

Dear Parents,

June 2018 must surely be remembered for its wonderful weather. Yet despite the heat it was a very busy month for our school, with lots achieved.

The menu homework went out for the whole school at the beginning of the month and the work was brought into school on the 21st of the month. The results were amazing and both myself and the class teachers were delighted with the effort and originality in each piece of work.

The month of June also included four Inspire sessions. These events take a considerable amount of preparation time for the teachers and I am extremely grateful for the positive turnout from parents and grandparents alike. I know the children always love to see someone from their family visiting the class.

A significant event in the life of the school was the external moderation of our assessments for reception children (EYFS), year 2 (KS1) and Year 6 writing (KS2). Schools and local authorities have a statutory duty to ensure that teacher assessments are accurate and in line with the national standards. These moderations take place every four years and I am pleased to say that these went well and the moderators were happy that the assessments were accurate.

Our Year 1 children completed their phonic screening tests in June. This is a way for us to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their **phonics** skills, to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. I was delighted with the results and grateful to Mrs Christensen who supported the children with extra reading sessions.

Despite the hot weather, we had a number of sporting events in June. Our year 3/4 children competed in the local tennis tournament and represented the school extremely well. Children from across KS2 visited Ansford Academy and took part in the annual athletics tournament. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with some outstanding individual performances. I was particularly impressed with our year 5/6 boy's relay team who destroyed the competition and finished some 20m ahead of the nearest school. Thank you as well for the amazing support at our Sports Day. It was indeed a very hot day, but with sensible precautions, it was a great success with Yellow team running out the eventual winners.

On the 26th June three members of staff, Miss Hunt, Miss Green and Miss Mason attended maths training at Keinton Mandeville School. They reported

that the training was extremely useful and they will be feeding this back to other staff at our next staff meeting.

The month finished with two exciting events for the children. Demitri Benfield, one our parents, brought a number of exotic animals into school including; snakes, lizards, cockroaches and spiders. This was thoroughly enjoyed by most of the school (Miss Hunt made sure she was close to the nearest exit!).

Finally, our youngest children walked down to Alhampton where they were able to enjoy a day learning about and riding on a miniature train. A huge thank you to Stephen Wessel who opened up his garden and generously allowed the children to ride on his train.

Have a wonderful July.

Richard