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Dear Parents,

### **Science Assembly**



On Tuesday we had a very special Science focused assembly. We welcomed Renee Watson from Wats.on Science Consultancy, who did some amazing science experiments with the children, themed around the whizz Bang explosions of fireworks. She also brought in information about 'The Curiosity Box'. This is a monthly subscription service we thought some parents with scientifically minded children might be interested in. Each month a science experiment in a box arrives on your doorstep full of everything you need to do to explore a science theme in depth. The flyers have gone home today. If you're not interested then just put the flyer in the ground as it's fully biodegradable and has wild flower seeds in the paper!

At the end of the assembly we also welcomed Professor Dudley Shallcross from The Primary Science Teachers Trust. As you know, Julie Pottle has been declared as one of the winners of the Primary School Science Teachers of the Year. Professor Shallcross presented Julie with her certificate and the school with a cheque for £500 to spend on science equipment. Julie's full award ceremony will be in October.



### **Rev Geoff Maughan's final assembly**

Geoff had his last assembly with us on Thursday before he starts his retirement this weekend. We talked about what he has done for our school, sang some of his favourite songs and wished him well for the future. The children made a beautiful card for him and we presented him with a vase decorated with a fingerprint that was turned into a little bugs or creatures, from everyone in our school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Geoff all the very best for his future.



### **Year 1 dressing up day and cookie sale.**

Well done to year 1 who looked fabulous in their nautical themed costumes on Thursday. They also raised over £50 in their cookie sale for the RNLI and our school charities.



### **The Paper Boys Concert**

It was great to see some ex-pupils back at school on Wednesday as 'The Paper Boys' performed a mini concert for us. The boys are amazing musicians and entertained everyone (including most of the rest of the village – it was THAT loud!) with their music.

## Eynsham Holiday Club

If anyone is looking for summer activities for their children, there is a new holiday club in Eynsham called 'Cave Quest', open to all primary school children. It is run by Eynsham's three churches, from Monday 25th to Friday 29th July, 9am to 12pm, at Eynsham Primary School and will include games, crafts, songs, videos and snacks. All volunteer staff are DBS checked.

To book, you can email [eynshamhc2016@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamhc2016@gmail.com), find more information and a booking form at [www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk](http://www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk) or phone Chris Sugden on 07808 297043 with any questions - even just go along on 25th. Suggested donation £22 for 5 sessions or £5 for single sessions. If finances are tight, they may be able to offer assistance.

## From your PTA

We hope that you are able to join us for the end of year BBQ from 5.30pm. There will be a BBQ (of course), music and bar. It is a lovely, relaxed way to end the year. Let's hope for some sunshine.

## What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Creating own version of Click Clack Moo, writing messages for our time capsule and learning how our brain grows.
Year 1	Going on a treasure hunt, making rocking boats, dressing like pirates and weighing ingredients for shortbread.
Year 2	Grid references, inventing poems and talking to our Year 5 buddies about Key Stage 2.
Year 3	Word problems and symmetry in maths, making BFG fact files.
Year 4	Performing river poems, summer holiday budgeting and playing tennis.
Year 5	Presenting our ocean island project work to the class, sharing our guides to Key Stage 2 with our buddies.
Year 6	Presenting our Egyptian homework projects and rehearsing our assembly.

## Next week:

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Year 6 leavers assembly
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	1.15pm	School closes for the summer break
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am	Children return to school

As this is my last newsletter of the year, I want to finish by thanking all our staff for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to our school. It has been quite a difficult year, especially with all the new assessment systems to get used to, but they have, all been fantastic. Thank you too for your support over the year. I know that you appreciate the work we do for your children and we are glad for the positive relationship we have with you and support you give us.

I wish all of our summer leavers, including our year 6 children, Mr Base and some children for other year groups, the best of luck for their futures and hope that they are able to come back regularly and let us know how they are getting on.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to starting a new term once again in the autumn.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher