



## Goodbye and Good Luck!



We said goodbye to our Year 6 pupils today. We wish them all the very best and lots of luck at their new secondary schools.

### School Games Silver Award

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Silver School Sports Mark Award from School Games. The scheme is a government led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust and recognises the school's commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive sport within the school and the community.

We obtained our Bronze Award last summer, this year Silver. We are now Going for Gold!!



## End of Year Message from Mrs Fenner

*As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of the children and our school community.*

*The numerous learning opportunities that have taken place this year, from our WW1 workshops back in November, the exciting whole school science trip, our two school productions, a visit from our MP in the first few days of term and our recent achievements in gaining the Silver Games Sports Mark to name but a few, have all been a chance for our 6 Rs values to be displayed proudly. Pirton remains a school to be proud of and a place where foundations for lifelong learning are laid and I count myself privileged that I am able to work with such wonderful children and dedicated adults.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work. They have once again embraced this year with goodwill and commitment, continuing to provide the best education for the children.*

*I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing. We look forward to working closely with you once more from September.*

*Finally, I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. I know that they have all had a great start here at Pirton and know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future.*

*Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3rd September!*

## Cook Awards

The Cook family kindly present a Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 Award at the end of each academic year to celebrate the achievements made by two pupils over the course of each key stage. The Cook family have a long association with Pirton School and it is always a pleasure to welcome them to our Leavers' Assembly to make the presentation. Unfortunately they were unable to be present at this year's Assembly but we nevertheless thank them for preparing the trophies for this year's recipients. At the Leavers' Assembly this morning, Solomon was presented with the Key Stage 1 Award and Erin was presented with the Key Stage 2 Award.



## Staffing News

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Woodhouse who has been one of our Teaching Assistants for the last 3½ years. We wish her all the very best for the future.



At the start of the Autumn Term we look forward to welcoming Mrs Sexton as a new Teaching Assistant in Class 1. Some of our staff are moving classes. Staffing from September will be as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Wrens	Mrs Burgess and Mrs Perry	Miss Reynolds and Mrs Sexton
Robins	Mrs Shaw and Ms Sokhi	Mrs Allen and Ms Snell
Swifts	Mrs MacKellar	Mrs Keating
Kestrels	Mrs Lay and Mrs Perry	Mr Dawson
Owls	Miss McDonald	Mrs Cowie

## Summer Reading Challenge 2019

The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The challenge begins on Saturday 13 July and runs throughout the summer. Hitchin Library visited us last week to give the children more information about this challenge.

Reading is an important aspect of school life and we want to promote reading for pleasure. This free summer event is a great way to bring books to life.

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

# SPACE CHASE

## Summer Reading Challenge 2019

This summer children will help our super space family track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! As they read library books, they will solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder.

Children are challenged to read six library books or eBooks of their choice during the holidays. When they have completed the challenge, they will receive a bookmark and some colour-in glasses and are invited to a presentation ceremony where they will be given their certificate and medal. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to win tickets to an exclusive author event with Steve Cole. The Summer Reading Challenge materials are suitable for visually impaired children.

Space Chase packs will be available in all Hertfordshire public libraries from Saturday 13th July while stocks last, finishing on Saturday 7th September.

## Parent Safeguarding Workshop

On Tuesday 8 October from 6.30pm to 8pm we are offering a free safeguarding information evening for parents. The meeting will take place at Hexton JMI School. More information will be made available in September but please make a note of the date. The workshop will include safeguarding information from the National Crime Agency.



## May Bank Holiday 2020

We have already published our holiday dates for next year. However, it has come to our notice that next year's May Bank holiday has moved and will now take place on Friday 8 May (and NOT Monday 4 May as previously issued).

# May Bank Holiday 2020 – changed to Friday 8 May

## House Points

Congratulations to Highdown who gained the most house points over the course of the year. There will be a celebration when we return to school in September.

**HIGHDOWN**

## Year 5 Residential Visit to Liddington

A meeting for parents of pupils participating in the residential trip to Liddington in September will take place on Monday 9 September at 3.45pm in Owls classroom. This will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about the visit and to meet with staff to talk about any concerns relating to their child. There will also be the opportunity to complete any medication forms which will be needed for the trip.

## Parent Information Meetings – Autumn Term

The times and dates of Parent Information sessions for the start of the Autumn Term are set out below. The purpose of these sessions is to provide parents and carers with more detailed information about the requirements and expectations for the class, to be able to share some of the teaching strategies that will be used and to explain how you can help develop these further at home. The sessions will be held in the respective classrooms at 3pm on the selected day.

<b>Wrens</b>	(Class 1)	3pm	Monday 9 September
<b>Robins</b>	(Class 2)	3pm	Wednesday 11 September
<b>Swifts</b>	(Class 3)	3pm	Thursday 12 September
<b>Kestrels</b>	(Class 4)	3pm	Tuesday 10 September
<b>Owls</b>	(Class 5)	3pm	Friday 13 September



## Charity Collections

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our charity collections during the year. The following amounts have been sent to School Council's three chosen charities:

Global charity	Unicef	£364.64
National charity	Cancer Research UK	£333.63
Local charity	Herts Young Homeless	£333.64



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## Happy Summer Holidays!

All the staff at Pirton School would like to say a very big well done to all the children for working so hard this year. We would also like to thank to all our parents and carers for their continued support. We wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3 September.



## Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September	Inset Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 3 September	Autumn Term starts for pupils
Monday 9 September	Wrens Parent Information Session 3.00pm Y5 Liddington Parent Meeting 3.45pm Owls classroom
Tuesday 10 September	Kestrels Parent Information Session 3.00pm
Wednesday 11 September	Owls swimming starts Robins Parent Information Session 3.00pm
Thursday 12 September	Swifts Parent Information Session 3.00pm
Friday 13 September	Owls Parent Information Session 3.00pm
Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 Sept	Year 5 residential visit to Liddington
Tuesday 8 October	Safeguarding Workshop for Parents at Hexton School 6.30pm
Tuesday 15 October	Individual and Family Photos
Tuesday 22 October	Parent Consultation Meetings 5pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 23 October	Flu Jabs for all pupils
Thursday 24 October	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm to 5.30
28 October to 1 November	Half term holiday

## Term Dates 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September - Friday 20 December 2019

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019

**INSET Day: Monday 2 September 2019**

**OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 29 November 2019**

### Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January – Friday 3 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2020

**INSET Day: Monday 6 January 2020**

### Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 20 April – Tuesday 21 July 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2020

**Bank Holiday: Friday 8 May 2020**

**INSET Day: Friday 22 May 2020**

**INSET Day: Monday 20 July 2020**

**INSET Day: Tuesday 21 July 2020**