

Captain's Close Newsletter

July 2016

Hello Everyone

I can't believe I am writing the last newsletter of the year. What a year it has been! Our first year as part of Discovery Schools has been eventful and children and staff have had opportunities we could only dream of...trips to the Houses of Parliament, our Arts concert-and this week's awards at the Marriott hotel.

Next week we have the culmination of our RSC project...the sport activities we've taken part in have been amazing and all of our children have been absolute stars in so many ways.

It has been fantastic to share the journey with you and we can't wait to have an even more exciting year next year.

Staffing Changes

It's that time of year we bid some staff adieu on their career journeys as well as welcome some in. Mrs Llewellyn will begin her Maternity leave and Mrs Chapman will teach in EYFS next year. Many of you will already have met Mr Toole who will be taking on Mrs Llewellyn's leadership role in school. He will be responsible for EYFS and Key Stage 1 and has been working in school since May.

Miss Goucher will be moving to a bigger school in Leicester City at the end of this term as the next stage in her teaching career and we are sure you will join us in wishing her well.

Mrs Fryer has also decided to decrease her teaching time commitment and accepted a 2 day a week post at another school to facilitate her work life balance.

We would like to wish them all well as they move on to their next adventures.

We have also been working closely with the Trust to make strategic and financial arrangements for our increasing numbers. This year we applied to the government for extra funding for buildings, but we were unsuccessful. We are working closely with the Local Authority to plan for future numbers in terms of buildings, but the school and Trust are finally in a position to add to the number of teachers we can provide. This means we will have two new teachers joining us: Mr Fernandez (Many of you will already know him from his Spring Term in Year 1) and Miss Patel who is currently teaching at Parklands School. We are very excited to be welcoming them to the team. It also means that we will have single age classes for 2016-17. This will mean some interim internal alterations to allow for 7 classroom spaces. We have worked extensively to plan for this and ensure a mix of outdoor/ indoor learning and maximised use of space until we can develop the budgetary capacity for an extra classroom. Also, as most of our class sizes will be below 30, this interim measure will be supported for the coming year.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be situated in the current Key stage 1 area (with some building modification)...all classes will have their own base and use the outdoors to ensure active learning supports learning centred play. Years 3, 4, 5, 6 will be situated along the Junior corridor.

Your children's class teacher's names will be detailed on their school reports as we are just finalising these details.

Sports Day

This is scheduled for next Wednesday, weather permitting, and we will keep you updated by text if this

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changes. Unfortunately I have had a very close family bereavement and will be absent from school on Wednesday and Thursday for the funeral. (Apologies for not being around quite so much recently but I'm sure you'll understand this). I hope you have a lovely time and will look forward to hearing all about it on Friday. Reception Class will visit the library van before coming to join us at Sports Day.

Jonathan Emmett

We had a great time last week with book in a week. Well done to all our winners. Please check out Jonathan's raring Readers blog that he writes for our school, he's launched a competition just for us. He has also worked closely with the library to arrange for the van to visit us. Children will need library cards...please return asap.

Dinner Money

It's that time of year again! From August 30th, School Food Support has informed us that prices will increase to £2.20 per day, £11 per week, payable on Mondays please.

Ice Cream Van Visit

Staff are buying the children end of year ice creams on 15th. Please let your child's teacher know if your child has an allergy, or you do not wish your child to have an ice cream.

That's all for now...Happy Holidays!

Dates for your diary	Please note these are subject to change
July 1 st	DSAT Awards night 6pm Marriott Hotel (some children and Parents have been nominated)
July 2 nd	Summer Fete
July 4 th	RSC Stratford production
July 6 th	(provisional) Sports Day
July 8 th	Reports to parents
July 11 th	Year 4/5 trip
July 12 th	Class transition morning
July 14 th	Year 6 trip
July 15 th	Leavers' assembly 9am See office to sign up
Children back to school	August 30 th

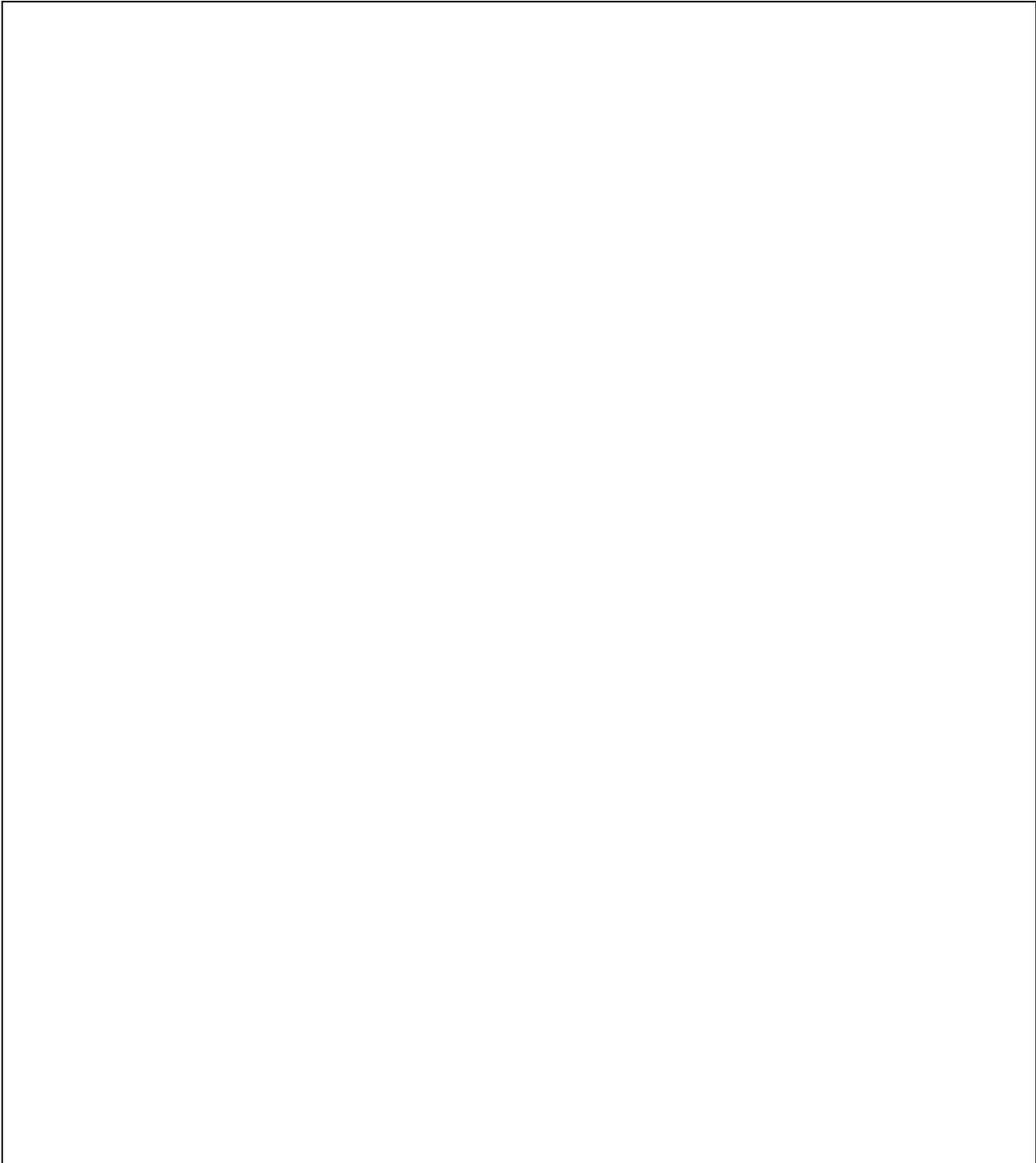
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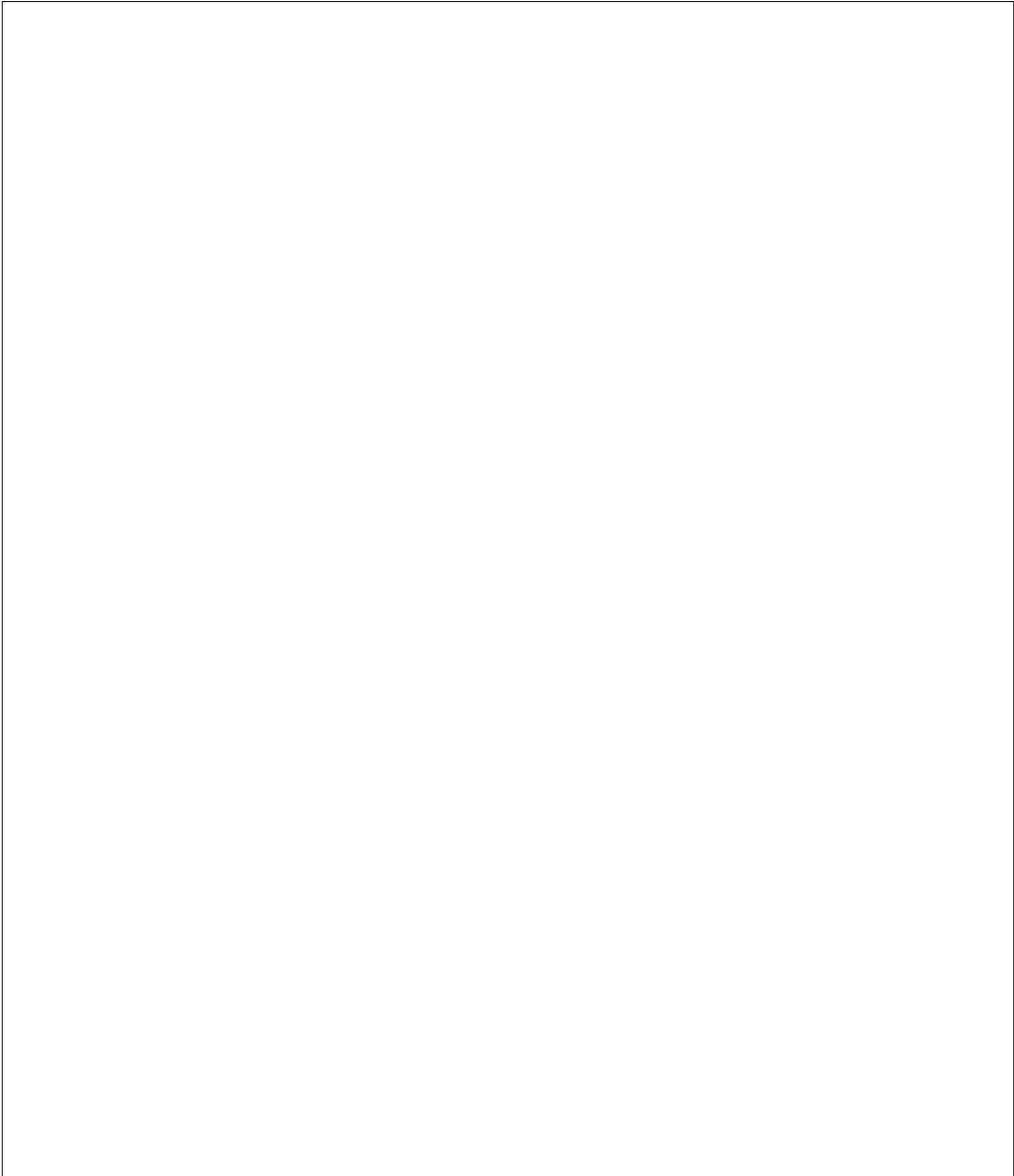
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