



Dear all,

*I must confess that it has been quite a while since the last 'proper' headteacher's newsletter. As usual, my excuse is that we've too busy 'doing', that there hasn't been enough time to write all about it! I hope that other letters, communications, website updates and, most importantly, your children have kept you up to speed with all things Chesterton over recent months. You will probably be pleased to hear that I haven't included everything that has taken place, but please see the school website for news and photos of any events or activities that didn't make the cut. In addition to looking backwards, there will also be some information about school 'admin' and upcoming events for the remainder of a very busy Summer Term.*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 – 2018 (see School Website for further dates)

#### SPECIFIC SUMMER TERM DATES

#### June 2018

w/b Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day (Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> ) – School Closed to pupils Prayer Space Week Walk To School Week (5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> June)
w/b Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Check Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform Day Apple Class Worship
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> (12 – 3pm)	School Association Summer Fayre
w/b Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> (note change of date)	Sports Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Change For Life Assembly 2.30pm – Parents Invited

#### July 2018

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Musical Instruments Assembly – Parents Invited
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> (note change of date)	Ash Class Worship
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class Changeover Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to Parents Maple Class Worship (change of date)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Upper School Production
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Leavers' Worship 2.15pm



## HOUSE SYSTEM

Our house competition has again been keenly contested throughout recent months, with nearly 1000 points gained in the first half of the Summer Term through pupils being awarded a range of certificates, earning points from our class 'Going For Gold' charts, attendance, and through excellent reading at home. Term 4 champions were decided before Easter with Penrose replicating their Term 3 victory to move ahead in the contest for this academic year.

The final Term 4 leaderboard was:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Penrose (Bobbie Brelsford / Mrs Leonard) 343 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Buckle (Emily Atkins / Miss Jones) 319 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jersey (Emma Flintham / Ms Bailey) 281 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Squire (Zac Powell / Mrs Salter) 276 points**

Points were reset to zero at the beginning of Term 5 and Jersey have enjoyed a spectacular resurgence to gain plenty of ground on the others, largely helped by some excellent efforts with Speed Tables. Remember that you can keep up to date on the House Points page on the school website.

The final Term 5 leaderboard is:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Jersey (Emma Flintham / Ms Bailey) 376 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Squire (Zac Powell / Mrs Salter) 358 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Buckle (Emily Atkins / Miss Jones) 352 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Penrose (Bobbie Brelsford / Mrs Leonard) 334 points**



## AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

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 Easter. Each gold certificate winner earned 5 points for their house. Our chosen few in Term 4 (pictured) were:

- Beech Class: Elissa White & Billy Brelsford**
- Ash Class: Lucy Billington & Oliver Rossiter**
- Apple Class: Thomas Grenfell & Jack Happell**
- Oak Class: Evie Thornton & Luke Gavrilovic**

Our Term 5 winners were announced during last Friday's celebration worship.

- Maple Class: Pippa Evans & Illy Petrovic**
- Beech Class: Meriel Woodrow & Manny Donaldson**
- Ash Class: Will Watson & Charlotte Lancaster**
- Apple Class: Charlie Newbery & Angelina Cerato**
- Oak Class: Jessie Ward, Kat Carry & Bobbie Brelsford**

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Our ultimate certificate, which is awarded for: outstanding pieces of work; extraordinary effort over a period of time; other reasons where a pupil has performed significantly above expectations. These awards certainly don't come along too often. The only winner in 2018 so far is **Olivia Morgan-Griffin** (Ash) who was selected in March for "sharing her fantastic writing with me. I could see how much effort had gone in to make it her absolute best. It was definitely the highlight of my week!"



## EXCITING ENGLISH

Our enthusiastic reading has continued throughout this academic year with parents and children putting in lots of effort to enjoy books together at home. Since September, many children have earned multiple Reading Raffle tickets for reaching landmarks in their reading diaries, with draws taking place in celebration worship every Friday. Each excited winner visits my office to choose their prize of a book from the large selection on offer.

Remember the more tickets, the more chances to win!

Pictured are recent winners: **Harry Mew**, **Isabelle Goddard** & **Megan Allmond**.



Writing has also been celebrated in recent months, with our Amazing Author certificates for March and May being awarded. Congratulations to the following pupils for impressing your teachers with your writing.

	MAPLE	BEECH	ASH	APPLE	OAK
March	Jacob Taunton	Poppy Muddiman - Wickson	Amelie Barlow	Oscar Williams	Finn Gauld
May	Connie Brennan	William Isaac	Honour Woodrow	Thomas Grenfell	Evie Thornton



**Our Amazing Authors for March**

Look out for their fabulous written work on the display board in the school hall. **Mrs Salter**

## MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

Alongside our Amazing Author certificates, we also recognise effort and achievement in Maths. The teachers have been keeping their eye out for impressive work in lessons and extra activities at home and have chosen the following winners for March and May.

	MAPLE	BEECH	ASH	APPLE	OAK
March	Imogen Rossiter	Eleanor Messum	Amelia Hawes	Josh Cresswell	Millie Lewis
May	Freddie Boyce	James Hooke	Joely Donaldson	Jack Martin	Kat Carry

See following page for a photos of our Marvellous Mathematicians for March.



**Our Marvellous Mathematicians for March**

**BRILLIANT BOOKS AND CLEVER COSTUMES**

On a very chilly day at the beginning of March, we ran our annual Book Week. As always, it was great to see so many children (and parents!) putting in a huge effort to create some fantastic book character costumes. 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 Token' competition were announced. See below for results.

In the week before May half-term, we also hosted a 'Travelling Books' fair, which hopefully provided a good opportunity for you to buy some new books, whilst earning rewards for the school. We will use any proceeds to purchase new books for our school collections.

**Mrs Salter**

Book Week 2018 Quiz Participants

	Winners	Runners-Up
Maple	Ethan Coles	Harold Lane Fox
Beech	Meriel Woodrow	Manny Donaldson
Ash	William Watson	Emily Fuller
Apple	Chris Meek	Jennifer Percival
Oak	Rosie Ashton	Tom Blakey

Book Token Design Winners

Lower School	Elissa White
	Isabelle Goddard
Upper School	Rosie Ashton

Costume Winners

Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	Character
Maple	Imogen Rossiter	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Beech	Oliver Couling	Jack & The Beanstalk
Ash	Benjamin Isaac	Perseus
Apple	Oscar Williams	Ben from Gangsta Granny
Oak	Emma Flintham	The BFG



Photos from World Book Day

## MARVELLOUS MUSIC

After the successes of the Christmas concerts, we were keen to see the choir rise to new challenges in the Spring term and they certainly didn't disappoint! In March, we were privileged to be part of a three school performance at 'Children Singing for Children', an annual schools' concert, run by The Oxford Spire Rotary Club and held at St Edburg's Church. Chesterton has been involved in this musical event before and we were keen to represent the school again this year.



The theme for the night was: One World, so the choir worked hard to prepare three songs and they did a fantastic job of singing beautifully. One of the chosen songs was inspired by Mr Horner and Mrs Meaney's recent visit to our partner school in South Africa, where they heard a group of South African children singing 'I have a Dream' by Mary Donnelly. We decided that we would like to learn this song and we hope to send a recording of us singing it back to the school in South Africa. Another of our newly learnt songs is called

'Be the Change' by Emily Barden. It has become one of our favourites and has a really important message about making positive difference for our World. Finally, we chose a favourite song of ours that we have enjoyed singing many times. It's called: 'Marching in the Light of God' and it originated in South Africa, probably as a Zulu folk song. The choir particularly enjoyed singing the final verse in Zulu!

We were also very proud of Jess Cresswell (Oak Class) whose design was chosen from entries sent in from all participating schools to grace the front cover of the program.

The choir will continue to work hard this term, preparing for the 'Festival of Voices' at Dorchester Abbey in June. They are currently busy learning a selection of songs, ready to join together with a number of other schools from across Oxfordshire to perform at the Abbey. It is a fantastic, oversubscribed event and we are very excited to be a part of it. **Mrs Salter and Mrs Meaney**



## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

As you can see from their totaliser and messages below, the School Association have been extremely busy continuing their fundraising towards the ambitious goal of £8000. Thank you to everyone involved with planning, running and attending all of the SA events – it really does make a huge difference to the school.

### Silent Auction

We would like to express our gratitude to all those parents and extended family members that donated items, services or time to the Silent Auction, either in an assisting capacity or by buying a ticket and joining in on the night.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Chris Messum, one of our School Governors, who kindly donated the catering for the event which was certainly well received - thank you CanapéBox! If you want to find out more about their mouthwatering offerings, check out <https://www.canapebox.co.uk/>

We are pleased to announce that we have raised £1,798.14 towards our school funds and this amount will be added to our Totaliser.

### Thank you - Friday 18th May 2018

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families that joined us on Friday evening for a fun game of bingo. The turnout was fantastic and it was a very enjoyable evening.

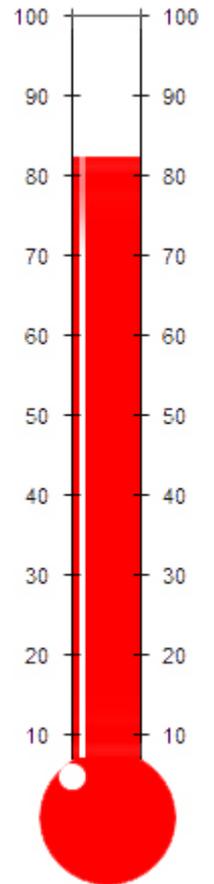
A special thanks to those families who helped set up and clear away on the evening; your help was very much appreciated. Also, thanks to our bingo callers - Dan Blakey and Steve

Horseman - who definitely entertained us!

Event	Amount Raised
Disco	£363.97
Bags 2 School	£100.00
Christmas Cards	£260.59
Christmas Fayre	£1422.22
Christmas Film Night	£393.75
Disco Jan 18	£316.80
Panto	£1916.50
Silent Auction	£1798.14
Achieved	£6571.97
Goal	£8000.00
Current total	82%

### Chesterton School Summer Fayre - Saturday 16th June - 12-3pm

Planning is underway for this year's Summer Fayre. To run all the stalls that we have planned, we need your help. If you can help us by giving up some of your time to run the stalls, then please let one of the committee members know or email [chestertonschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:chestertonschoolassociation@gmail.com). This year's event is set to be another fun fayre with lots to see and do.



## GREEN-FINGERED GARDENERS

On the 9th May, the Eco Council went to on their annual visit to Wyevale Garden Centre to buy new plants for the school. Armed with a generous discount (kindly organised by Emily Fuller's aunt) and funds kindly given to them by the School Association, the children enjoyed buying a range of plants to improve our school environment. We had to get a variety of plants, ones for the house colours, herbs and some for the containers around the school. The Eco Council, with some other willing pupil volunteers, then helped clear the old containers and re-plant them ready for the summer. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Helen Marchetti and Mrs Horner (my mum), who provided valuable expertise, both at the garden centre and whilst planting. With the warmer weather, and some helpful rain, our school should be looking beautiful for the Summer Term.



## SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

As ever, we continue to benefit from the input of the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership, funded through a large proportion of our 'Sports Premium' funding. Since the turn of the year, our children have again made the most of a wide range of high quality sporting opportunities. We have also organised a number of our own 'intra-school' events, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sportshall Showdown and inaugural inter-house football tournament. Congratulations to all those who have taken part. See below for a full run down of the events.

Date	Event	Year/s	No. of teams/competitors	No. of Chesterton teams/competitors	Results	Certificate Winners
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	Bicester Sportshall Athletics	Year 5/6	8 teams	1 team	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Holly Mclellan (Teamwork)
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2018	Bicester Netball	Year 5/6	8 teams	1 team	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Alfie Clarke
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2018	Girls On The Ball Football	Year 5/6	12 teams	1 team	1 win, 3 draws, 3 defeats	Bobbie Brelsford (Player of the Tournament)
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Bicester QuickSticks Hockey	Year 5/6	14 teams	2 teams	A Team – 2 <sup>nd</sup> in group B Team – Plate Winners	Maggie Smith Bobbie Brelsford
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Dragon Swimming	Year 5/6	8 teams	2 teams	A Team – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place B Team – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Kat Carry (Self-Belief)
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2018	Bruern Abbey Football Tournament	Year 5/6	12 teams	2 teams	Under 10s – Runners-Up	Ollie Horwood (U-11s) Toby Richings (U-10s)
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Girls On The Ball	Year 3/4	9 teams	1 team	2 wins, 2 draw, 2 defeats	Isabelle Goddard Amelia Hawes
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	Girls' Focus Event	Year 3/4	8 teams	2 teams	Non-competitive	Abigail Cameron
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Sportshall Showdown	Year R-6	5 teams	5 teams	1 <sup>st</sup> : Jones Jaguars 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Birthday Barretts 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Craven's Cheetahs 4 <sup>th</sup> : Leonard's Lions 5 <sup>th</sup> : Crockett's Rockets	Willow Boshier Joseph Abbott William Isaac Phoebe Hutt Harold Lane Fox Olivia Morgan-Griffin
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Oxfordshire FA Cherwell Girls Football	Year 3/4	12 teams	1 team	3 wins, 1 defeat (9 goals scored, 1 against)	Charlotte Hornby (Determination)
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018	Bicester Tennis Tournament	Year 3/4	6 teams	1 team	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Oscar Williams (Determination)
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Inter-house football	Year 3-6	8 teams	8 teams	1 <sup>st</sup> : Real Jersey 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sporting Penrose 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Atletico Squire 4 <sup>th</sup> : F.C. Buckle	Thomas Grenfell Lilly Bramham Courtney Matthews Jessie Ward (Teamwork)
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	Bicester Kwik Cricket	Year 5/6		5 teams	Girls A/B Team: Semi-Finalists Boys A/B Team: Semi-Finalists	Millie Lewis Chris Meek Thomas Grenfell Holly Mclellan (Honesty)

### Sportshall Showdown 2018

As always, it was great to see so many children, including many who had never competed at such an event before, giving their all and enjoying themselves. Congratulations to Miss Jones and her Jaguars who achieved an impressive victory with 153 points, ahead of the Birthday Barretts in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The Spirit of the Games certificate winners (Harold Lane Fox, Phoebe Hutt, Joseph Abbott, William Isaac and Willow Boshier) were chosen by their respective teachers for epitomising 'Self Belief' - our School Games value for the event.

An excellent sporting attitude was shown by all and there were some outstanding individual performances, with some children triumphing in multiple events and many all-time records tumbling. Isabelle Goddard (Year 2) achieved a staggering four event wins with all-time records in three of those; Meriel Woodrow (Year 1) picked up four event wins with records in the Long Jump and One Lap Sprint (pinching both from Isabelle!); Kit Carry (Year 4) also completed the full set of four first places with records in the Speed Bounce and One Lap; finally, the Isaac brothers, managed four event wins between them on their first appearance at a Sportshall Showdown. Benjamin (Year 3) won three events with records in the Long Jump and One Lap, whilst William (Year 1) broke the all-time Long Jump record! For the full list of results from 2018, plus photos and the all-time records, please check out the Sportshall Showdown page on the school website. [Sportshall Showdown](#)

I would also like to give special mentions to Phoebe Hutt, who volunteered to run an extra two-lap race, and Olivia Morgan-Griffin (Year 2) who bravely took on the challenge of running the Year 5/6 relay to replace an injured team-mate. I also thought that our Maple athletes were amazing at their first Sportshall event and showed confidence and determination all afternoon. Finally, I must thank our fantastic former pupils (and Mrs Salter's daughter!) who did such a wonderful job in supporting all the competitors as young leaders. Hopefully, we will see all the children taking part in more athletics before too long.



2018 Champs – Jones' Jaguars

## CHESTERTON FOOTBALL

### Girls

Our footballers have been as busy as ever, with many friendly and league fixtures against local schools. It's been a tough year for the girls, who have come up against strong opposition in the Bicester League. However, they acquitted themselves very well at our inter-house football tournament and there have been particularly promising performances from some of our younger players.

On Friday 18th May, Chesterton's enthusiastic footballing girls enjoyed a lunchtime training session from Oxford United Women's goalkeeper, Demi Lambourne and fellow WSL player Sahara Osborne-Ricketts. A huge number of girls, from Year 3-6, were put through their paces with some dribbling and close control, before finishing with some small-sided games under expert supervision. The coaches were impressed with the enthusiasm of our girls to improve their football skills, not to mention some impressive goals from Maggie, Kat and Mellody. Everyone had a great time and we will be welcoming Demi and Sahara back to run a girls' football club at school this term.



### A Team

The school A team qualified impressively for the league semi-finals with wins over King's Meadow and Bure Park. Unfortunately, they fell at the same hurdle as last year, after being on the wrong end of a seven goal thriller away at Marsh Gibbon. They shouldn't be too disappointed as Marsh Gibbon were a very strong side and the boys did well to battle back from going 3-0 down early on, with a hat-trick from Ollie Kirby, to give our opposition a real scare. As only three of our squad were in Year 6, the future looks bright!



**A-Team Semi-final v Marsh Gibbon - shaking hands before kick-off**



**2018 Inter-House Football Winners – Real Jersey**

## 2018 Football Fixtures

Date	Competition	Home Team	Goals	Away Team	Goals	Chesterton Scorers	Player of the Match
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2018	League	Bure Park B	1	Chesterton A	3	Kernan 2, Grenfell	Kyle Kernan
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	0	Langford Girls	5		Jessie Ward
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Friendly	Bruern A	8	Chesterton A	4	Richings 2, Kirby, Williams	Oscar Williams
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Friendly	Bruern B	4	Chesterton B	3	L. Gavrilovic, K. Carry, Ward	Toby Goddard
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	League	Fritwell	7	Chesterton	0		Tyler Nix
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	0	Longfields	2		Maggie Smith
20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	0	Waddesdon	1		Jess Cresswell
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	0	Launton	1		Maggie Smith
21 <sup>st</sup> May	League Semi-Final	Marsh Gibbon	4	Chesterton	3	Kirby 3	Ollie Kirby
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Girls' Friendly	All Stars	7	Diamonds	2	Thirtle 5, Cerato, Bowman, Berry, Clark	Ella Thirtle Ellie Clark

### Football Top Scorers 2017-18

Player	Games	Goals
Thomas Grenfell	6	11
Ollie Kirby	6	10
Amelia Hawes	6	8
Kyle Kernan	6	5
Honour Woodrow	6	4
Toby Richings	5	3
Charlie Reeve	5	3
Holly Mclellan	6	3
Kat Carry	8	3
Charlotte Hornby	3	2
Evie Thornton	7	2
Luke Gavrilovic	1	1
Oscar Williams	2	1
Emily Atkins	2	1
Isabelle Goddard	2	1
Angelina Cerato	2	1
Bobbie Brelsford	3	1
Lilly Bramham	4	1
Seb Percival	5	1
Emma Flintham	6	1
Katie Smith	6	1
Jessie Ward	8	1

## IN OTHER NEWS...



### Badminton Triumph for Benjamin

A massive 'Well Done' to former pupil Benjamin Horseman, who achieved a fantastic haul of three medals at the English National Age Group Badminton Championships. Benjamin was U-13 Boys Doubles champion and also achieved a Silver Medal in Boys Singles and Bronze in Mixed Doubles. It was great to hear about Benjamin's continued success on the badminton court!

### Wonderful Wembley

On a glorious Saturday afternoon at the beginning of May, a total of 90 enthusiastic football spectators journeyed their way from Chesterton to Wembley Stadium for the Women's FA Cup Final. Including current Chesterton girls' football team members and their families, there were 50 of us on a coach from school, with the remainder, from Chesterton Girls FC and including many familiar faces, travelling by train. The national stadium was looking spectacular in the spring sunshine and, after a smooth journey down the M40 we had some time to soak up the atmosphere before kick-off. Once the pre-match festivities were over, we settled into our (slightly warm!) seats to watch 14-time winners Arsenal and Women's Super League champions elect Chelsea go toe to toe for the trophy. There was a fantastic atmosphere created by the record crowd and some high-quality football on show, particularly from Chelsea's attacking trio of Ji, Bachmann and England's Fran Kirby. We were a little concerned with the 0-0 scoreline at half-time, but we needn't have worried with four goals coming in the second half as Chelsea triumphed 3-1 to lift the trophy, clinching it with a glorious curled finish from Kirby. Maybe our own goalscoring Kirbys picked up a tip or two! A cracking afternoon out was had by all and we certainly hope to return for the 2019 edition.



Miss Barrett & Miss Crockett  
on Wembley Way



Our view of the hallowed turf

## SEWING CLUB

The children who participated in sewing club last term were fantastic! They worked hard after school on Mondays to create some amazing pieces using scraps of material, old clothes and some creativity. The club took part in a project run by 'Recycle for Oxfordshire' as part of Oxford Fashion Week. The Re-Fashion project highlights the problems of disposable fashion and is encouraging people to try recycling their clothes. Thanks to Miss Barrett and Miss Jones for helping create these amazing pieces. A huge thank you also goes to the parents and the children for making their way to Banbury on a Saturday morning to take part in the fashion show. The children certainly strutted their stuff on the catwalk with pride! **Miss Mansfield**



## SAY HELLO, WAVE GOODBYE

There are a few staff changes that we need to update you on.

Firstly, this term will be Miss Jones' last in Beech Class as we will be bidding farewell to her in July. We will obviously give her a proper send-off at the end of term but, for now, I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking Miss Jones for her significant contribution to Chesterton over the last five years. Not only within Beech Class, but also across the school through her work with the School Association and in co-ordinating Collective Worship. We wish her all the best for the future.

I am pleased to say that we have appointed Miss Zoe Phillips to join our teaching team from September. Miss Phillips comes to us after one year of teaching and we are confident that she will fit in well to the school community and be a fantastic addition to the staff. When we announce class and teacher allocations on changeover day in July, we are very much hoping that Miss Phillips will be able to join us to meet her new class. Secondly, Miss Regan will not be returning to Chesterton in September. Following the conclusion of her maternity leave in July, we will see Miss Regan briefly for a few days to say a proper farewell, before she takes up a new position at St. Mary's Primary School in Banbury from September. With fewer days and a shorter morning commute, this should offer a better work-life balance for Grace and her young family and she leaves with our very best wishes. If you didn't see baby Jasper at May Day, then I am happy to report that they are all doing well.

As Miss Barrett has been covering Miss Regan's maternity leave in Upper School, we are now in a position to retain her services on a permanent basis. For those of you with children in Upper School, I hope you agree that Miss Barrett and Miss Crockett have both done a sterling job of picking up the reins this year and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into life at Chesterton. We are delighted that they will both be staying with us beyond the summer.

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Hannah Mansfield at the end of term. Miss Mansfield will conclude her teaching training qualification in July and has secured her first full-time teaching appointment in Year 5 at Grendon Underwood Primary School in Buckinghamshire (where she will be teaching a familiar face in her class!). We would like to thank Miss Mansfield for all her contributions to Chesterton over the last three years, both as a Teaching Assistant and, this year, in Ash Class. Her impact has also been felt beyond the classroom, with organising the fantastic sewing club and leading our swimming teams, to name but two.

Following in the fine tradition of Miss Nixey and Miss Mansfield, we are pleased to welcome Miss Natalie Robb, who will be working with us as an Associate Teacher next year. Miss Robb has already made a couple of visits to school to begin getting to know the staff and pupils and will start her course this term, before joining us fully in September. Miss Robb has a keen interest in music, English and sport and we are sure that she will also be a valuable addition to our team.

## AN ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES AND A VARIETY OF VISITS!

As the word count has already exceeded 4,000, I am going to summarise the remaining activities and events from across the school in photographic form - there certainly has been a lot going on!

### MAPLE CLASS



**A CHILLY DAY AT  
WARWICK CASTLE**



**DINOSAUR STORIES CREATED WITH  
THE HELP OF AN EXCITING APP**



**DEN BUILDING AT FOREST SCHOOL**

**BEECH CLASS**



**EASTER BONNET CRAFT**



**AN IMPRESSIVE SMOOTHIE MOUSTACHE  
ON 'ROOTS TO FOOD' DAY!**



**BEECH CLASS AFTER TESTING THEIR PULL ALONG TOYS**

**ASH CLASS**



**LUCY READY FOR CANOEING  
AT GRENDON**



**VICTORIAN PRISONER INTERVIEWS!**



**JOELY'S FANTASTIC HOME-MADE BROOMSTICK ON HOGWARTS DAY**

**APPLE CLASS**



**MAYAN COOKERY WITH MISS BARRETT'S BROTHER**



**ROPES COURSE ACTION AT GRENDON**



**HARRY AND AMY COOKING UP A STORM WITH 'ROOTS TO FOOD'**

**OAK CLASS**



**EMILY MODELLING A MAYA HEADRESS**



**LEARNING WATER SAFETY SKILLS AT JUNIOR CITIZEN**



**BRINGING THE EARTH & BEYOND TOPIC TO LIFE WITH THE 'BLACK HOLE'**

**AND FINALLY...**

*Keep a look out for plenty more news and photos – including May Day and Walk to School – as they are added to the school website in the coming weeks. I look forward to seeing you in school soon for all the activities and excitement that the Summer Term brings.*

Best wishes, Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher