

The Owl - July 2021

We did it!

So, I feel slightly nervous saying this as I write the night before our final day, but... despite two years of disrupted terms, we have not had to close a single bubble! Fingers crossed I won't be eating my words tomorrow! I honestly haven't heard of many other schools where this is the case. No doubt others would say that's because we are so small. Yes, it is easier to manage in some ways but actually- it is thanks to everyone at team Reed for following our requests and guidance. Thank you then to all of you: staff, children, parents and governors alike. Those of you who have had to self-isolate due to contacts outside school have been in our thoughts and thank you for doing the right thing.

It has been so nice to see more visitors at school attending some of our events which like everything hung in the balance every day! Many parents have commented how despite the many disruptions, their children have still gained many wonderful and happy memories. I hope the staff will reflect on some good times once they have slept for a week!

Everyone is more than ready for a well-earned rest which will hopefully be healthy and happy. Please do let me know any positive cases up to the 28th July. I will be letting you know about any changes to our routines or guidance at the end of the summer break. I know that some schools are already giving details now, but we simply can't predict what will be needed yet. I will of course remain hopeful that the children will be able to interact together more at least at play - which is something I know they have missed more than anything else.

I wish you all a fabulous summer and look forward to seeing you in September. For those of you moving on, particularly where your youngest is moving on, we wish you well and do hope that you will keep in touch to let us know how your child is settling into Year 5. There have been lots of mixed emotions as expected from our Year 4s who I have to say have been particularly passionate this year about their fond memories of their time with us and reluctance to move on - even though they know they are more than ready. We will miss all of our Year 4 leavers and their families.

Happy holidays and once again, thank you for all of your support, enthusiasm and affection you show for our special school.

Mrs Wittich



Congratulations



Our whole school community have continued to work towards our values which aim to help the children: 'Learn Together, Learn for Life'. In case you missed it, the announcements at our final Celebration Assembly were as follows:

Sports Cup: **Eagle Owls**

House trophy: **Barn Owls**

Values Cup: **Alfie Ames** for demonstrating all of our values throughout the year.

100% Attendance: **Imogen, Jesse, Harry, Frankie W, Felix and Alfie**

Values Awards:

Aspiration	Resilience	Respect	Independence
Charlie Jack Jessica	Frankie W Callum Isla	Grace Harry Ronnie	Sophia Sophie Millie

Congratulations to all of you!



Diary Dates

September 2021

2nd, 3rd INSET days – school closed to pupils.

6th – Term starts for all pupils

7th – PE lessons begin for all children. Early Years in PE kits all day please.

12th – FoRS Summer Fayre 12 – 4pm

Week beginning 13th –

- Meet the teacher whole class meetings
- Clubs begin

13th – Forest School begins. Children in outdoor wear please. Wellies should be in school already. Every Monday for 6 weeks.

14th – Individual and sibling photos. Early Years bring PE kits to school please.

14th – No Night Owls

15th – Swimming for Junior class begins

October 2021

4th – Walk to school week

5th – Friends of Reed School AGM

9th - Open Day for prospective families 11am – 2pm

21st, 22nd – Parent consultations

More details about events listed will follow. Weekly bulletins to all families will continue.

Camping surprise!

Our Junior class were genuinely surprised to arrive back at school on the 9th July to see giant inflatables and tents. I know many of the parents had lots of fun winding the children up with blatant lies including – ‘You have an extra parent consultation’, ‘You need to have an extra spelling test’ and ‘You are in serious trouble!’ The faces as the children arrived defied those who apparently **knew** something was up!

Thank you to FoRS for supplying the inflatable fun enjoyed by children and ‘grown ups’ alike. Thank you also to Miss Riches who isn’t a camper (neither am I) who, having been given no choice about joining me and her class, managed to keep a smile on her face despite no sleep and rather damp conditions! If we have another camp out, feel free to pick up at 5am!



Wonderful Whipsnade

Map skills



Penguin smells



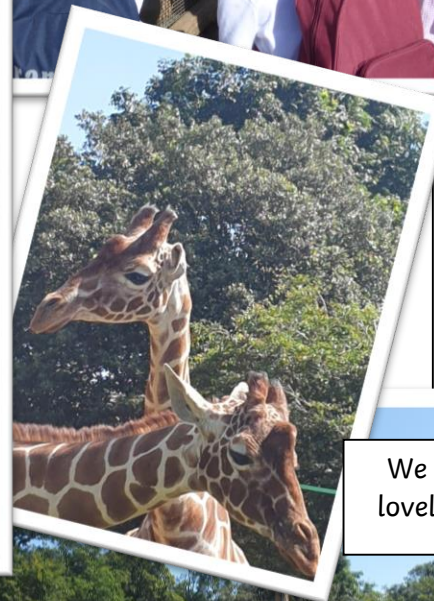
Bird spotting



He's behind you!



We had a lovely day!



And finally...

May the sun shine and your summer
be full of fun!

