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## Friday 1st July

### Message from the Head of Secondary



Dear Parents and Carers

Today's Newsletter comes from Susanna, as unfortunately Lucy has Covid. We wish her a speedy recovery.

With regret, we have made the decision not to invite parents to our Wimbledon-themed sports day next week due to the levels of Covid in the school. We really wanted to offer another opportunity to come together, but we really do not want to put anybody at risk so close to summer holidays. We will still have a tennis themed day for learners, where everyone can practise new skills and learn about Wimbledon and we will share pictures with you in next week's newsletter.

The 14-19 semi-formal pathway Pride cookie sale made £20. The money will be spent to buy colourful flowers for our garden. I want to thank all learners who baked the cookies and cakes as they were delicious and all of you who supported by sending money in. I definitely ate way too many.

Following Lucy's message on Dojo, we are continuing to see a rise in Covid cases, now in both Primary and Secondary. The vomiting bug is also still going around, so if your son or daughter shows any signs of either illness, please can you keep them off and test them if you think it may be Covid. As staffing levels are low we have had to ask some students to learn from home. We are grateful to all of you for your support when we do have to ask you to keep your son or daughter at home and we will do this on a rota basis so no one is affected too often.

I cannot believe it is July already and we only have just over two weeks left of this academic year. The last day of term is Tuesday 19th July and the school finishes at 1pm. Have a good weekend. I hope we will see some sunshine.

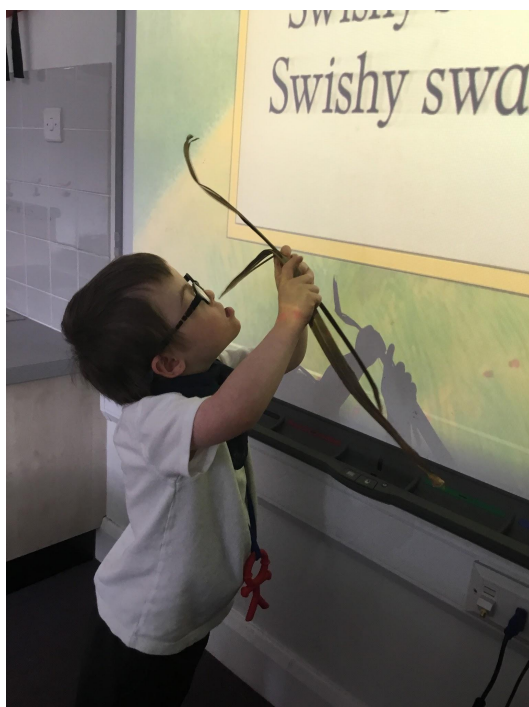
Best wishes

Susanna  
Head of Secondary



## Orange Class

We have been reading the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* with some Sensory Props to help us engage with the story. The children have been interacting with long, dried blades of grass, water for the river, brown gloop for mud, dried leaves for the forest, ice cubes for the swirling, whirling snowstorm, the sensory tent with a teddy bear for the cave and finally been covered over with a blanket for hiding in the bed. It has been a great success. We have also been counting *Compare Bears* and doing some paint prints with the bears' feet. We have been choosing nursery rhymes, using objects of reference and singing them if we can. We have also been spending more time on the PE apparatus in the hall and choosing our preferred movement and equipment to experiment with. We are practising our independence skills throughout the school day by dressing and undressing and making choices using pictures or objects for our snacks and drinks. For the last few weeks of this academic year, we will be reading *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*.





# Gold Class

This week, Zohaib and Mendel had their transition day to Witney college. The boys had a lovely day and it was great to see some familiar faces.

In class we have been busy preparing for our last assembly of the term. Our topic is Honesty and we are putting together a slideshow of all the things we have been up to over the year. We have also been practising our ball skills in preparation for sports day. Have a lovely weekend.

