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Summer Term 2015

Term Update



Key Stage!



Sheering C of E Primary School Governing Body

This term Governors have visited school to monitor Behaviour, Equality, Literacy, Early Years Foundation Stage, and Social, Moral, Spiritual & Cultural Development.

Policies we agreed this Summer are the Critical Incident Plan, Curriculum Policy, Marking & Feedback Policy, the Accessibility Plan and the Equalities Objectives. The Debt Policy for school meals payments is currently being reviewed and will go to the Board for approval at the first meeting next term.

At the Governors' March meeting it was proposed to combine the Finance and Premises committees as much of the business is common to both. The first of these combined meetings took place in May and at the June Full Governing Body (FGB) meeting it was decided to continue with this arrangement calling the new committee "Resources". The Terms of Reference for this committee will be reviewed in the first meeting of 2015/2016 school year when governors will opt to join either the Resources committee or the Personnel and Curriculum Committee.

Mrs Ansell gave us an insight into the new assessment arrangements and the attainment data summary for Early Years. An analysis of the attainment data for year 6 was presented to governors by Mrs Brittaine.

Before the September meeting there will be a short training on Building Learning Power (BLP) and some governors also hope to join the staff for training on the new Ofsted Framework which will be used for all inspections from September. A

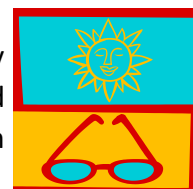
full Governing Body training session on Improving Governance is also planned for next term.

This term we say goodbye to our Year Six children. Their new schools are Leventhorpe, Birchwood, Bishop's Stortford High School, Forest Hall and White Lodge. They have worked extremely hard to achieve good SAT results and we are sure that their work ethic will serve them well with their new opportunities and challenges.

It was announced at St Mary's on 5 July that our Rector, Stewart Gibbs, is moving to a new post. This will leave another vacancy on the Governing Body but this will be filled when there is a new Rector at St Mary's. Stewart told us, "Sheering School and all its pupils have been a highlight of my time here. The school is moving forward in so many ways and I wish you all the best for the future." He has become a familiar, friendly face for our pupils and many took time to say goodbye at his last school assembly. We also say goodbye to Peter Kuminek, Grace Dewhurst and Suzanne Kingston and wish each of them every success and happiness in the future.

Governors would like to thank all the staff for their enormously hard work this year raising standards in behaviour and attainment and providing such a wide range of sporting activities and after school clubs.

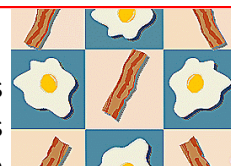
The Governors wish you all a happy Summer holiday and look forward to another successful year in September.



Year 6 We are very proud of Year Six's hard work. We asked them to contribute to the Summer Term "Key Stage" newsletter. If you are a Year Six parent or carer you may require a tissue reading their accounts!

Year 6 SATs

This year when we did our SATs we all came in early every morning for breakfast. Mrs Brayson, Miss Dewhurst, Mrs Creed and Mrs Guinan cooked us massive breakfasts of rolls with bacon, sausage and eggs in. (The eggs were from Ella's chickens and the yolks were really yellow.) We also had toast and cereal – though not many of us chose cereal. Henry's favourite was waffles so Mrs Guinan bought some and we ate loads with masses of golden syrup on top. They were delicious! Even those of us who had never tasted them before decided they liked them. We queued up to have them as 'pudding' after our bacon and sausage rolls. We also had hot chocolate and orange juice.



After breakfast we went out to play football, etc before register so we could chill and have a chat.

Then, when the SATs tests started, Mrs Guinan gave out bars of chocolate. The first instruction she gave us was, 'Eat a piece of chocolate whenever you like.' At the end she said, 'Put your hand in the air. Now give yourself a pat on the back.'



SATs week was actually quite fun.

Best Memories

As we go

I'll remember everyone and everything

I'll remember all the good memories

Like going to the park, going to the forest.

Also Kingswood!

I'll remember Mrs. Guinan

For getting me back on track

Also for getting me high levels!

I wouldn't have my friends

If it weren't for this school!

Harry Pennell



I had a Dream



THE ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL

I have always wanted to be a ballet star and this year my dream began to come true.

I went on auditions for dancing in Don Quixote at the Royal Albert Hall – and got chosen! Both Mrs Guinan and Mrs Brittain came to see me.

At Christmas I was in The Nutcracker at Harlow Playhouse and both my teacher and head teacher came to see me perform there too. Mrs Guinan brought her granddaughter, Emma, to see me dance! I was given the Jack Petchey Award.

My biggest excitement this year has been getting in to the Royal Ballet School at White Lodge. I will be a boarder there in September which means big changes for me, but I am so looking forward to it. My Mum is going to bring Mrs Guinan to see me there one Sunday and she is going to come and watch me dance again at the Royal Albert Hall this Christmas when I am in The Nutcracker.

My career has begun!

Will Ashdown



Thank you!

My best memory at Sheering School will always be when Mrs Brittain and Mrs Guinan joined the school. I think I'm a level 5 in everything now because Mrs Guinan teaches me everything I need to know so I could be smart. Thank you Mrs Guinan.

If it wasn't for this school I would have no friends and I wouldn't be smart, so I'm lucky I'm in the best school ever.

My favourite lesson is art and I wish I could do more at Leventhorpe.

Thank you for taking me wonderful places this year - the beach, forest, art gallery, cinema and much more.

Thank you for being there to help me out whenever I'm stuck on something.

Thank you.

Martin Macdonald



Level 6 at Leventhorpe

We have been going to Leventhorpe for an hour every Friday to learn Level 6 maths. Although it was difficult and challenging, we didn't give up. Our teacher said it didn't matter if we didn't achieve it this year, it was the taking part that mattered. Mrs Guinan said if we went and decided we didn't want to continue she wouldn't force us to go. She assured us when we sat the Level 6 tests that the ceiling wouldn't fall down if we didn't get it. We all tried our best while she kept us amused and calm by singing funny songs. It was a good experience for us all to have and we will have a head start on the other children at secondary school.



Henry, Katie, Ella,

Nathan and Marni.



The story of Nathan Storey

Once there was a boy, with the potential to be smarter, more popular and mentally stronger. But, my friends, he just couldn't do it. Under the force of previous teachers for most of his primary school years, he just lacked those pieces of inspiration, good will and hardworking to actually push him on. He thought he would get a terrible job and live in a crummy broken miniscule house with a boring life. That was, until, the saviour of his school career arrived.

This woman made this young man with low levels into a genius! He suddenly became smarter happier and he had a lot of determination and he used it wisely. Do you know what he was determined for? He was determined to live his life and become an architect and have a family including a beautiful wife, an energetic son and a lovely daughter and last but not least, a furry German Shepherd and a friendly Alsatian. He was now set for the future and he forgot every single bad thing that had happened to him from the past. He was a changed boy. For once he actually WANTED to go to SCHOOL. Yeah. That big a change. He was so incredibly joyful for the fact that his teacher was . . . let us just say that the words to describe her generosity were unimaginable.



Young Citizen of the Year



One of our Year Six pupils, Ella Ballard, was awarded the "Young Citizen of the Year" by the Parish Council at the beginning of this term. Rodney Northwood, the Chair of the Parish Council, presented her with the award and detailed why she had been successful.

Ella has a blood disorder which resulted in her spleen being removed in September 2013. Thankfully she made a full recovery and her thoughts turned to others who were poorly and she wanted to do something special. She had her very long hair cut and donated more than 15 inches of it to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer and leukaemia. She also raised money for charity by asking for donations. Mr Northwood stated, "Ella is a remarkable young lady, a credit to herself as well as to her parents and a very worthy recipient of this award in recognition of her very brave deed and adult decision."

Ella, you are TERRIFIC!

This is her account of receiving the award and she was kind enough to agree to a short interview.

Hi, my name is Ella Ballard; I am 11 years old and I got nominated for Young Citizen of the Year on Wednesday 29th April.

At 7:30pm I went with my mum to the village hall and sat on a chair that was in the first row. The council were sitting in front of me. As they began to speak I was listening and all of a sudden they went on about this was the first year of having a young citizen from in the village and an older citizen. As I was putting my lip balm on they suddenly called "This years citizen of the year is awarded to... Ella Ballard!" My speechless mouth dropped in shock as he passed me a box, which was plastic and very heavy, then he opened it up extremely carefully and presented me the most fragile glass trophy and to say an even greater well done I got given £100.00 to spend all to myself. My mum was taking lots of photos of me in amazement!

Why is it important to you to help your community and support charities? It is important to me because last year one of my very good friends got bullied and it reminded me of those who are suffering with cancer. I realised they get bullied so much more than other people because they have no hair but I knew I had loads of hair so I cut my hair so that they don't get bullied and they feel better.

What can other young people in Sheering do to help the community and become the next young citizen of the year? Young children in Sheering can help the community by helping charities and giving things they might need but other people around the world need it more. They can also be generous and give them some of their old toys that they may not need any more.

What will you miss most about Sheering School? I will miss all my friends, teachers (Mrs Guinan) and teaching assistants not forgetting my head teacher (Mrs Brittain). I will also miss having lovely breakfast on SATs week and the fact that there was silence at some times and everyone was always working.

What has been your highlight of your time at Sheering School (people, event, trip etc)? My highlight of my time at Sheering School has been going to Kingswood, being a team captain at sports day and playing with all my fabulous friends. Kingswood has inspired me and made me more confident ready for Leventhorpe.

What are you looking forward to about Secondary School? Are you ready for it? I am ready for Leventhorpe because I have already made some friends. I'm looking forward to clubs and lots more friends than I have ever had before. Also, I am looking forward to all the lessons that are being prepared ready for me and my classes. My fabulous levels have shot right up as if they were flying into space! I know I have a great future ahead of me because of the education I received at Sheering. Sheering School has come to an end, unfortunately, for me, but all these years I have been here I have grown my brain so much and I am about to go and grow it some more!



Laughter at Lunchtime



It was a real pleasure this week to visit the school at lunch time and observe how well the children behave during their lunchtime break. One of the challenges of our school has always been the limited outdoor space so it's important to utilise this as best we can to enable children to play as they wish to.

The field is now divided into zones at lunchtime, this includes areas with climbing equipment, large outdoor games such as snakes and ladders, and two zones for football one for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. There are also places to sit for those who don't want to run around all lunchtime! All the children were very respectful of one another's games and I was very impressed at how the boys keep the ball in their zone whilst playing.



Children are now given green cards when they are seen behaving well at lunchtime, when they have earned 5 cards they get a certificate. It was a joy to see children coming into school proud of their green cards. I was pleased to see how well the children walk into school after lunch, happy and ready for the afternoon's lessons.



Pamela Gaines

Equality Update and Objectives

Objectives:

- *To promote an understanding of diversity within our school community e.g. family structure, race, faith, sexual orientation, ability or disability and age.*
- *To give opportunities for both boys and girls to access: a) the curriculum by providing additional resources where necessary eg ear defenders, laptop, pencil grips, larger print, adjusted furniture etc; b) the wider curriculum e.g. choice of clubs/sports, responsibilities round the school etc.*
- *To ensure full physical access to all areas of our school, especially access through the front, continues and is regularly reviewed and maintained through our school improvement work, monitoring and systematic evaluation.*

Accessibility:

- Following the Playground resurfacing the playground is now level and as a result creates a level surface for everyone to use.
- Pathways leading to the front entrance of the school and around the school have been widened to provide increased access to the school.
- The school is looking to identify and allocate a disabled parking bay within the school car park area. Although we do not have a space currently necessary adjustments are made for anyone that wishes to park near the entrance of the school.
- One of our long term objectives is to adapt the front entrance to the school to make it more accessible.

Gender:

- All clubs at school cover a variety of interests and are open to both boys and girls.
- Both boys and girls are offered the same opportunities to take on responsibilities within school.

Resources and Curriculum:

- With the introduction of a new curriculum staff will be looking at ensuring that our curriculum resources, including library books reflect and value diversity e.g. ethnicity, religion or belief, gender, disability, age and socio-economic background.

Parents Questionnaire:

- Mrs Brittain will be sending out a questionnaire to gather Parent views on Equality in our school.

Brittaine's Got Talent



It was a great privilege to visit the school to join Mr Kuminek in judging the first "Brittaine's Got Talent" competition.

An incredible 14 acts had made it to the final. Various skills were represented including magic, hoola-hooping, jujitsu, instrumental performances, ballet, rapping, cheerleading, and we even had our very own comedian.

Marni, Harlie, Bethany and Katie were the winners, and were presented with a trophy, due to their confident acapella singing and the successful arrangement of their song.



Alison Uncle

The winners!

Notice board



Governor Meetings

- * 24 Sept Full Governing Body
- * 4 Nov Resources
- * 14 Oct Personnel & Curriculum
- * 18 Nov Full Governing Body

Community Events

- * 15 Aug Local Celebration of 70th Anniversary of end of WW2 (VJ Day) on the Heath, Hatfield Heath
- * 25-27 Sept Harvest Festival Celebrations at St Mary's
- * Sun 27 Sept Harvest Service 11.00am St Mary's

THANK YOU!

Stewart Gibbs

Peter Kuminek

Grace Dewhurst

Suzanne Kingston

All our Staff

The PTFA



School Dates

- * Tues 21 July 5-7 pm Year 6 Leavers' Barbeque
- * Wed 22 July 9.10am Leavers' Assembly & Parents' Tea
- * Wed 22 July Break for Summer Holiday
- * Thurs 3 Sept Autumn Term begins
- * Fri 23 Oct Non-Pupil Day
- * 26-30 Oct Half Term
- * Thurs 17 Dec Break for Christmas Holiday

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