



*Dear Parents,*

*As we reach the end of an academic year, it is always time to reflect on our pupils' many successes and achievements over the Summer Term, and the year as a whole. The school community has been extremely busy in a variety of areas; from stage to sport, music to May Day, Summer Fayres to SATs! The pupils and staff have clearly been working hard and putting in plenty of extra effort to ensure that we have ended this academic year in style. The impression held by friends of mine who don't work in education that the end of the Summer Term in school involves relaxing and winding down towards the holidays couldn't be further from the truth!*

### *Leavers 2018*

*Over the last two weeks of term, the pupils in Year 6 have celebrated and reflected on their time at Chesterton in the annual Leavers' Service and Collective Worship, along with their parents and the Year 6 staff. With the rest of Upper School, they have also performed their World War Two themed production, Archibald's War, which finished in triumphant fashion in front of a rapturous audience on Tuesday evening. I have recently written comments on the Year 6 pupils' end of year reports and I certainly wasn't short of things to say! I have been fortunate to be able to witness their final three years at Chesterton and have certainly been impressed with the wide range of ways in which they have contributed to the school. Whether it is through performing arts, effort in the classroom, or sporting achievement, the Year 6 cohort have thrown themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm, and no shortage of talent. We wish them well for secondary school and on into the adult world. We certainly hope that they will keep in touch and we look forward to hearing about how they are getting on.*

*A successful journey through school, for our Year 6 leavers and all our pupils, can only be possible through teamwork. Whether that be families, children, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, Governors, the School Association or the wider community, the school wouldn't be the successful environment that it is without everyone working together for the benefit of the pupils.*

*At the end of my third year as Headteacher, I would like to thank our parents, families, governors and pupils for their part in making this school such a fulfilling environment for the staff to work in. In the short term, we are all very much looking forward to some much-needed rest and relaxation over the summer break. However, before we know it, we'll be back in September and looking forward to the next chapter in the life of Chesterton School, striving to provide the best education that we can for our pupils.*

*I wish you and your families a healthy and happy summer together.*

*Iain Horner – Headteacher – July 2018*



## BACK TO SCHOOL DATES – AUTUMN TERM (see School Website for further dates)

<b>Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018  INSET Day: Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 <b>(Pupils not in school)</b>  October Half Term Holiday: Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018  INSET Days: Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct & Friday Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> 2018 <b>(Pupils not in school)</b>

## 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 in Friday's celebration worship. Each gold certificate winner earned 5 points for their house.

Our chosen few in Term 6 were:

**Maple Class: Imogen Rossiter & Jacob Williams**

**Beech Class: Harriet Ford & Joseph Abbott**

**Ash Class: Benjamin Isaac & Manasvi Abhilash**

**Apple Class: Myiesha Khan & Jack Martin**

**Oak Class: Courtney Matthews & Seb Percival**

### Our Gold Certificate Winners for Term 6



### Amazing Authors

Writing has also been celebrated again this term, with our latest Amazing Author certificates for July being awarded. Congratulations to **Harold Lane Fox**, **Oliver Couling**, **Lucy Billington**, **Carissa Murfitt** and **Connor Reeve** for impressing your teachers with your writing this term.

Examples of the children's work are on display in the school hall. (Mrs Salter)

### Marvellous Mathematicians

Alongside our Amazing Author certificates, we have also recognised effort and achievement in Maths with our final certificate winners for this year. The teachers have been keeping their eye out for impressive work in Maths lessons and extra activities at home and have chosen the following winners for July.

**Maple Class: Ruby Blackman**

**Beech Class: Billy Brelsford**

**Ash Class: Charlotte Lancaster**

**Apple Class: Beccy Ellacott**

**Oak Class: James Gavrilovic**

## Headteacher's Awards

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.

June 2018	Joseph Abbott	Beech	Penrose	For his epic Walk to School Week effort! Joseph's 69,455 steps were an inspiration to everyone and showed real determination.
June 2018	Megan Allmond	Apple	Squire	For an exceptional contribution to all aspects of school life – from music to gardening, classwork to sports teams. Megan has a wonderful approach to everything that she takes part in.
June 2018	Becky Ellacott	Apple	Penrose	For a series of wonderful contributions to the wider life of the school: girls' football, Festival of Voices, Sports Day and the Dance Showcase to name but a few! Becky throws herself into everything with enthusiasm and is an absolute credit to the school.



## OTHER SCHOOL AWARDS

During the school year, all pupils have made important contributions to class life and many pupils have also contributed to the life of the whole school. Without these contributions, Chesterton would be less exciting and each day wouldn't run as smoothly. Many opportunities have been provided for pupils to 'take part' or represent their class in a number of ways, including the School Council, Eco Council and Worship Council. In our special end of term School Awards, achievements in these activities were celebrated, along with other awards, including 100% attendance awards.

### 100% Attendance Certificate Winners:

Maple Class: **Jacob Williams**

Beech Class: **Nathaniel Brelsford & Eleanor Messum**

Ash Class: **Honour Woodrow & Oliver Rossiter**

Apple Class: **Thomas Grenfell & Caitlin Tingey**

Oak Class: **Maggie Smith & Bobbie Brelsford**

### The Collective Worship Council



### The Eco Council



## The School Council



### HOUSE SYSTEM

Our house competition was still being keenly contested right up to the end of Term 6, with **Jersey** continuing their strong showing in the Summer Term. However, it all came down to the final few points, with Emily Atkins and **Buckle** sneaking in to snatch victory courtesy of lots of certificates, the greatest number of Going For Gold points and a top score for attendance.

The final Term 6 leaderboard is:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Buckle (Emily Atkins/Miss Jones) 637 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Jersey (Emma Flintham/Ms Bailey) 634 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Squire (Zac Powell/Mrs Salter) 611 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Penrose (Bobbie Brelsford/Mrs Leonard) 592 points**

This week also sees the culmination of the annual competition, with the winning house for 2017-18 having their name engraved on the house trophy. Nearly 8000 points have been accumulated throughout this year and the race is incredibly close. Despite trailing **Squire** in recent weeks, for the second year running, **Penrose** snatched victory on the final day with a bumper haul of certificates!

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Penrose (Bobbie Brelsford/Mrs Leonard) 1999 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Buckle (Emily Atkins/Miss Jones) 1990 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Squire (Zac Powell/Mrs Salter) 1989 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Jersey (Emma Flintham/Ms Bailey) 1909 points**



This was also the week for Emma, Zac, Emily and Bobbie to pass on the mantle of house captaincy to their successors. These four have done a fantastic job in carrying the torch for their houses this year and acting as excellent role models for the younger pupils. Their enthusiasm and amicable competitiveness has enlivened celebration worships and they have certainly picked up where Jasmine, Alex, Charlotte and Kirsty left off twelve months ago.

Following in their footsteps, the Year 6 house captains for 2018-19 will be... (seen below with their respective hanging baskets!).

**Jersey – Charlie Newbery**

**Squire – Chris Meek**

**Buckle – Jessie Ward**

**Penrose – Angelina Cerato**



Taking over the Sports Captaincy from **Alfie Clarke** and **Holly Mclellan** are **Thomas Grenfell** and **Lilly Bramham**. Holly and Alfie have certainly led our sporting teams by example this year, representing the school at just about every event, match and competition possible. They were also both deserving winners of trophies at Monday's Sports Personality of The Year Awards.



## PRAYER SPACE

Back at the beginning of this term, our studio transformed into a 'Prayer Space' with the help of a fantastic team of volunteers.

This year, the children explored the meaning behind some of our school values through the story of the 'Prodigal Son'. The pupils looked at the values of Humility, Compassion, Respect and Generosity. They did this by looking at maps and globes. Thinking about the people and places in the world that might need a little help. They also thought about the need to ask for forgiveness. The washing of their hands symbolised the understanding that God forgives you when you are sorry. They thought about the need to forgive people as well as to be forgiven themselves, shown by them creating a model out of Play-Doh to represent who they were thinking about. They also looked at creating their own celebration space, which allowed them to consider the end of the story, where the Father showed his generosity.

The children enjoyed the experience and were really reflective. Whether they chose to pray or not, the children thoroughly enjoyed the space and all showed a high level of respect. The helpers who came in were brilliant and the whole event was really well organised. Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a success. **Miss Jones**



## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

After the success of the event last year, our families and children again threw themselves enthusiastically into the various activities for Walk to School Week. I thoroughly enjoyed receiving photos of the wonderful ways to school (and witnessing some first hand!) and it was great to see so many pupils and families taking part, some even surpassing their efforts from last year.



Mrs Salter and Mrs Durham on route from Bicester



The sunrise on my beautiful, but long, 16 mile walk!



The staff and pupils ready to 'Park and Stride'



Our Park & Striders making their way through the village



Jack Martin's winning entry



'Team Bucknell' at the start of their cycle to school



Oliver Couling and his granddad



The Tremendous Trio

## Walk to School Week 2018 Photo Competition Winners

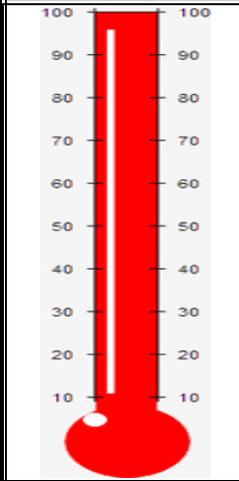
Award	Winner/s	Reason
<i>Horticultural Appreciation</i>	<b>Jack Martin</b>	For noticing some beautiful fragrant blooms on his walk to school.
<i>Even Longer Distance</i>	<b>Joseph Abbott</b>	For his epic walk all the way from Steeple Claydon to school - nearly 80,000 steps and over two days!
<i>Super Siblings</i>	<b>Sophie and Jack Happell</b>	For some fantastic photos of sibling harmony on their walk to school.
<i>Intergenerational Effort</i>	<b>Oliver Couling and Granddad</b>	For lovely pictures of their nature walk from Kingsmere.
<i>Tremendous Trio</i>	<b>Joely Donaldson, Olivia Morgan-Griffin and Ruby Chandler</b>	For their fantastic photos of their walk to school with a four-legged friend.
<i>Arrive in Style</i>	<b>Walter and Harold Lane Fox</b>	For the journey on horseback with their beloved Tiger.
<i>Bring the Village</i>	<b>Bucknell</b>	For getting together to cycle all the way to school.
<i>Teachers' Award</i>	<b>Mrs Durham and Mrs Salter</b>	For their excellent photos of their journey from Bicester.

### SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The School Association have enjoyed another very successful year, both in raising valuable funds for the school and in organising fantastic occasions that bring the whole school community together. I would like to thank the committee for their tireless work throughout the year and the many parent volunteers who have provided valuable support at events. The School Association are always in need of volunteers so any offers of help, whether that's as a committee member or an 'ad-hoc' volunteer. You will see below that they have sailed past the £8,000 target thanks to a wonderful profit of nearly £2000 from the Summer Fayre.

### **School Association Fundraising Totaliser, now at 109%!**

Event	Amount Raised
Disco Sept 17	£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
Bingo	£319.17
Summer Fayre	£1,802.84
<b>Achieved</b>	<b>£8,693.98</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>£8000.00</b>





### Summer Fayre 2018

Thank you for coming to support this year's Summer Fayre. It was a fantastic day and, luckily, we all remained dry as the rain stayed away. All of us except Mr Horner that is ... he got a little bit soggy as you can see! Thank you to everyone who helped run a stall. You did a great job and we could not have done it without you. Another huge thank you to all of the people that came early to help set up or stayed late to help pack away. Every offer of help was much appreciated.

There were lots of happy faces from the children enjoying themselves on the different stalls, including: Tin Can Alley, Obstacle Course, Penalty Shoot Out, The Tea Room and much, much more. **The School Association**



**Fantastic new books for our reading scheme – purchased courtesy of our fabulous School Association**

### DANCE SHOWCASE

At the end of June, three fantastic groups of Upper School pupils took part in an evening of dance at The Cooper School. Encouraged by Mrs Rotherham, the children selected their music, choreographed their own routines and organised their group rehearsals. The performances were fantastic on the evening itself and, for those of us who missed it, the girls treated audiences in school to a repeat showing during the Sports Awards and the Leavers' Worship. [Dance Showcase](#)



## MARVELLOUS MUSIC

There has been plenty of musical activity again this term, with the sounds of singing, play rehearsals and instrumental practice filling the air around school.

Our instrumental music teachers, Bethan, Ross and Flora, have continued to help our players improve their skills and, in some cases, work towards 'grade' exams. There have also been further music collective workshops and our invited parents certainly enjoyed the final American-themed one, held on Independence Day. Check out the photos and videos on the school website if you missed it.

[Chesterton School Website / Music Worship](#)

We have a huge number of budding musicians and we look forward to seeing what they have in store next year. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please pop in to the school office to find out more about what is on offer in school.

The choir have continued to work hard this term, showing great effort to prepare for the Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey. They learnt a large selection of songs with a 'sea' theme and joined together with a number of other Oxfordshire schools to perform to a large audience. It was a wonderful evening, the children sang beautifully and they thoroughly enjoyed this brilliant opportunity. They also led the school with a rendition of the song Believe, which even included sign language, during our Leavers' Service at Church. The choir should be hugely proud of their achievements and we hope to see choir club continue next year. **Mrs Salter**



## READING

As you know, we encourage the children to read regularly throughout the year and they have been keeping a record of the number of nights that they have read. Each week we have continued to hold our Reading Raffle, giving the children the chance to win a book in recognition of their brilliant reading efforts. As we come to the end of the school year, we will again be awarding prizes to children who have reached more than 150 nights of reading over the year. We have been really impressed by the amount of home reading that has clearly been taking place and we have seen a continued increase in the number of children receiving awards. We would like to say a big 'well done' to all of those children (and their families) for reaching significant milestones in their reading records, but we should also say an extra 'congratulations' to the two children in each class who have reached the highest number of reading nights in their class: **Luca Steptoe** (318 nights) and **Barney Taylor** (318 nights) in Maple Class, **Harriet Ford** (318 nights) and **Lily Geenes** (311 nights) in Beech Class, **Edward Dallas** (320 nights) and **Honour Woodrow** (320 nights) in Ash Class, **Toby Goddard** (320 nights) and **Beccy Ellacott** (319 nights) in Apple Class, **Jessie Ward** (316 nights) and **Tyler Nix** (316 nights) in Oak Class. These children have been presented with a reading book prize for their fantastic reading. I hope that enthusiasm for reading continues during the summer and that the children will enjoy reading lots of new books during the holidays. **Mrs Salter**



**RECENT READING RAFFLE WINNERS – JACK AND LEWIS**

## MAY DAY

It seems a long time since our annual May Day festivities. We were slightly worried with heavy rain on the forecast and therefore decided to forego our usual procession through the village. However, the wet weather mercifully abated during the morning and, by the time the children made their grand entrance onto the playground, it even looked like the sun might appear! Once the celebrations were underway, the May King and Queen (Connor Reeve and Rosie Ashton) were crowned by Miss Gascoigne and Miss Regan, before the dancing and merrymaking began in earnest.

Jill O' The Green (Evie Thornton), looking resplendent in the unique waistcoat, did a grand job of introducing our dances and each class put on a wonderful show. With the help of an enthusiastic crowd, we certainly made merry, enjoying a lovely cream tea afterwards in the sunshine that had appeared right on cue.



## UPPER SCHOOL'S STAGE STARS EXCEL IN ARCHIBALD'S WAR PERFORMANCE!

Last week, our incredibly talented Upper School children put on a fantastic performance of Archibald's War, brilliantly directed by Miss Crockett and Miss Barrett. They were supported by the excellent creativity of Miss Norman, Mrs Meaney, Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Rotherham, whose scenery and prop making skills, and dance choreography were second to none. Our actors and actresses certainly entertained and delighted the audiences over two nights with their engaging performance of the World War Two themed show. The singing, dancing, acting, comic timing and enthusiasm all combined for a show that delighted and moved the audience, especially those who remembered the conflict themselves. It was clear to see that the children thoroughly enjoyed their performance too!



## GARDENING CLUB



With plenty of hard work, Miss Barrett and her band of green-fingered gardening clubbers have transformed the area behind the classroom block from a weed-infested wasteland to a verdant vegetable garden. They have grown tomatoes, beans, lettuce, cucumbers and much more. A huge thank you to Mr Barrett (Miss Barrett's Dad), who has given up so much of his own time and energy to help the children.



## SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

As always, the sporting opportunities have been coming thick and fast at the end of the school year. We have played cricket, competed at Quadkids athletics, swum in a gala and held Sports Day amongst many other things.

### Headlines:

- The girls' footballers put in another fantastic performance at the Launton Ladies tournament, more than holding their own against the club teams and scoring 17 goals in the process.
- Jersey completed a hat-trick of Sports Day triumphs with an excellent team effort on a sweltering day.
- Chesterton's Year 5/6 swimming team regained the Inter-Villages gala trophy with an impressive victory at Bicester Leisure Centre – at one point, winning nine races consecutively.
- Yesterday, Jersey Jets triumphed at the inter-house cricket tournament with a victory over last year's winners, Squire Spitfires, in the final match to finish undefeated.

### Lower School Football Match

Sports Captains Holly Mclellan and Alfie Clarke recently took charge of a Lower School match alongside Miss Mansfield and Mr Craven with each team scoring four goals!



Mansfield & Mclellan's Magicians - 4



Craven & Clarke's Champs – 4

### Recent Football Results

Date	Competition	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Chesterton Scorers	Player/s Of The Match
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2/3/4 Girls' Friendly	Beccy's Battlers	3	Walford's Warriors	2	H. Woodrow 2, Miles, Walford, Goddard	Amy Miles Olivia Morgan-Griffin
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower School Friendly	Craven and Clarke's Champs	4	Mansfield & Mclellan's Magicians	4	Sinclair-Pearson 4, H. Woodrow 3, Hawes	Noah Sinclair-Pearson Harold Lane Fox

## Football Top Scorers 2017-18

Player	Games	Goals
Thomas Grenfell	6	11
Ollie Kirby	6	10
Amelia Hawes	9	9

Honour Woodrow	9	9
Kyle Kernan	6	5
Noah Sinclair-Pearson	1	4
Toby Richings	5	3
Charlie Reeve	5	3
Holly Mclellan	6	3
Kat Carry	8	3

Sports Day Photos





## SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sports' Awards were held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. This special occasion celebrates all our sports participation, team successes and individual pupil achievements in sport over the year. In these yearly awards, there are prizes presented in several different categories. The first is the Sports Personality of the Year, for fantastic effort and attitude during school PE lessons. Club Medals are then given for outstanding commitment, effort and performance at various sports clubs throughout the year. We also award a trophy and medal to our Girls' and Boys' Footballers of the Year.

The final award is for Outstanding Contribution to Sport. These awards are given to two Year 6 children, who have demonstrated exceptional effort, a positive attitude and fantastic ability in all aspects of sport during their time at Chesterton. As you may remember, we decided to name these final trophies the 'Andy Reading Cup' in memory of our much-loved and fondly-remembered headteacher. Mr Reading was headteacher of Chesterton from 1979-1991. Amongst other things, he had a great passion for sport and outdoor activity and we felt that it was fitting to name the prize in his memory. Our deserving winners – **Zac Powell** and **Holly Mclellan** – were presented with an impressive trophy each.

See below for a full list of the other winners.

Class Sports Personality of the Year Winners	
Maple Class	<b>Connie Brennan &amp; Oliver Gibb</b>
Beech Class	<b>Meriel Woodrow &amp; Billy Brelsford</b>
Ash Class	<b>Olivia Morgan-Griffin &amp; Gus Floyd</b>
Apple Class	<b>Caitlin Tlney &amp; Josh Cresswell</b>
Oak Class	<b>Lilly Bramham &amp; Tom Blakey</b>

Club Medal Winners	
Gymnastics	<b>Charlotte Lancaster &amp; Eleanor Messum</b>
Invasion Games	<b>Oliver Rossiter</b>
Girls' Football (Mr Horner)	<b>Megan Allmond &amp; Evie Thornton</b>
Girls' Football (Flare)	<b>Ruby Chandler &amp; Honour Woodrow</b>
Cricket	<b>Luke Gavrilovic</b>
Athletics	<b>Barney Taylor &amp; Bella Williams</b>
Running	<b>Charlie Reeve &amp; Will Watson</b>
Basketball	<b>Noah Sinclair-Pearson, Mellody Cameron &amp; Jess Cresswell</b>

Club Energy	Sophie Happell, Finlay Haynes, Oliver Evans & Clemmie Watson
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Football Award Winners	
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Boys' Player of the Year	Alfie Clarke
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Girls' Player of the Year	Maggie Smith
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# OUR 2018 AWARD WINNERS



## YEAR 6 LEAVERS' CAMP OUT



As you can see, the Year 6 Leavers had a fantastic time at their camp out last Friday despite the only rain of the entire summer! An enormous thank you to Mrs Rotherham, Charlotte Carry, Sandra Flintham and Rachael Blakey who bravely pitched their tents on the school field for the night and chaperoned the children until Saturday morning!

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

As usual, I have written far too much so 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



**PROGRAMMING WITH BEEBOTS**



**SUPERHERO DAY**



**THE POLICE DOG WAS A FASCINATING GUEST**

**BEECH CLASS**



**LAVA LAMPS DURING SCIENCE WEEK**



**OUTDOOR FUN AT FOREST SCHOOL**

**ASH CLASS**



**MRS ROTHERHAM'S PIRATE WRITERS**



**MOVING RECYCLING POSTERS**



**A VERY EXCITING VISIT FROM THE LANE FOX'S CHICKS!**

### **APPLE CLASS**



**OBSTACLE RACE ACTION FROM SPORTS DAY**



**CREATING ANIMATION BACKGROUNDS**



**RIVER WALKING BY THE THAMES IN HENLEY**

## OAK CLASS



**BISCUIT EXPERIMENTS DURING SCIENCE WEEK**



**GETTING COMPETITIVE DURING MATHS GAMES**



**THE RIVER AND ROWING MUSEUM, HENLEY-ON-THAMES**

*Thank you for reading – see you in September!*

*Best wishes,*

*Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher*

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