



Term 6 Newsletter

2019



Welcome back to Term 6!

The final term of the school year – Wow!

Term 5 ended with an exciting win at Harwell Feast. The children did an amazing job at producing the artwork, and a big thank you to the staff team for making it happen! It was an amazing reflection of all the lovely visits, activities and learning which we managed to cover throughout the term. The cup has pride of place on the windowsill and will soon be engraved. We have used as much of the float display as possible to decorate the wall in Pippins, so please do take time to have a closer look.

Also, a big thank you to everyone for the Tombola contributions for the Harwell Feast stall. We managed to raise £208. This will go towards our outside learning room!

To bring Term 6 to an end, we will be continuing with our '**Growing and Changing**' theme, taking it in a slightly different direction with looking about how we grow and what we need to ensure we are healthy along with reflecting on the changes ahead.

The children will be looking after the seeds they planted last term and seeing if they have produced any fruits or vegetables, using fruits and vegetables in cooking activities and looking at healthy food alternatives. They will learn about why we need to be healthy, incorporating good dental hygiene, exercise and developing good sleep patterns. All of these things will help them with their journey ahead and for our older children, prepare them for school.

We will be inviting Mrs Bun the Baker in for some cooking lessons, continuing with our Yoga and Boogie Beat sessions, building on our Forest School opportunities now Trudie has completed her training (well done Trudie!) and planning in a sports event, our annual end of term trip and of course the Graduation assembly for our older children who will be moving onto school in September. (Further details on next page).

Vicky and I have already been making contact with the schools your children will be moving onto so that transition is as smooth as possible, and I know most of you have been contacted by your allocated school with details of visits.

For our younger Pippins, who we are looking forward to sharing another year with, they will be getting the opportunity to meet the new friends who will be joining us in September.

The term will look something like this –

Week Commencing: 3rd June 2019

Settling back and checking out how much has grown in the garden

Weeks Commencing: 10th and 17th June 2019 (Inset day on Monday 17th)

Freezing and melting - healthy treats with ice cream and smoothies

Week Commencing: 24th June, 1st and 8th July 2019

I have a body, a very busy body and it goes everywhere with me!

Week Commencing: 15th July 2019

Ahoy there me hearties!

Boogie Beats and **Yoga sessions** will continue this term.

Boogie Beats - Thank you for the Radio Lollipop donations. The children had a lovely Teddy Bears Picnic session on Tuesday with Boogie Beats Vici, and of course the picnic biscuits were enjoyed by all! These sessions will continue to be spread over alternate Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons. We will be finishing these on Tuesday July 16th with a special Pirate themed session.

Yoga – we will be juggling these sessions around to accommodate the school transition visits and home visits for our new families.

The children are really loving 'Show and Share' at Nurture time. It's lovely to see how confident they have become with speaking in a large group, sharing their experiences and special toys with their friends. The children are welcome to bring in photo's, toys (please be realistic about size!) or any other treasures they would like to share. Parents are welcome to add any achievements or outings on Tapestry so we can use them to build a holistic picture of your child's learning and development.

We break up for the summer on Monday 22nd July 2019 at 3pm

**Tuesday 23rd is the Graduation Assembly for the older children
who will be moving on to school in September**

Sunny days

With the sunny weather hopefully on the way back soon, we ask that when necessary, children are sun creamed before arrival and we will top up throughout the day as necessary. To ensure there is always enough cream available, Pippins will supply the sun cream, but we ask for a £2 donation to help cover the cost of this. Thank you to those parents who have already donated.

If you would prefer to supply your own brand, please provide this, clearly labelled with your child's name on and we will store it appropriately at Pippins.

Pippins have their own supply of sun hats but again, if your child would prefer to bring their own, they are very welcome. Could all children have a change of clothes in their bag as I guarantee there will be water play involved if the sun is shining!

Appropriate clothing and footwear for the warmer weather - Pumps or Crocs (with back straps) are ideal. As flip flops and open toed sandals are a trip hazard please could these be avoided.

Small Group work

We will be continuing small group work for Term 6.

Sabrina will continue to lead our Spiral Groups and will be adding in Maths and Science challenges. Hannah will be leading the 'Power Pips' Groups. They have been enjoying the donated school uniform, practising getting dressed and becoming familiar with the school logos.

Trudie completed her Forest School training today so we will be full steam ahead with these sessions.

For those parents who haven't yet had chance to follow the link below, it is well worth checking it out as there is some really useful advice with the preparation for school . . .

www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/PACEY%20general/Steps-to-starting-school.pdf

Swimming

The swimming sessions as part of the transition for children attending Harwell School in September have been very popular and the children have loved the experience.

This term Star Fish group will be taking part. Due to the school visit on Monday 1st July, the scheduled swimming will be moved to Monday 15th July.

Some sad news . . .

Unfortunately, Lois has decided not to return from her operation. We will be very sad not to welcome her back and I am sure you will all want to join us in saying an enormous Thank you for all the fun, smiles and cuddles she has brought to Pippins!

Sports Event

We are hoping to hold a Sports Event one morning towards the end of term. We are still in the process of organising the finer detail and will email with these as they are confirmed.

Parents evening

It was lovely to welcome so many of you at Parents evening and a fantastic opportunity to share Tapestry with you and discuss your children's development. For those of you who weren't able to make one of the two evenings, and haven't managed to catch up with your Keyperson, it's not too late to come and have a chat. If you would like to organise a meeting, please come to the office and we can book an appointment.

Pippins Annual Outing

This year we will be taking a trip to Beale Park on Monday 22nd July.

Brenda will be sending an email with full details.

Parents must accompany their child. (Siblings are welcome). Coach seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Graduation Assembly

To end the school year, we will be finishing with a Graduation Assembly. Those children who will be moving onto School in September are invited with their families to share in a farewell morning.

This will take place on Tuesday 23rd July, at 9.30am. After the assembly there will be refreshments and time to celebrate the next part of the journey. The assembly will finish at 11.30am.