

The Owl - June 2021

This time last year, we had just welcomed back more children to school and were making plans for the end of term using virtual connections. We were hopeful for a return to some normality as the school year ended and a new school year approached. Little did we know...

Despite another year of disruption and ever changing rules, restrictions and advice; this term has brought opportunities for having glimpses of whole school life. Our wonderful but rather wet sports day was a great example of this. After military style planning, reviewing and then planning some more (I know I drive the staff mad!) - we had a great time. Being able to invite friends and family to cheer the children on from a distance really did make all the difference. We have received such positive feedback from parents this week commenting on the lovely atmosphere achieved by simply being able to see the children having such fun and cheering each other on not through a screen but in real life!





We truly saw all of our values in action all day!



There are more photos on the "Our School" page of the website.

Diary Dates

3rd July – Treasure hunt starting at school leading you up to the St Mary's church Strawberry Tea.

7th July – Costumes for our summer show in school by today.

8th July – Children in Nursery to Year 4 2021/2022 to spend some time with their new classes.

9th July – Celebration Assembly

14th July – Summer Show **2pm** (2 visitors per family)

15th July – Annual Reports home

16th July – Whole school trip to Whipsnade Zoo. Leaving **9.00am**, returning at **4.40pm**

22nd July – Celebration and Leavers' Assembly **12.45pm** (2 visitors per family), term ends at **2pm**

Thank you to our families who have been there whatever the weather - literally and metaphorically!
The banner competition has begun!

Surprise!

Being part of a small school has so many advantages but I think most of you are aware of the challenges it can bring too. One challenge is having less people power to keep up with all of the jobs required in the day to day from running the school, teaching, planning for the future the list goes on and continues to grow!

You can imagine my delight then, while working on Sunday, to receive an email with the subject of: **Surprise!** Here is what I saw:



The front of the school looks wonderful now! Thank you so much to our families who gave up their time to show their love and respect for our school. It really was a heart-warming surprise!



From Her Majesty the Queen

The children had a nice surprise for themselves this month! You may remember we told you that our Juniors lead the school in sending our condolences to the Queen and her family on the death of the Duke of Edinburgh. Miss Riches and I got the impression that the children weren't sure if the messages and pictures they sent would actually get to the palace.

Here is the proof and a lovely message to us all from the Queen!



Well done for thinking of others and showing **respect** again!



And finally...

Please come and support FoRS and our local community at the Strawberry Tea on Saturday 3rd July. I will be at school from 12:00 – 1:00pm selling ice lollies (£1.00 each) and setting you off on a letter hunt through the village to spell a mystery word (£1.00). Once you have followed the trail of letter clues, while enjoying a lolly, and reached the church; give in your finished trail sheet at the entrance to the Strawberry Tea and you will be in with a chance of winning a prize!

Other members of FoRS will be at St Mary's selling delicious food for your lunch. There will be lots more to do including enjoying cake and toy stalls until 4:00pm.

