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**From Mrs Irwin—** The end of term has arrived so quickly and , as I reflect on the year as a whole, I cannot believe what we have managed to achieve. The launch of the Green and its impact on the lives of our pupils in such a positive way has got to be one of my greatest highlights. Huge thanks to our incredible PTA and to all our amazing families and friends of the school for raising so much money for making this possible. It really brought it home to me last week, when we held the PTA new starters' coffee morning and teddy bears' picnic, what a huge difference having such a beautiful space has had. I would also like to mention our fantastic MPs who have done such a tremendous job of enhancing pupil voice this year in their Pupil Parliament work. Thank you so much to all 11 pupils who have done a brilliant job. In addition, I am incredibly proud of our superb garden as a result of the outstanding work of Emily Gratton-Rayson and her team. To achieve yet another gold award and to be voted as having the best primary school garden in Yorkshire is simply incredible! Huge thanks do not seem enough to express our appreciation to Emily, Helen F, Julia and Helen S for all that they do for our children. I would like to say a very big thank you to our fabulous Year 6 pupils (and their families) for being the superstars that they are—thank you to each and every one of you for your journey through Oxspring. We are all incredibly proud not only for your academic achievements but also for the significant contributions that you have made to Oxspring life. The lovely end to the year was our very special Oxspars last night which showcased the achievements of our Year 6 pupils. We would like to wish you the very best of luck as you start the next chapter and move to secondary school. Finally, the icing on the cake was getting the glowing Ofsted report in March, which demonstrated what wonderful pupils we have who are supported so effectively by a superb team of staff, governors and parents. Thank you so very much for your continued support throughout the year and for making our school the wonderful school that it is. Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 4th September**.



**ROVING REPORTERS – Class 1—** Class 1 have been very busy this week with different things going on. They have done their assembly which was all about different mini beasts , a song how the caterpillar turns into a butterfly and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. It was also Class 1's bun day this week, so we had many lovely buns at school like unicorn buns and brownies. Recently Class 1 also had butterflies living in class which they let free this week. They were painted lady butterflies which were very beautiful .They have also done a performance for TTRockstars day and were pretending to be rock stars - they had great fun singing and dancing in front of their class mates. (By Lauren and Jessica); **Class 2 -** This week, the children were filling up boxes with their Class 2 memories this week. They also did their maths challenge for TTRockstar's day. In PE the children have been playing the treasure game, as well as practising bouncing and 'silly dancing'! In their reading they have read 'Marvin Wanted More', where he gets bigger, and bigger, and bigger!" Finally they did a great assembly for their families. (By Louie and Sonny); **Class 3—** It has been an exciting week for Class 3 and their favourite part was when they were dressed up as amazing rock stars. The whole class have all been busy publishers in their literacy learning. Because Class 3 met their class target for this half term, they chose to come in non uniform and have a picnic and movie on The Green. (By Harriet);

**Class 4** This week Class 4 have been checking and evaluating each other's newspaper reports. On Tuesday it was TT Rock stars (Times Tables Rock stars) day and Class 4 came in some amazing outfits; they also completed a maths challenge with outstanding scores. During their science, the children have been learning about layers of the ocean and are planning to do some water colour paintings. They completed their class target too so for their reward they chose a trip to Oxspring Park. (By Ila and Eddie)- **Class 5 -** Over the past 2 weeks Class 5 have performed their summer show and it was a huge success! In addition, the children went to the Sea Life Centre in Scarborough, as well as having time to play on the beach and eat ice cream and chips! This week the class have made their own version of the Sea Life Centre with loads of different things to do. They started to build their ideas out of paper which was a lot of hard work to finish these masterpieces. Also this week, Class 5 have been going up to the garden to make some pizzas with Bertie's mum Emily in the garden. Thank you so much to her for being brilliant! (By Sonny)

**OXSPARS -** Thank you so much to all the families who came along to the Year 6 Oxspars last night—it was a wonderful night filled with fun, laughter and special memories! Huge thanks to the PTA for contributing towards the cost of the food and to Mrs Godley and Mrs Liptrot for their excellent support serving refreshments. Thanks also to Mrs Hart for preparing the buffet and to Mrs Langridge and Mrs Barnes for their lovely baking!

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR—** Class attendance for the year is as follows: Class 1 - 97.8%, Class 2—96.9%; Class 3—95.9%; Class 4—96.1%; Class 5—96.7%. Well done and thank you to Class 1 for the highest attendance FOR THE YEAR!

### Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ *Please note that school opens again on **Wednesday 4th September**. We look forward to seeing you at 8.45am ready for morning learning.*
- ⇒ *Our first Fit Friday of year will take place on **Friday 6th September** at 8.15am in the Hall*
- ⇒ *We will be celebrating **Roald Dahl Day** on **Friday 13th September** where the children can come dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character or wear something yellow (which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour)*
- ⇒ *Parents and carers are invited to watch the children take part in our annual **Harvest festival** on **Thursday 17th October** at 2pm in the Hall.*
- ⇒ *Half term will end on **Friday 25th October**—please not that this is **NOT** an INSET day.*



*Wishing you a fantastic summer from all the staff and governors at Oxspring.*

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## PTA NEWS—Would you like to be more involved with our PTA?



We would love to keep our PTA moving forward, changing and adapting who we are and how we work together for the good of our school. For this we need you! We always need new people with new ideas and enthusiasm. Some members of our current PTA committee have been in the position for 4 years, which is the maximum allowed according to our constitution, so it is time for them to move on with massive thanks for all the hard work and commitment shown to our wonderful school.

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November 2019 we will be electing new committee members. The committee roles are; Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer. As a registered charity we are required to have a minimum of these three committee roles, although the positions can be shared between two people. This can be especially beneficial for the treasurer role. At least one member of the present committee will remain to provide continuity, meaning that the roles of Treasurer, and either Secretary or Chairperson are open to be filled.

Current committee members will pass on relevant information and any 'training' needed, as well as providing the opportunity to work alongside them between September and November. They will also be around post the November AGM for any help and assistance needed. If a committee role isn't for you but you would like to become more involved we would love to hear from you. As our PTA evolves, perhaps we can create sub positions or committees for events and fundraising, advertising, opportunities to help access grant applications and alternative sources of funding for school?

For more information about what each role involves or for any other information please get in touch, message via Facebook, email [oxspringpta@gmail.com](mailto:oxspringpta@gmail.com), or catch one of us at school. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Oxspring Primary School PTA Committee.**



**PTA NEW STARTERS TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC** — The PTA Teddy Bears' Picnic was a huge success as the new starters to Class 1 had great 'bonding time' on The Green last week. Some of the Year 5 pupils were there to help to organise the event, as well as being buddies and introducing themselves to the younger children - it was great! Thank you to the people who baked some gorgeous buns and cakes—they were delicious! Thank you

very much also to the PTA for such a lovely morning! (By Alfie B)

### **CINDERABBA ROCKERFELLA—'Simply brilliant!' What an amazingly talented group of children we have at**

**Oxspring Primary School. If you didn't get the chance to see it, you missed a real treat. I was lucky enough to attend the dress rehearsal when the children wore their costumes for the first time. The confidence of the children who sang solo; the**



**ones who coped in a very professional manner when things didn't quite go according to plan; their clarity of speech, their dancing, acting and gymnastics; the support they gave each other, as well as some truly inspired casting made for the most wonderful performance on Tuesday afternoon. Many congratulations to all involved including the people responsible for costumes; music and the supporting technology from Mr West;**

**mums, dads and carers for encouraging and supporting their children, and especially to the children themselves. I feel very privileged to have been there. Thank you! Pam Heggie, Co-Chair of Governors**



### **CINDERABBA ROCKERFELLA**—As most parents are aware, we had the wonderful play 'CinderABBA

Rockerfella' being performed at school! The play was performed on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>



of July (for the parents and families.) The scenery and props were amazing; they had been made by Mrs Bower, and Mrs Carmichael. They put a lot of time and effort in to doing it, as the amazing scenery on the wall made me believe I was in a dusty, damp room which needed cleaning! The costumes were also very glamorous, as they had been provided by Mrs Ducker. The starring roles were played by Lauren and Thomas K! There were many different roles, such as animals, bakers and band members, so there were plenty of parts for everyone! The entire cast was amazing at



remembering lines, and most of them spoke out confidently and clearly so that everyone could hear! "The best scene in my opinion was the shoe fitting session because it was complete mayhem!" quoted Sonny. Everyone that the teachers have spoken to have complimented the play. Well done everyone – **YOU ARE SUPERTROUPER STARS!** (By Daisy S)



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**CLASS 5 VISIT TO SCARBOROUGH**— On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July Class 5 went on an exciting trip to the seaside town of Scarborough. The intention was to visit the sea life centre but it was also an end of year treat. Everyone dealt with a long 3 hour long journey on the way there due to traffic but everyone survived! J When we got there, people had a bite to eat and then we looked round the sea life centre. There



were all kinds of creatures like sharks, seals, rays, penguins, turtles and tonnes more exciting fish. There were even octopuses!



Afterwards, we played crazy golf which was definitely crazy! People were losing their golf balls in the water. Daisy Huber even fell in! Half of the group went ahead to the gift shop whilst they waited for the rest to finish. By the time everyone had finished, it was quarter to two and everyone was starving. After visiting the gift shop, we walked towards the beach. The class played and ate lunch until Mr West gathered the group up. Everyone bought chips and ice cream and after enjoying them hugely we got back on the bus and went back on a 1 ½ hour journey (much less than on the way

there). By Rosie S

**POP SHOP CONCERT**— On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July between 4 and 5pm the Oxspring popshop group rocked the roof off! The people who took part included Lauren, Connie, Lily, Elise, Finlay, Dylan, Lucy, Isaac, Winnie, Violet, Ila, Scarlet, Eddie, Joe, Thomas, Jemima, Eliza, Jack and Miles (sorry if I missed any names). At the end, Audrey gave the Year 6 performers a big goody bag because they are going the PGS. Also, she gave certificates to the best performances and for actually going on stage and improving their self- confidence! Well done everyone.

**GARDEN UPDATES**— Thank you so much to Emily Gratton-Rayson for spending lots of time in the garden this week with the Class 5 children, showing them how to make pizzas in the new pizza oven. The quality of the pizzas were amazing—so incredibly delicious and scrumptious. We could even have our own pizza shop! Thank you also to all of the children from Class 5 who met with the RHS judge this week—he was simply blown away by the level of knowledge shown by the children, as well as for their dedication and commitment to making our school garden the best it can be! Thank you to every child who has been involved with the garden over the year and fingers crossed when we get the RHS results at the start of the new school year!

**GREETINGS FROM THE GARDEN** ...Greetings from the garden and another school year comes to a close in the blink of an eye.....We have very mixed emotions this year, on one hand we feel such optimism and hope for the school garden knowing that we have such wonderful children who have such a passion for that little corner of a much bigger picture, but we have also got to say goodbye to our lovely year 6's (including my Bertie) who are about to start the next phase of their adventure.



It has been such an honour to have been able to spend time and share knowledge with this extraordinary group for the past seven years, we will miss your enthusiasm, sense of fun and bad jokes...(I deeply apologise if I cried on Thursday and Friday!). We wish every one of you a life full of love, fulfilment and to always reach for your limitless potential. The RHS judge came this week to gaze upon our offering.....regardless of the result all the children who spoke to the judge and got on with their jobs were wonderful, they were polite, knowledgeable, funny and supportive of each other, I could see by the judges face and his interaction with the children how impressed he was with them and with the space they work so hard create.



I would also like to say a huge thank you to Helen Fryers for her unfaltering support and time I really don't know how we would cope with out her warmth, hard work and patience, also massive thanks to the lovely Thomas Ducker who look time out to come and help me until 9.30pm to prepare the garden for judging.....you are awesomeness its self-Thomas. We would like to thank the fabulous Mrs Irwin and Mr West for all their support, advice and kindness even when the ideas are a little out there.....and thank you to all the amazing Oxspring teaching staff who are all embracing and inspiring.

We have had a busy week judging aside, we had class 5 in the garden testing out our new pizza/clay oven for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, the children kneaded their own dough prepared the toppings and cooked in an oven with a temperature of 300 degrees Celsius.....cooked to perfection in four minutes the same could be said of my face by the end of the day.....unsurprisingly the group have given us a list of things they would like to cook from September....including meringues.....I may crack under this kind of meringues related pressure!!!!

If anyone would like to be involved with the school garden in anyway... occasionally or regularly you would be so very welcome, please contact Rachel Laslett or Emily Gratton-Rayson.

Thank you, hoping you have a wonderful summer see you in September. *Emily*