

## **THE YEAR AT CURZON SCHOOL (2018)**

This has been another successful year for Curzon School with a “good” grading from Ofsted following a visit by inspectors in October when they commented in particular on the good quality of education conducted in a safe and stimulating environment.

More recently in April, Oxford Diocese sent an inspector to assess the school under the SIAMS framework (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The school retained its “outstanding” grading noting an exceptionally clear and powerful Christian ethos with its values of courtesy, confidence, competence, consideration, cooperation and respect.

This reflects well on the links with the parish and Peter’s efforts in developing and sustaining the faith aspects of the school.

To add to these, the next head boy at Holmer Green Secondary School is a former Curzon pupil for the second year running. Numbers at the school are bearing up well despite a dip in demographics in Buckinghamshire and the end of the academic year leaves it with a financial surplus although challenges lie ahead from changes in the funding formula and inevitable increases in costs. The question of joining a MAT (Multi Academy Trust) is under careful consideration although the matter is complex and no conclusion has been reached at this stage.

The year’s achievements are an amalgam of hard work by the Head, Mrs Coles, her team of teachers and support staff, governors and volunteer helpers, not forgetting those who devoted their time to the school fete and came as visitors. *AH*

## **CURZON AT THE SEASIDE**

Last Friday pupils in Class 1 & 2 at Curzon School went to the seaside as part of their educational studies of the environment. Well it wasn't really the seaside, it was in fact Ruislip Lido and the last time I went there I must have been in my early teens.

So off the coach went with nearly 60 children, teachers and helpers, buckets, spades and sun cream.

When we arrived, the morning was spent on the beach and paddling area, where sandcastles and catching frogs and using the adventure play equipment caused great excitement.

Later on after an ice cream we headed towards the Ruislip Lido Railway and were taken to the far side of the Lake where we posed for a group photograph by the engine, before sitting amongst the trees for a picnic lunch.

By now the temperature had climbed to 30 degrees, the children were feeling tired, so it was decided to walk the children back to the coach and home to Penn Street.

I think the children enjoyed it, I know that I did. *MJC.*