

I am writing this newsletter still in very high spirits after our Year 5 & 6 football team **WON** the cluster tournament on Wednesday evening! The children have all been working hard together at football club and their skills certainly paid off. With brilliant goals from Daniel and Charlie the team attacked well and when needed, defended their goal. I am so proud of the whole team! Congratulations to Daniel, Charlie, Harry, Luca, Elliot, Ethan, James, Lola and Laura. We are really hoping that their luck continues next week as we are competing in a small schools tournament on Thursday - good luck Team Syresham!

What a perfect day for visiting Stowe yesterday. We all arrived at 10 O'clock with nursery quickly finding the golf buggies to take them down to the lake. I was lucky enough to spend time with all of the classes during the day and after a gentle stroll down to the lake, I joined Year 1&2 as they hunted for natural materials to produce some art work in the afternoon. Before lunch I found Year 5&6 at the Chinese House where they had spent the morning sketching different parts of the building. The children were in high spirits and had produced some excellent work. I timed it perfectly when meeting Reception for lunch! They had spent most of the morning walking down to the lake collecting signs of autumn on their way. They enjoyed telling me about what they had been up to and more importantly what they had in their packed lunch! In the afternoon I spent time with year 3&4 who were being led by Miss Palmer with an RE focus. During this time we visited the Chinese House to play charades, The Temple of British Worthies and Captain Grenville's Column. The day ended with a roll down the hill outside the Temple of Ancient Virtue and a stroll back up to the car park with the children all mixing together and having a good old chat! It was a truly brilliant day with fun being had by all, if a little tiring!

A message from the Chair of Governors – Janet Cox:

Hi everyone, I am super excited to have been voted in as the new Chair of the school governors and am looking forward to continuing to work with the rest of the governors, Mrs Clough and her team to continue to grow and develop the school. I was lucky enough to be asked to join the governors back in 2013 as a co-opted governor. Although it is a huge commitment to make, it is great to be able to give something back to the school and local community and I feel it is a privilege to be part of shaping the future generation. I can definitely say that the role is extremely fulfilling. My special responsibilities as a governor include Safeguarding, GDPR and Safety. My husband Andy and I have lived in Syresham for over 10 years and both feel that this is where we will be for a long time to come yet. I am a keen runner and you may see me ambling my way around the village on my regular outings. I truly do make the most of every moment and try to live life to the full. Outside of school I am Franchise Operations Director for a large Quick Service Restaurant Company. With the new nursery opening in the early part of this year, the school is going from strength to strength and I know that this is only going to continue throughout 2018/2019. I look forward to meeting some or even all of you at future parents evenings, school events etc. So as we edge closer and closer towards Christmas (yes it is only just around the corner and as someone who absolutely loves Christmas, I am already on countdown to it!), please feel free to contact me if you would like know about what we do as governors or just want to chat through a burning question you have. I can be contacted at jancox1969@gmail.com or on 07710 046205.

A message from The Friends:

On Tuesday night, Janet Cox (our newly appointed Chair of governors) and I met with The Friends of Syresham School for their AGM. It was a lovely evening with lots of very positive news to report and exciting plans for the future to discuss. What a remarkable year it has been. A record breaking year of fundraising with (*very nearly) £10,000* raised AND over £12,000 being given to School to fund an amazing range of resources and activities. You will find more details about exactly where all this money has been spent in book-bags today. I would just like to thank The Friends and parents again for the overwhelming and enthusiastic support they have given to School over the last year. In a time of funding cuts, when budgets are pushed ever tighter, it is difficult to overstate the importance of the money we receive, without which we simply wouldn't be able to provide the many fabulous educational opportunities that we do. There really has never been a better or more important time for parents to be involved with their PTA and I know that The Friends of Syresham School would be delighted to see a few more new faces at their meetings! So if you do feel you'd like to be a bit more involved, see what it's all about and be a force for good at Syresham School, then get in touch with your year rep or pop along to the **next Christmas Fayre planning meeting on Thursday 18th October 8pm (location TBC)**. I've heard they do actually have a lot of fun and quite a few giggles along the way too!

Thank you to everyone for their support with our easy fundraising drive, it's great that so many of you have signed up and we can already really see an increase in amounts being raised. If you haven't signed up yet then please do give it a go, particularly on the build up to Christmas those donations really will start to add up!

What's more if you sign up and create an account using this link below before 31st December we could raise an extra £5 per new supporter. So please do share with any family or friends that like a spot of online shopping!

http://t.e.easyfundraising.org.uk/r/?id=h1868403c,12ce9397,12ce939f&utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=don-conf&utm_content=don-conf&origin=dcon&p1=V4EHTU&p2=OZTABU

Thank you to everyone who has helped to ease the parking problems this week, your actions have been noted and are appreciated. I am currently in contact with the school transport team to ensure that other vehicles that bring children to and from school and MCS also stop in safe places.

Finally we have had a couple of cases of nits in school, please can I remind you to check your child's hair regularly and treat if required. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clough

Headteacher Awards	In the Spotlight
Reception : Abrielle Year 1&2 : Joel Year 3&4 : Grace Year 5&6 : Bethany Presentation :	<p style="text-align: center;">Evie – year 5</p> <p><i>If you could travel to a country and stay for a month, where would it be?</i> China Why? Because it is beautiful and I would love to see a blossom tree</p> <p><i>What is your favourite drink?</i> Elderflower Sparkle</p> <p><i>If you could be amazing at one thing what would it be?</i> Singing.</p>
Friday Cake Bakers Ilse Mrs Clough Katie	
Letters Home Friends Financial Report Lots of leaflets and flyers	

