



## Goodbye and Good Luck!



We wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best and lots of luck at their new secondary schools. We will miss you all! (Picture courtesy of Y6 parents)

### End of Year Message from Mrs Fenner

*I remember feeling that the start of 2020 would welcome a decade of change and great things to come. Then we were introduced to Covid 19! This has been a time where our children have used rainbows as a symbol of hope, learnt an alternative meaning for the word bubble and shown huge resilience in adapting to the rapid changes around them. It is this time of year where I feel most proud of our school and its community and this year brings no exception! I know that this school year has not ended in the usual, high energized and fun way as in previous years, but it has been a huge comfort to us all to see so many of our children and families in recent weeks. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support during this time.*

*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, placing their own anxieties and concerns for personal safety to one side, continuing to provide education for the children through a difficult time, both in school and remotely.*

*Pirton remains a school to be proud of and a place where foundations for lifelong learning are laid and, once again, I count myself privileged that I am able to work with such wonderful children and dedicated adults.*

*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 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September!*

*Mrs Fenner*

## Staffing News

After eight happy years at Pirton School, we are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Sokhi. She has been responsible for teaching many of your children in years 1 and 2 and we thank her for her contribution to school. We wish her all the very best for the future.



At the start of the Autumn Term we look forward to welcoming Mrs Ewen as a new class Teacher in Robins class, alongside Mrs Shaw. Staffing from September will be as follows:

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

## Summer Reading Challenge 2019

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The 2020 Challenge will feature bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson (Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair).

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer.

Children can sign up for the challenge at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> and we will award 15 house points for anyone who completes the challenge. Keeeeeep reading!

# Term Dates 2020-2021

## Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 2 September - Friday 18 December 2020  
Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2020  
**INSET Day: Wednesday 2 September 2020**  
**INSET DAY: Thursday 3 September 2020**  
**INSET DAY: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 27 November 2020**

## Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 January – Friday 26 March 2021  
Half Term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021  
**INSET Day: Monday 4 January 2021**

## Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 April – Thursday 22 July 2021  
Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021  
**Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021**