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Newsletter - July 2017

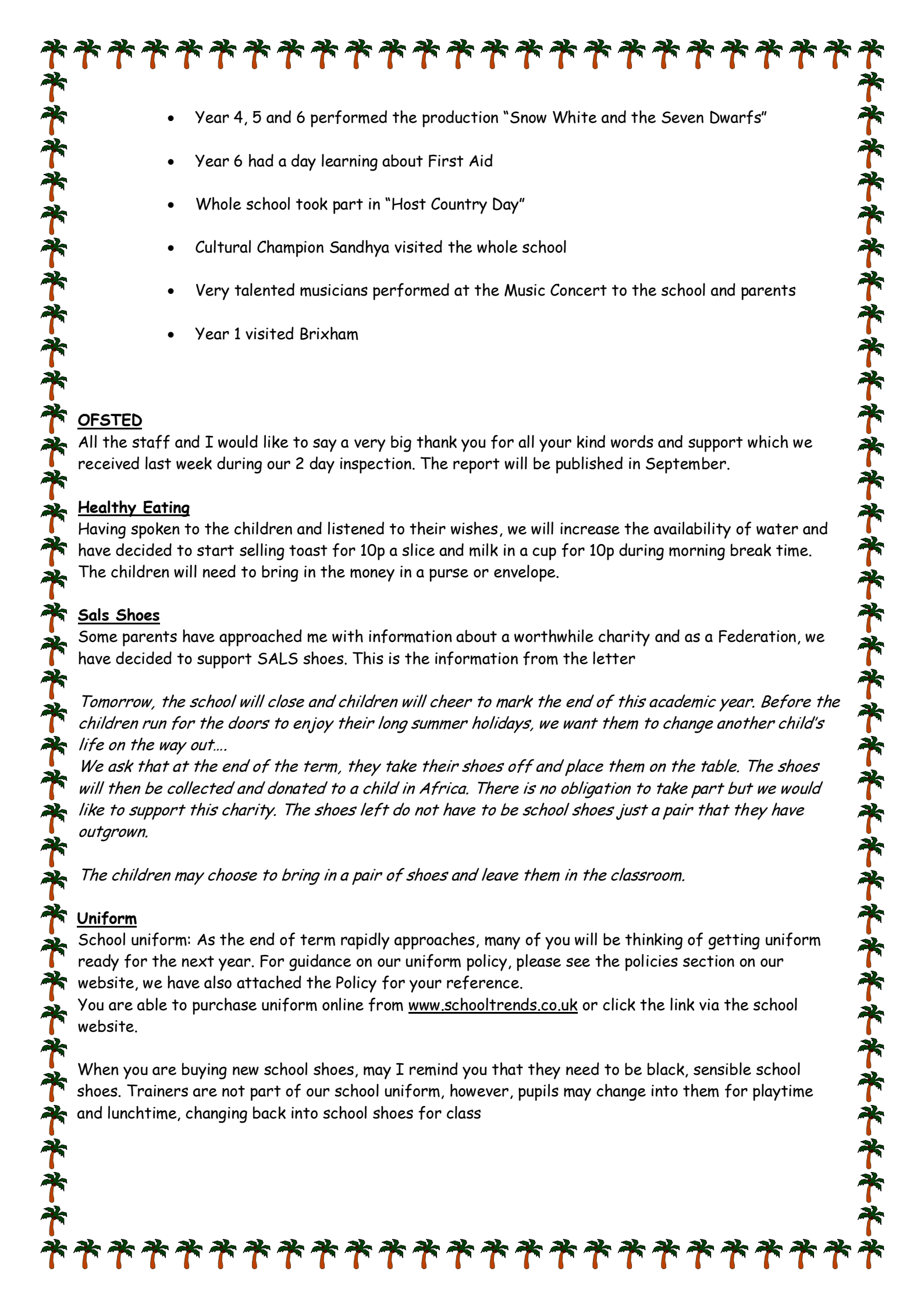
Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe that I have been here for a whole school year; what a fantastic year it has been. I could never have imagined that the job would be so diverse. I have had so many experiences this year; cycling around the village with the bikeability groups, raft building, residentials, watching the village pantomime, teaching, swimming, sports day and various PTA events are just a few of the many enjoyable things I have been involved in. I have thoroughly enjoyed every single adventure and event. During this year I have never lost sight of the reason why I do this - the fantastic children we have here at Ipplepen. Parents and carers you should be really proud of them all, I am really proud.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome. Next year we will continue to build and grow.

In July

- Year 6 have completed their swimming at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre swimming pool.
- Year 3 have enjoyed cooking with the kitchen manager - Mrs Ellard
- Year 4 and 5 went to Coombeshead to watch the school production of "High School Musical"
- Year 3 have been on their residential to Start Bay
- Year 6 have been on their residential to Skern Lodge
- Year 2 have been on an overnight camp
- Year 5 watched the performance of "Footloose" at Newton Abbot College
- Talented artists from across the school worked with an artist painting the cow
- Year 3 Grandparents came to share lunch and then listened to a music concert
- Some members of Year 6 went to serve at the church community lunch and the choir sang at the church community lunch
- The Herald Express took the 'last class' Year 6 photo.
- Year 2 and 4 held their class assembly

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- Year 4, 5 and 6 performed the production "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"
 - Year 6 had a day learning about First Aid
 - Whole school took part in "Host Country Day"
 - Cultural Champion Sandhya visited the whole school
 - Very talented musicians performed at the Music Concert to the school and parents
 - Year 1 visited Brixham

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All the staff and I would like to say a very big thank you for all your kind words and support which we received last week during our 2 day inspection. The report will be published in September.

Healthy Eating

Having spoken to the children and listened to their wishes, we will increase the availability of water and have decided to start selling toast for 10p a slice and milk in a cup for 10p during morning break time. The children will need to bring in the money in a purse or envelope.

Sals Shoes

Some parents have approached me with information about a worthwhile charity and as a Federation, we have decided to support SALS shoes. This is the information from the letter

Tomorrow, the school will close and children will cheer to mark the end of this academic year. Before the children run for the doors to enjoy their long summer holidays, we want them to change another child's life on the way out...

We ask that at the end of the term, they take their shoes off and place them on the table. The shoes will then be collected and donated to a child in Africa. There is no obligation to take part but we would like to support this charity. The shoes left do not have to be school shoes just a pair that they have outgrown.

The children may choose to bring in a pair of shoes and leave them in the classroom.

Uniform

School uniform: As the end of term rapidly approaches, many of you will be thinking of getting uniform ready for the next year. For guidance on our uniform policy, please see the policies section on our website, we have also attached the Policy for your reference.

You are able to purchase uniform online from www.schooltrends.co.uk or click the link via the school website.

When you are buying new school shoes, may I remind you that they need to be black, sensible school shoes. Trainers are not part of our school uniform, however, pupils may change into them for playtime and lunchtime, changing back into school shoes for class



School meals:

If your child will be going into Year 3, please remember that you will now need to pay for any school lunches they may have. Meals are £2.10 each and will need to be paid for via the ParentPay system.

Parent Pay: If you have already activated your Parent Pay Account, thank you. If you have not, please do so **asap** as we will be using this facility to send ALL school communications in September. If your child has received school meals that have not been paid for, then you will need to **clear any outstanding amount urgently**. Any queries, please contact the school office.

School Year

Please find the attached school dates for the school year 2017-2018

School Security

Having reviewed school security, we intend to make some improvements. The school is planning to install CCTV, this will be on the school site only. We always take security very seriously and want to maintain a very secure and safe environment for the children.

Goodbye:

Sadly on Tuesday, we say goodbye to our Year Six children. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their new schools.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Cartwright, Miss Murray and Mrs Watts and also, Mrs Hancox and Mrs Tovagliari who will be starting their maternity leave. I know that all the children and staff leaving will be greatly missed and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them the very best of success in their future lives.

Parents and Carers of the Year Six children are invited to the Leaver's assembly at Ipplepen School tomorrow at 9.15am.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to thank you all for your help and support this academic year. We very much hope that the good weather continues and that you have an enjoyable summer break with your children.

School starts again at 8:45am on Wednesday, 6th September 2017.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Amanda Lacey
Head of School