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Dear Parents/Carers,

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

I cannot believe we are at the end of the academic year! What a busy but rewarding year it has been. There have been so many successes and I am so proud of the whole staff team and of course, the children. This last half term has been jam-packed with so many exciting events, trips and performances and as always, the children have been amazing and a credit to you and the school. They really are so appreciative and well behaved making them such a joy to be with.

MEET OUR NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL

I am very pleased to introduce Jacob and Mazie our new Head Boy and Head Girl for next year. The whole school took part in the elections, excellent speeches were given by all of our nominated candidates and Jacob and Mazie then received the most votes. Jacob and Mazie will now represent the children at school council meetings and at whole school events for the next academic year. Well done to everyone who took part.



YEAR 6 AND LEAVERS' EVENTS

The time has come to sadly say goodbye to all our Year 6 pupils. As a mum of a Year 6 child myself, I know how it is a time of mixed feelings – great excitement to be moving to their secondary school but sadness to be leaving their primary school and some of their friends. Mind you, I think the parents are often more nervous than the children (well I certainly am anyway)!

There have been many celebration events and trips for Year 6 this term. They certainly thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Aerial Extreme and their sports day transition event. More recently, the lucky winners of a competition went to the Houses of Parliament in London and had an amazing time including a tour of the chambers. Certainly an experience to remember!

The Year 6 celebration was lovely and their singing was particularly stunning. Their rendition of 'When I Grow Up' certainly caused a few tears – including mine I must confess! These were soon replaced with laughter when they performed a surprise dance for all of us!

They also enjoyed a leavers' evening kindly run by Helping Hands where they enjoyed a BBQ, ice-creams and the bungee run bouncy castle. I am not sure who enjoyed this the most – the children or the staff!



We certainly are very sad to say goodbye to them all but of course wish them every success at their new schools.

MUSICAL CONCERT

On Wednesday 6 July, there was literally music to our ears when the violinists and guitarists performed in a musical concert as a part of the Principal's assembly. Their talent was incredible and they all performed with such confidence. Thank you so much to all of you who performed and of course also to their music teachers who made the concert possible.



OTHER TRIPS AND EVENTS

There have been numerous trips and events this half term enjoyed by all. Year 5 went on their theatre trip and enjoyed it as much as the Year 4s earlier on in the half term. The Reception and Nursery children enjoyed a fun day of entertainment including a magic show, beach games and circus skills. Year 2 visited Abington Park and enjoyed themselves thoroughly despite the rain, proving that it is only adults who worry about the weather! Year 4 equally enjoyed their sports festival despite the rain and won the cup! Well done Year 4!



HOUSE WINNERS AND CELEBRATION

All year the children have worked very hard to earn house points to be the winning house. This year the results are as follows:

Mississippi	–	1146 points
Thames	–	1135 points
Amazon	–	1068 points
Nile	–	1037 points

To celebrate, Mississippi were rewarded with an afternoon of sports fun, games and ice-creams. Congratulations to Mississippi but as always, it really is the participation and hard work of all the children which is the important part.

SAD GOODBYE

Sadly, Mr Spencer is leaving us at the end of term to commence his pursuit of becoming a teacher. Although we are sad he is leaving, we totally understand and support his professional development and ambition to become a teacher. I am sure he will achieve his ambition and become an amazing teacher. We all wish him the very best of luck and maybe one day he will return to us to teach at Stimpson!

REPORTS AND CELEBRATION EVENING

Thank you for such positive feedback about the reports and the format they were presented in this year. I hope you enjoyed reading lovely things about your children and are pleased with their achievements this year. A Celebration Evening was held on Tuesday 12th July for Reception to Year 5 and on Wednesday 13th July for Year 6. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came and I know you certainly enjoyed looking at their work.

TRANSITION DAY

Transition Day was a huge success and the children settled really well into their new classes for the day. There was a lovely, peaceful and contented feeling across the school and it certainly achieved its aim – to ensure a smooth and calm transition so the children can look forward with excitement to their new school year. The new staff really enjoyed their day and are very much looking forward to joining the Stimpson team in September. If there are any worries, no matter how small, please come in and see us so we can ensure everyone is happy ready for the start of the year.

STAFF AND STRUCTURE

Senior Leadership Team

Head of School	Mrs Kimberley Kemp (Autumn Term) and Mrs Josie Milton (from Spring Term onwards)
Assistant Principal (Overall Leader of EYFS and Key Stage One)	Miss Mia Lewis
Assistant Principal. (Overall Leader of Key Stage Two)	Mrs Amanda Baker

Middle Leadership Team

EYFS and Year 1 Phase Leader and Head of Early Years Provision	Mrs Madeleine Adams
Year 2 Phase Leader and Head of Pupil Outcomes	Miss Abi Scott
Years 3 to 5 Phase Leader and Head of Curriculum	Miss Abbi Marriott

Early Years Foundation Stage (Phase Leader - Mrs Adams)

Nursery	Mrs Claire Gilbert
Reception	Mrs Madeleine Adams and Mrs Nikki Appleton
Reception	Mrs Becky Singh
Year 1	Mrs Elizabeth Jones
Year 1	Mrs Abby Jorgensen

Key Stage 1 (Phase Leader - Miss Scott)

Year 2	Miss Abi Scott and Miss Nakitta Stocker
Year 2	Miss Christina Felton

Key Stage 2 – Years 3 to 5 (Phase Leader – Miss Abbi Marriott)

Year 3	Miss Ashley Lawther
Year 3	Miss Elizabeth Whitwood
Year 4	Mrs Clare Mills
Year 4	Miss Gillian Edwards
Year 5	Mrs Helena Robinson and Miss Helen Sparkes
Year 5	Miss Abbi Marriott

Key Stage 2 – Year 6 (Phase Leader – Mrs Amanda Baker)

Year 6	Mr Christopher Egan
Year 6	Mrs Jennifer Kenny

The new teachers are as follows:



Miss Abbi Marriott



Miss Ashley Lawther



Mrs Jennifer Kenny



Miss Gillian Edwards

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

At Stimpson Avenue Academy our attendance figure is **95.92% for the year**, which is broadly in line with National Average but lower than our target of 96.5%. Punctuality has improved this academic year, although this will continue to be a target for next year to reduce even further the number of lates. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

SAFEGUARDING

In response to the questionnaire feedback, some of you stated you would not be sure who to share concerns with if you were worried about the safety of any children at Stimpson Avenue Academy. The following will inform you of whom you can contact with any concerns about any child at Stimpson Avenue Academy.

The designated safeguarding officers at the school are:

Sarah Bennett (Executive Principal)
Kimberley Kemp (Head of School)
Mia Lewis (Assistant Principal)
Tina Berlingieri (Family Support Worker)
Abi Scott (SLT)



Duncan Mills is the representative from the EMLC Academy Trust. You can also call directly to the MASH team with any concerns including those involving children within the local community. I hope this helps to clarify whom to contact and what you can do if you have any concerns about the safety of your own or another child.

TERM DATES

Please can I remind you that as we are an Academy, on some occasions our term dates are different to those of Northamptonshire County Council. Therefore, looking on the Northamptonshire County Council website will sometimes not provide you with the actual term dates of Stimpson Avenue Academy. Our term dates are on our website and they are as follows:

2016 – Term starts	2016 – Term ends
Monday 5 th September	Friday 21 st October
Tuesday 1 st November	Tuesday 20 th December

2017 – Term starts	2017 – Term ends
Thursday 5th January	Friday 10 th February
Monday 20 th February	Friday 31 st March
Wednesday 19 th April	Friday 26 th May
Monday 5 th June	Friday 21 st July

Please Note that Teacher Training Days may change

Teacher Training Days 2016 Children not in School
Thursday 1 st September
Friday 2 nd September
Monday 31 st October

Teacher Training Days 2017 Children not in School
Wednesday 4 th January
Tuesday 18 th April (possibility of this being swapped with the polling day)

THANK YOU TO ALL THE SIXTH FORMERS FROM NSB

Over the last half term, we have had over 20 sixth formers supporting many of our children at Stimpson Avenue Academy within PE, listening to readers, running art projects, science club, music sessions and a photography club. It has been a huge success and we will continue with these valued links next term. Thank you to all the sixth formers who have been such a pleasure to have and gave such joy to so many of the children.

WARM WISHES FOR THE SUMMER BREAK

Wishing you all a fabulous and safe summer holiday and I hope the sun shines for us all. Thank you to so many of you for your continued support and warm wishes.

I really look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 5th September at 8.45 am.

With very best wishes,

K Kemp

Kimberley Kemp
Head of School

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