

## The Owl – July 2023

### A letter from your teacher

We have been sharing 'A letter from your teacher on the last day of school' by Shannon Olsen in our assemblies during the final week of term. It is a book, as the title suggests, which shares the thoughts of a teacher to their class as they move on. It has been lovely to hear the children's reflections on their years, not only this school year but since they joined the school triggered by the book.

We came to the conclusion that a lot has happened! The children are particularly pleased with some of the new additions to our school year, like Pancake Races and hat competitions!

The memories shared this week have reminded us just how much we have done. It has been particularly nice to hear from children who are new to the school and how some of their memories are of the first time they met a member of staff or their class and how they felt excited to join us.

When I asked the whole school, what might have made the difference to change a possible feeling of worry to one of excitement, their usual modesty shone through! The children said the fact we are so busy stops any worries and that the adults are so nice!

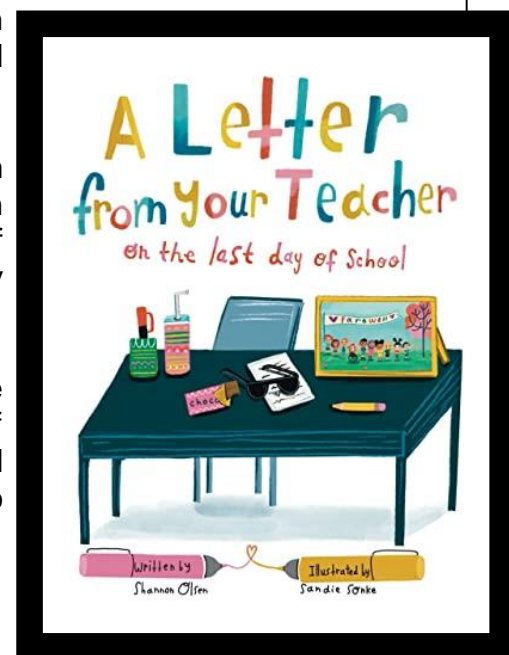
I had to remind them that they play a huge part in making new children, families and visitors feel at home because they are truly...

# AMAZING!

I know that I am biased, but the children all constantly make me proud to be their Head teacher.

We wish those moving on and their families all the very best as they start the next steps in their journey. For those returning, we can't wait to see what you achieve next. For those joining us, we can't wait to get to know you!

Have a fabulous summer!  
Very best wishes and thanks for your support, Mrs Wittich.



## Diary Dates

### September 2023

1<sup>st</sup> – INSET day school closed to pupils

4<sup>th</sup> – **First day of term. Gate opens 8.40am, bell at 8.45am. All pupils must be at school by 8.45am.**

5<sup>th</sup> – PE lessons begin for all children. Kits to be brought to school to change in to.

7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm or 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm – **Phonics and early reading workshop all parents of Early Years new to our school.**

8<sup>th</sup> **Forest School begins for all children. PE kit / Forest School uniform to be worn to school.**

11<sup>th</sup> - Football club begins

12<sup>th</sup> – Yoga club begins

13<sup>th</sup> – Dance club begins

14<sup>th</sup> – Geography club begins

15<sup>th</sup> – Running club begins

**Meet the teacher** – a chance to meet with your child's teacher to find out more about the term ahead and ask questions having previously received a class information letter. A parent or carer for every child is attend either in person or via Google Meet:

11<sup>th</sup> – 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Year One and Two.** In school / Google Meet

13<sup>th</sup> – 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Nursery and Reception.** In school / Google Meet

14<sup>th</sup> - 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Year Three and Four.** In school / Google Meet

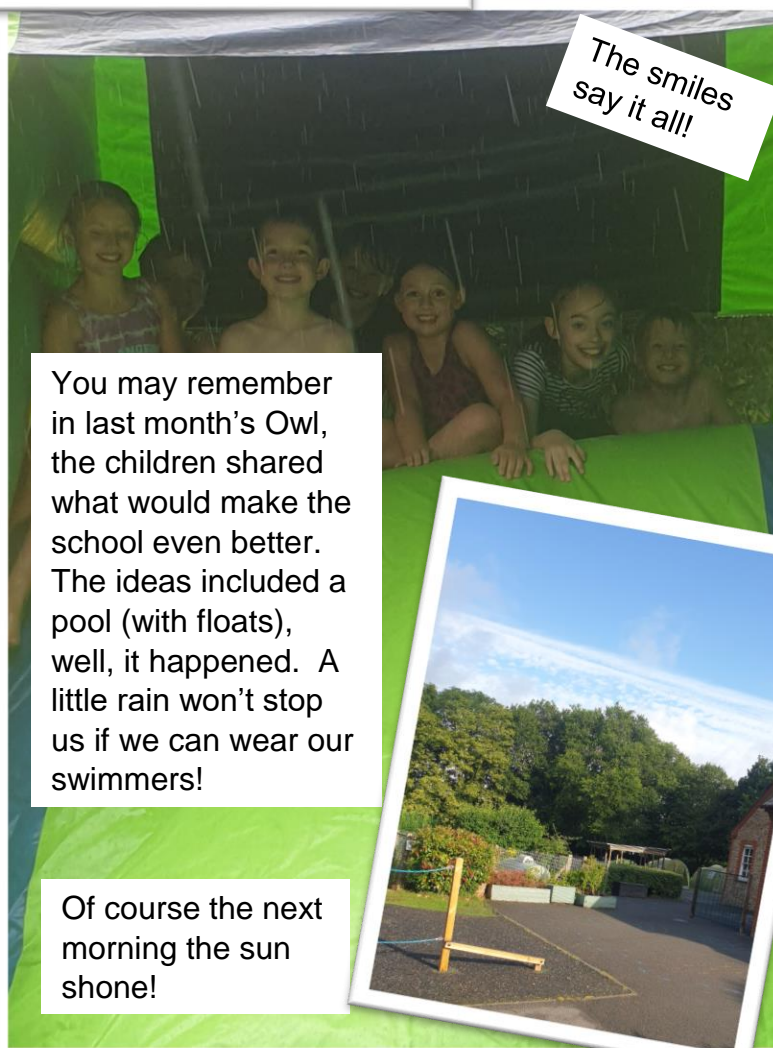
12<sup>th</sup> – Swimming for Layton Class begins

## Camp out!



Our Layton Class camp out is very much an embedded tradition now, not least because it always seems to rain!

Although, this certainly doesn't stop the fun!



You may remember in last month's Owl, the children shared what would make the school even better. The ideas included a pool (with floats), well, it happened. A little rain won't stop us if we can wear our swimmers!

Of course the next morning the sun shone!

There was lots of food, tears of laughter and games which involved eating more chocolate! We just need to work on the understanding that the birds singing at 4.45am does not mean breakfast time! (The boys won the competition for the best sleeping.) Huge thanks to FoRS for the inflatable, Larry Eeles for the tents and Miss Wilson for giving up a Friday night to join us!

# 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, or couldn't understand me in between sobbing! The announcements at our final Celebration Assembly were as follows:

Sports Cup: **Barn Owls**  
House trophy: **Tawny Owls**



Values Cup: **Harry** for demonstrating all of our values throughout the year and his time at our school.

100% Attendance: Edith, Harry, Reggie

Excellent attendance (98%+): Poppy, Scarlett, George, Nathaniel, Max, Molly

Very good attendance (97.5%): Olivia, Mia H, Danté, Ruby, Dilan



Values Awards:

Aspiration	Resilience	Respect	Independence
Molly	Reggie	Jesse	Sophie
Grace	Su	Danté	Millie
Sebastian	Mia O	Esme	Niyah





# Pirates vs Mermaids



As ever, the children demonstrated not only high levels of enjoyment in performing but astounding acting skills and even comic timing!



We also saw our value of resilience with the determination that *'the show must go on'* despite the invasion of chicken pox as well as pirates!

# Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Houses at Sports Day. Some of the children came into school feeling a bit stiff the next day which shows just how hard they worked to do their very best to get those house points!

Cross country



Dressing up fun!



Competitiveness



We loved the banners, cheers, encouragement and face paints on grown-ups too!  
Thank you!