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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

Today has been fun but as expected the heat was not for everyone, thank goodness for air conditioning in some of our rooms and water games.

We are looking forward to operatic workshops on Monday, which will focus on supporting mental health. Some students went to see an opera a couple of months ago and will be sharing their experiences to support others taking part in the workshops.

Can I please ask that Primary parents do not park on the zig zag lines outside the school. It prevents taxis and other parents from seeing the road safely and is causing a risk of accidents.

I am sad to share that after 3 years, Jess Beasley is leaving us to join River Learning Trust as their Trust SENCO. She will work with all their schools to improve SEND practice. While we are very sad to see her go, we are very excited for her to have this opportunity. Jess is committed to improving life chances for those with SEND and having her skill, knowledge and commitment in such a large mainstream trust, will be a real asset. We have been fortunate to offer a secondment to Topaze Skerrett as our new Head of Primary for a year initially. Topaze has worked at Springfield School in Witney for 18 years and is currently their Assistant Head. She has extensive special school experience and particular expertise with pre-formal learners. For some time, she has run her own private consultancy alongside her 3 day a week role at Springfield and has been working with schools to improve SEND practice. She will be leading the Primary site 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday, which will give us back the consistency of leadership we have not had since Sandra left. Jess' annual review role will be taken by Alex Wilson, our Assistant Head, and we are very much looking forward to seeing the school continue to grow with this new leadership input.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Lucy



Purple Class



Purple class have been enjoying the sunny weather this week. We have been practicing our gardening skills by planting beans out in the garden. We are learning how to be responsible by making sure we water the plants on a regular basis.

We have been enjoying a visit from Becksy, Alex's dog, this week and the pupils have been helping Alex train her by telling her to sit, give her paw and break dance.

Purple class have been learning what it is to be a good friend. We have been working together playing games and taking turns with equipment. We all love the soft play, PE, and sensory room. An absolute favourite is playing on the computer. They love taking part in Kahoot quizzes as a team!

Silver Class



It has been another lovely and busy week in Silver Class. This week Silver class have been joining in with 'Jack and the Beanstalk' sensory story, by playing with the props and dancing to the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' song. In Maths, we are learning to order numbers, to make shapes using lolly sticks and exploring 3D shapes. We have also enjoyed the lovely summer weather. We froze sea animals in the water to then explore and experiment to see how the ice melted into the water and had lots of fun splashing in water, and also enjoyed bubbles. On Thursday Silver Class learnt about moulding materials by making ice lollies, which we enjoyed today.