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Shocklach Oviatt CofE Primary School

# Newsletter



What an action-packed time we are having in school as we race towards the end of the school year! The children have been busy taking part in a variety of activities and the KS2 are now busily preparing for their end of year production.

Last week was particularly tricky with the extreme heat. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on Friday when the decision was made to close school early.

## News from Squirrels

Squirrels have been working really hard recently to learn all about the Stone Age. They have loved making Stone Age tools in Forest School, hunting and gathering food and learning about how life changed massively during this period. They have learned how life went from a nomadic, hunter-gatherer society to farming, living in communities and advancements in technology. They have also been working on fractions, decimals and money in maths. They visited Mr. Sparks' Inconvenience Store (which he thought was much funnier than they did!) and bought themselves some treats using their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction methods learned earlier in the year. The class really enjoyed their trip to the Metropolitan Cathedral and Princes Road Synagogue to learn about diversity in religions. Both buildings are absolutely stunning and the children showed fantastic respect for these places of worship. Squirrels also had their swimming lessons during this period and they have been fantastic. Everyone has learned new skills, overcome worries and tried new things. *Mr Sparks*



## News from Hedgehogs

"Help! We are stuck!" cried the vegetables when Evil Pea struck again! Hedgehogs arrived on the scene to investigate a series of mysterious crimes, discovering trapped carrots, captured broccoli and vegetables in all sorts of sticky situations. Inspired by our current favourite superhero story, Supertato, the children used their fantastic writing skills to create speech bubbles for the trapped vegetables, imagining what they might be saying and how they could be rescued.

This has launched our new enquiry: What makes someone a hero? Over the coming weeks we will be exploring healthy eating, keeping our bodies strong and healthy, learning about real-life heroes in our community and sharing our favourite superhero characters. Most importantly, we will be discovering that we all have special qualities that make us heroes too. By the end of the year, Hedgehogs will be celebrating their own superpowers as they prepare for their next adventures. *Mrs Norton*



## News from Foxes

Foxes enjoyed their first residential visit to Fox Howl. They took part in pond dipping, streaming dipping, dam building and orienteering. We found some fascinating water creatures including newts and eel elvers! The centre staff commented on our children's resilience, perseverance and creativity. It was wonderful to see the children look after each other with such care and cooperation. *Miss Keeping*



## Updates

Since the open meetings for parents on 3rd June, we have continued to embed our new timetable. The main change has been moving Collective Worship to the morning, making this time of the day a priority in our church school. We have also altered the teaching of mathematics for the children in Y1 upwards. My staff are familiarising themselves with the new way of teaching this subject ready for a new start in September. The change of INSET days next academic year will allow for quality Continuous Professional Development for teachers resulting in improved outcomes across the school.

Last week, the Cross-Curricular Orienteering Company visited school to map out the site. Very soon, new signs to allow this rich outdoor learning, will be going up all around site. Many thanks to the STSA for funding this. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Jones for the kind donation of the tractor tyres to enhance our outdoor provision. We are still looking for crates, pallets etc. that the children can use for den building. Many thanks.

## News from Badgers

Badgers went on a fantastic educational visit to 'Xplore!' earlier in the month. They 'explored' all the interactive stations, built and programmed Lego rovers and visited the new planetarium.

We also had a fantastic visit to Safety Central where the children learnt about being safe by trains, on the road and by power stations. They saw the effects of fire on a bedroom and about the dangers in the home. They also learnt about online safety, dangers of water and how to be prepared in an emergency. The staff commented on how polite and brilliant at listening our children were! Thank you Cheshire Fire Service for providing a brilliant centre for us to visit.

Mrs Cobden



## School Vision

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the thoughts and reflections on our school vision:

*We aim high in our hearts and minds as we blossom in God's garden, for nothing is impossible with God*

Mr Heathcote has been working behind the scenes analysing these as well as obtaining governors' thoughts and pupil voice. As a church school our vision must be the driving force behind all areas of school life; this is why it is so important that it is the right vision for our school community. As a community we want our children to:

- be confident
- be kind
- be respectful
- be joyful
- be academically successful
- able to persevere
- reach their God-given potential
- love learning
- learn outdoors
- be resilient
- engage in an enriching curriculum
- be curious

We believe that our school vision is the right one in meeting these desires for our children. Mr Heathcote will present his work on this in our next open meeting for parents. This will take place on Wednesday 16th September at 6pm.

## Dates

Monday 29th June	pm	AmaSing Concert at Chester Cathedral
Tuesday 7th July	1:30pm and 6pm	KS2 Production
Thursday 9th July	10:30am	Y6 children at the Leavers' Service at Chester Cathedral
Friday 10th July	All day	Y5s at a curriculum day taking place at Farndon Primary
Monday 13th July	9:15am	RockSteady Celebration Concert
Monday 13th July	2:15pm	Music Celebration Concert for those learning instruments with Mrs Smith
Tuesday 14th July	All day	Transition day for the whole school Y6s at Bishop Heber
Wednesday 15th July	12:10pm	Y6 Leavers' Lunch in school
Thursday 16th July	pm	Y6 Leavers' Lunch and afternoon treat off-site
Friday 17th July	2:15pm	Y6 Leavers' Service in church
Friday 17th July	3:20pm	Finish for the summer break

Thank you for your continued support.  
Every blessing,  
C Mackenzie