly for the teams that did not qualify for the County Final. We would like to thank Miss Gascoigne, our manager, for all of her effort and hard work to get us to the District Final (and for bringing Starburst). **By Evie Mimpres and Jasmine Kirby**

District Hockey Final

On 22nd March, our successful hockey team competed at the North Oxfordshire district final at Cooper School following our success in the 1st round. We began by playing four group matches before finding out where we came in the standings. We played against: Deddington (3-0 to Deddington), King's Meadow (0-0), Brookside (0-0) and Harriers (2-2). Because of these scores, we unluckily ended up in 4th out of 5. Unfortunately, if we hadn't let those two goals in at the end of the match against Harriers, we would have come second through goal difference and qualified for the county final. However, we should be proud of only losing to the eventual winners. Here's a quote from our captain, Benjamin Horseman: "Even though we didn't get through to the next round, we are extremely happy that we got through to the district finals in the first place. I hope that next year's team will do as well or better." As Maggie, Zac and Kyle will be able to take part next year, their experience will be important.

By Alex Bell



CHESTERTON A



CHESTERTON B

In Other News...

A massive 'Well Done' to former pupil Georgia Usher, who achieved a fantastic Silver Medal in the Year 7 cross country at the Oxfordshire School Games last week. Georgia picked up a Bronze medal whilst representing Chesterton last year and must be delighted to have gone one better this time around.

We are also looking forward to our second 'Chesterton Sportshall Showdown' which is hopefully taking place towards the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Leonard will be hoping to defend the title won by her team at last year's event.

Football Fixtures and Results

Date	Competition	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Result	Chesterton Scorers	Player Of The Match
7 th Feb	League	King's Meadow B	0	Chesterton A	3	W	Grenfell, Richings, Evans	Richard Hawkins
7 th Feb	Mixed Friendly	King's Meadow C	1	Chesterton B	4	W	McDonald, Kirby 2, Blake	Gemma Blake
20 th Feb	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	8	Charlton-on-Otmoor	1	W	Blake 3, Kirby 2, Kavanagh, Carry, Cresswell	Jess Cresswell
24 th Feb	League	Bure Park B	1	Chesterton A	3	W	Clarke, Grenfell, Horseman	Alfie Clarke
9 th March	Girls' League	Longfields	1	Chesterton Lionesses	1	D	Kirby	Jasmine Kirby
21 st March	Friendly	Bruern Abbey A	1	Chesterton A	2	W	Clarke, Richings	Alfie Clarke
21 st March	Friendly	Bruern Abbey B	1	Chesterton B	5	W	B. Baxter 2, McDonald 2, L. Baxter	Luke Baxter
27 th March	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	9	Launton	0	W	Kirby 6, Piaget-Thompson 2, Blake	Lilly Bramham
29 th March	Girls' League	King's Meadow	0	Chesterton Lionesses	4	W	Kirby 2, Kavanagh, Cresswell	Jessie Ward
29 th March	Friendly	King's Meadow C	2	Chesterton B	2	D	Kernan 2	Will Rotherham
3 rd April	League	St. Edburg's	1	Chesterton A	3	W	Hawkins, Clarke, Horseman	Thomas Grenfell
6 th April	League	Fritwell	2	Chesterton A	3	W	Grenfell 2, Horseman	Alex Bell

Football Top Scorers 2016-17

Player	Games	Goals
Jasmine Kirby	14	28
Gemma Blake	13	12
Inés Piaget-Thompson	14	10
Charlie Richings	8	7
Benjamin Horseman	9	6
Thomas Grenfell	9	6
Charlotte Kavanagh	13	6
Alfie Clarke	9	5
Taylor McDonald	7	4
Richard Hawkins	9	4
Kyle Kernan	6	3
Evie Thornton	11	3
Ben Baxter	5	2
Jack Evans	9	2
Jess Cresswell	10	2
Mellody Cameron	4	1
Angelina Cerato	4	1
Luke Baxter	5	1
Kat Carry	10	1



FABULOUS FASHIONISTAS

On March 6th, the Year 5/6 sewing club headed to Oxford Town Hall to showcase the items that they had made. In January of this year, the club signed up to Oxford's 'Re-Fashion' event and committed themselves to create brand new items out of old clothes and recycled materials. The pupils had to design and plan their creations, select which materials to use, then measure and cut it all to size before stitching parts together. With the help of Miss Jones and Miss Mansfield, they designed and made dresses, hats, skirts and cushions – all out of recycled materials!

On the day of the fashion show, the children met at the Town Hall and spent some time taking a look around the event. There were many stalls selling clothes and soft furnishings made from

recycled materials and even a stand selling watches with recycled penny straps. It was a great insight into the world of 'up-cycling'. Later that afternoon, the sewing stars headed backstage to prepare for their appearance on the catwalk. They were given a pep-talk from the event crew before strutting their stuff to Taylor Swift's 'Shake it off'. All seven of our participants were extremely brave as they cat-walked in front of nearly 100 people, who later showed their support with a much deserved round of applause after the show. It was a fantastic achievement and experience for all involved. Check out some more photos and videos of our performance on the school website.

Miss Mansfield and Kirsty Ellacott



MUSICIANS OF MERIT

Individual and small group instrument lessons have continued this term in the studio. Children have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments, including the cornet, saxophone and clarinet on a Wednesday and then, on Friday, it is the turn of the guitars. We recently showcased what some of them have learnt in collective worship (see below).

If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument, and they are in Year 2 or above, please pop into the school office to enquire.

Mrs Broadhead has been working hard with her group of Year 3 recorders and it was lovely to see their first public performance at the church yesterday.

Instrumental Showcase

On Wednesday 5th April, our talented musicians played music on their instruments in a special collective worship. Two sisters, Maggie and Katie Smith, played the piano as our audience took their seats. They played Ode to Joy, Boogie Woogie Beat and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

It was a morning to remember as the band then stood up and played 'The Dance of the Seven Dachshunds'. There were more performances from individuals, duets and small groups, including Megan Allmond, our youngest woodwind player. The gifted musicians played to an audience of parents and families, who erupted into a chorus of applause as they finished playing.

Here's a quote from Alex, who played the cornet: "I thought that we played extremely well thanks to Miss Hunter's amazing teaching."

The performance finished with another pianist – Kat Carry – who played the audience out with a rendition of 'In the Distant Forest'.

By Maggie Smith



EASTER IN CHURCH PHOTOS – Thursday April 6th



AND FINALLY...

On behalf of all the staff at Chesterton, I would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable Easter break, whatever your plans. We look forward to seeing you all on the 24th, ready for all the activities and excitement that the Summer Term brings.

Best wishes, Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher

This newsletter will also be available on the school website:

www.chestertonprimaryschool.org.uk