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Dear Parents,

Learning

A Rocking Way to End the Year!

As this is our final newsletter of the academic year, it seems only fitting to celebrate one of the highlights of the summer term – The Rocky Monster Show. Our Year 6 children were absolutely fantastic, delivering a performance full of confidence, humour, energy and talent. It was wonderful to see so many family members and friends in attendance, supporting the children and helping to create such a special atmosphere. The production was a fitting showcase of how much the children have grown during their time at Sherston and a wonderful way to mark another significant milestone in their school journey. Congratulations to every Year 6 child for their hard work and commitment. A special thank you must also go to Mr Stewart, whose dedication, creativity and countless hours of preparation helped bring the show to life so brilliantly.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Last week, Oak Class enjoyed a fantastic visit to Dinky Donkeys, and the excitement certainly continued long after they returned to school! The children were full of enthusiasm as they shared stories about meeting the animals, feeding the chickens and exploring the farm. It was clear just how much they enjoyed the experience and how memorable the day was for them.

Meanwhile, Rowan Class continued what seems to have become an unexpected school-wide animal theme with their visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park. Trips like these provide invaluable opportunities for children to deepen their understanding of the world around them, bringing learning to life in ways that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom. We are incredibly grateful to all of the staff who planned and attended these visits, as well as the parent volunteers who generously gave their time to help make these experiences possible.

Caring

Y6 Departure

As Year 6 prepare to leave us, we would like to wish each and every one of them the very best of luck for next year and for all of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. They have been a truly wonderful class, striking that perfect balance between having fun, supporting one another and taking their learning seriously. They have contributed so much to school life and should be immensely proud of all they have achieved.

Whilst we are excited to see what the future holds for them, we are not quite ready to say goodbye yet. We look forward to welcoming Year 6 children and their families back on Tuesday for their Leavers' Assembly, where we will have one final opportunity to celebrate their time at Sherston. They will undoubtedly be remembered as one of the great Sherston Year 6 cohorts.

Achieving

This Year

Looking back, it has been an incredibly busy but hugely successful year for our school. We are delighted to be welcoming a full Reception class of 30 children in September, and demand for places throughout the year has been so strong that we have recruited an additional teacher to support our growing school and enable us to split classes. We are also looking forward to welcoming some exciting and dynamic new members of staff to the team, while our academic outcomes continue to be among the strongest we have seen.

As we celebrate these successes, it is also important to recognise and thank the staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Ms Barson and Mrs Erickson have done a fantastic job supporting the children in Oak Class and have played an important role in helping our youngest children flourish. We would also like to thank Dr Beamer for her dedication and hard work supporting a child on a one-to-one basis this year and to Mrs Van for her support in Rowan Class. We wish them all every success and happiness in their future roles.

However, success is measured by far more than numbers, results or recruitment. Behind every achievement is a community that continues to champion and support the school. Whether through attending events, volunteering time, promoting the school to others or simply offering encouragement, the support we receive from our families and wider community makes an enormous difference. Sherston School's success is very much a shared achievement, and we are deeply grateful for that continued partnership.

EYFS Filming

Following the success of this year's EYFS promotional work, we are delighted that on the final day of term we will be filming a 'Day in the Life in the EYFS' video with Tea Smart. Originally planned for the spring term, the project had to be postponed, but we are thrilled to finally be bringing it to life and ending the year with a flourish.

To help us capture an authentic snapshot of a typical school day, all Oak Class children should come to school wearing their PE kit as normal on the final day of term. We are also delighted that Miss Newman will be joining us for the filming. We cannot wait to showcase the wonderful experiences our youngest children enjoy every day.

Together

Thank You FSS

As we reach the end of another memorable year, I would like to thank our entire school community for its continued support. In particular, I would like to recognise the incredible work of the Friends of Sherston School. A huge thank you to Nicky, our Chair, for organising so many successful events throughout the year; to Chelsea, our Treasurer, for her excellent financial management and unwavering support for the school; and to Catherine, whose hard work securing additional funding through grants has made a significant difference to what we can offer our children.

The time, effort and commitment shown by so many members of our community have helped enrich the experiences we provide and strengthened our school enormously. Thank you all for everything you do. We wish everybody a wonderful, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming children back for the first day of term on 3rd September. Enjoy the summer!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers