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Northborough End of Term News 2015

This is my last newsletter to you and I must start by saying how much I have enjoyed the support, enthusiasm and partnership offered by parents at Northborough School. The lovely gifts that you have given me will be treasured- thank you so much!!

This has been a busy and productive year. All our children have experienced success across a range of areas, both individually and sometimes as team members. They should be very proud of their efforts- we certainly are!

There have been many highs over the year. More recently these have included:

- Our netball team coming third in the County Championships
- The successful "Northborough's Got talent" evening which raised £529
- The Year 1 camping extravaganza on the school field
- Gaining 6th place out of 30 in the Inter-schools Maths Challenge
- Music evening, when our new and more experienced musicians entertained their parents
- Coming second in the Soke Athletics Championship
- Sports mornings culminating in our Sports Awards ceremony, celebrating the children's sporting attitudes and achievements over the year
- A wide variety of extracurricular clubs which are well attended
- "Grand days out" such as when our Foundation Class visited Dinosaur Land
- Swimming lessons for Years 1-4 and which were described by one year 3 child as "Awesome"
- Children from Chernobyl again joined us for an annual visit
- "Move up day" when our children spent the morning with their "new teacher".

I could go on (and my staff will tell you that I normally do) but onto other things....

Thank you to everyone who contributed, in any way, to our Summer Carnival. In excess of £2,700 was raised . With a potential to add a further £1,000 to the total if we can secure a watch funding donation - a truly excellent team effort. This money will be used for the benefit of all our children, giving them the extras that enhance their learning environment and experiences.

An example of this can be seen in our ICT suite. We have just taken delivery of new furniture - the chairs arriving yesterday and the electrician making an appearance today (we like setting challenges at Northborough School and his involved unravelling the spaghetti of wiring that seems to ooze out of all our desktop computers!!)

Other highlights have included the Year 6 residential visit to Derbyshire and their visit to the Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford. The theatre workshops equipped them to come back to school and deliver an excellent performance of Macbeth to their appreciative parents.

These children are now leaving us- a time of mixed feelings for all concerned. However, as a result of the following, they are well prepared for the transition:

- visits from staff of the receiving schools
- the children visiting their new schools on "taster Days"
- parents attending meetings at their child's new school

Well done year 6 - we all wish you every success for the future.

Staffing.

As you already know, the teachers will remain in their current year groups. Some classes have more teaching assistant support than others which reflects the particular needs of the year group.

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant Support
Foundation Stage	Mrs Robins	Mrs Dovey Mrs Turner Mrs Belson
1	Mrs Swepson/ Ms Griggs	Mrs Long
2	Mrs Jackson	Mrs Slater Mrs Rowcliffe Ms Tomeo
3	Mr & Mrs Hussey	Mrs Dembry Mrs Currall Mrs Slater Mrs Heavens Mrs Mackintosh
4	Mrs Pell	Mrs Brown
5	Mr Henderson	Mrs Warren Mrs Mackintosh Mrs Ramm
6	Mr Day/ Mrs Selvester	Mrs Anniss
Mrs Gray will continue to support children across the school.		

Mrs Bull, who currently supports a child in Year 1, will be leaving us in order to enjoy semi-retirement. She has been a great asset to us and a valued team member. We thank her for her dedication and commitment and wish her well for the future.

I am also bidding farewell to Northborough School. In company with our Year 6 children, I am experiencing the very mixed feelings associated with the transition to a new phase:

- gratitude for the friendship of peers (colleagues)
- appreciation of the opportunities offered by the school
- the warmth of relationships within the school community
- enjoyment of the opportunities, challenges and support
- recognition of the skills learned and personal development

- the "eek feeling" it will be exciting but also a bit scary!

Our Year 6 children will be absolutely fine, will find their feet and love the time ahead, as will all our year groups.

The new headteacher, Mr Mallott has visited the school on a number of occasions, has attended a governor's meeting and is looking forward to joining Northborough School. The Autumn Term starts on Monday September 7th.

It just remains for me to wish you, and your families, a lovely summer break and every success for the future.

Christine Moss