



STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"

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End of the Year

Here we are at the end of a very busy, successful year. This year has seen our school celebrate many successes: Wonderful school trips and Year 6 residential, Year 5 & 6 completing Bikeability, plays and concerts, sports events, talent shows, amazing fundraising and PTA events, our best ever KS1 phonics scores, much improved SATS results and of course our 'good' OFSTED school inspection... (to name a few!) There has been a wealth of learning experiences and already staff are planning ahead for even more exciting opportunities next year.

You would have all received the detailed letter sent out on Transition Day informing you about staff leaving us at the end of the term. It really is with mixed emotions that we say **a heartfelt goodbye and good luck to:** Miss Taylor, Mr Shorter, Miss Arnott, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Goldstein, Mrs Gillam and Mrs Bell. We will miss you all so much but we will keep in touch and look forward to hearing all about your future next steps.

We would like to say a very special goodbye to all of our Year 6 children. You may be leaving the school but you have all left your mark and will forever be part of our Stephen Freeman family. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for each and everyone of you. **Keep shining and aiming high! We are very proud of you.**

New Staff

This term we have welcomed new members of staff:

Look out for **Mrs Johnson and Mr De Brito who** will be teaching in two of the Year 6 classes in September and **Mrs Hangar** who will be teaching in Year 1.

Welcome to Stephen Freeman School.

KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

Well done **South** for being the over-all winners of Sports Day!

A huge well done to all of house teams for such brilliant athleticism, support and encouragement. It was encouraging to see individual, competitive talent as well amazing teamwork. Thank you to everyone who came to spectate and support. There were many positive comments about the organisation and atmosphere. *(Thank you Mr Bews and Mr Shorter!)*

Get ready for the new academic year!

Just a few pointers in preparation for September.:

- Children **DO NOT** need to bring pencil cases in to school. We have all the equipment in school that children need. (Pencil cases have been a slight distraction in some classes this year!)
- Don't forget draw-string bags for PE please. With limited space in our cloakrooms we cannot have big, bulky bags in school.
- Uniform with our logo can now be purchased from Trutex, Cockcroft, Didcot. (As ever, plain navy jumpers and plain white or blue t-shirts are also acceptable.)
- Children only need one pair of school shoes; these must be plain black. There is no need for indoor / outdoor changes.
- Good **Attendance** will continue to be high priority **so please** ensure you avoid booking holidays during school time. Please look out for our final Attendance Newsletter this term.

Race For Life

What an amazing day! We hope that you have managed to see some of the photographs in the Gallery section on our school website. **We raised an incredible £2847.50!** Thank you to all of the children, staff and parents who participated and raised money for Cancer Research UK.



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

**Well done to our School
Council for organising our
School Race for Life.**

LOST PROPERTY

We have loads! This will all be placed outside classrooms on Friday. If items are not claimed then they will be taken to the charity shop or disposed of.

THERE IS STILL OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY OWED. School dinners must be paid for in advance.

Reception Classes visited All Saints Church

At the beginning of term, Poland and UK Class walked to All Saints Church in Lydalls Road. This visit was arranged because the children showed an interest in churches when we talked about Easter.

We were met by one of the churchwardens, Brenda, who is also the organist. Brenda told us all about the church building and what happens in church. The church is in the oldest part of Didcot and is around 850 years old. There is a yew tree in the churchyard which is over 1,000 years old.

The children listened carefully then had a chance to look round and listen to Brenda playing the organ. We walked round the outside of the building and saw lots of graves in the churchyard.

Poland and UK classes behaved really well as usual, they are a credit to Stephen Freeman School.



Thank you to our PTA

We would like to thank our PTA Committee for all the wonderful events that they have organised this year. **We really do appreciate all of the time and effort you put in.**

The latest event - our Summer Party— was a glorious, fun-filled afternoon. A total of £800 was raised at the party towards PTA funds. Thank you PTA

Dates for your Diary—Term 6

Wednesday 17th July:	Reception visit Beale Park
Wednesday 17th July, 2.15pm:	Year 1 Tiger Tea Party
Wednesday 17th July, 1.45pm:	Yr 6 Leavers' Siblings Performance
6.30pm:	Yr 6 Leavers' Evening Performance
Friday 19th July:	School Reports to be handed out at the end of the school day
Monday 22nd July:	Yr 6 Leavers' Sleepover
Tuesday 23rd July:	End of Term 6, 1pm. NON UNIFORM DAY (Money raised towards a Defibrillator.)
Wednesday 24th July:	INSET DAY
Mon 2nd and Tues 3rd September:	INSET DAYS
Wednesday 4th September:	Start of Term 1, 8.45am

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYBODY. STAY SAFE

