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Our motto... To be kind, learn as much as you can  
and encourage one another.

## DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

It's been an extraordinary year: full of challenge and at times worry but so many lovely things have happened too. For our final newsletter we thought it would be good to include some of our highlights from a year unlike any other.

No 1 highlight from all of us was seeing all the children back in school again after the lockdown 😊

Other staff highlights include...

- ✓ Performing the WW2 play of 'Bombs and Blackberries' in front of the whole school and parents (online).
- ✓ Watching the children play together.
- ✓ The love and support from colleagues.
- ✓ Fantastic trip to Harcourt Arboretum to learn about pollination.
- ✓ Learning the Lindy Hop with 'Oxford Lindy Hoppers'.
- ✓ Getting to bake a range of delicious things for topic work in the new cooking room, including croissants and Koulourakia.
- ✓ Concert in the sun on the playground at the end of May to the parents, carers and families of the children.
- ✓ Seeing the children at school playing happily, growing in confidence and progressing in all areas.
- ✓ SATs being cancelled and going to Yenworthy!
- ✓ Children singing outside.
- ✓ RWInc really working.
- ✓ Watching the children at Hill End; running in the stream, getting muddy and challenging themselves climbing.
- ✓ Having a new entrance, it -made life so much easier.
- ✓ Going out on trips again.
- ✓ A big highlight was seeing them spending time with friends having fun after being off school for so long.
- ✓ Just having them back.
- ✓ Seeing the passion, the children have for sport.
- ✓ Cataloguing all the new books for the library.
- ✓ New office and new meeting room.
- ✓ Just being with our wonderful children.

Best wishes to everyone for a fantastic summer holiday.  
Karen Donaghey,

*Here are some of the children's highlights. They never cease to amaze us with their enthusiasm, resilience and engagement.*

*Being responsible-helping other people-visiting the Synagogue-learning the keyboard-doing doubling in maths-doing flips on the rope-playing with the animals-doing Times Table Rock Stars-gardening with Miss Thompson-doing tricks on the ropes-handstands-PE-making friends-being kind-cooking-playing football-playing tennis-in maths learning fractions-reading Paddington-Big maths-Yenworthy-climbing St Michael's Tower-cricket in PE- playing music-practising the play-Forest school-RWI spelling-Roman Colosseums-coming back to school-collaging WW2 scenes-playing with friends-using Book Creator-Hill End-maths with Mrs Earnshaw-piano lessons-yoga-helping younger children-growing strawberries-making hot cross buns-PE with Jack-making planets-visiting the Natural History Museum-cricket-everything-having the best teacher in the world-school dinners-visiting Chedworth-doing the Daily Mile-doing Rock Steady-being Mrs Cox's last class-using the artefact boxes-school dinners-seeing the fire engines turn up at school!-making Roman pots and shields-helping with the Eco-group-making Greek artefacts-After School Clubs-seeing the Bee play at Wolfson College-being in nature for a whole day at the arboretum-acting out plays-making croissants-drawing-using using our chrome books-Iron Man writing-Sports Day-rounders-Maths Watch-writing story about a wolf- painting the London skyline-new sinks-making papier mache Mayan masks-making snowballs on the field-visiting Pitt Rivers-finding out that facts are fun!-being on School Council-reading with Arch-visiting Port Meadow-the Green Blue Peter badge application-football with a professional from Oxford United-the India Topic-drawing-everything-climbing on the climbing frame-playing with Year 1-all the teachers-making salt dough cakes for Alice in Wonderland-having extra play-cooking scones-playing cards-field trips-making the classroom into a rain forest-the France topic-our playground-learning about WW2 and the Blitz and just being in school!*

*These are just a few!! Please ask your children to tell you theirs.*

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT,  
ENCOURAGEMENT AND FRIENDSHIP ALL YEAR; DESPITE THE  
DIFFICULTIES WE'VE HAD A GREAT YEAR**

**TERM ENDS- WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY AT 1.30PM  
Arrangements for September are being sent  
separately.**