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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

What a summer term we are having!

We've had such a fantastic and wide-range of trips that all the pupils have loved and I know how much the Year 6s get out of their transition sessions at their new High Schools.

I'm currently in the process of reading through the end of year reports for all of the pupils and it really is a pleasure to read about all of the progress they have made. I'm sure you will love hearing about what your child has achieved when they are sent to you next Friday.

I hope you enjoy this last newsletter of the school year.

Best wishes,

Mr Snowdon

KEY UPCOMING DATES

6th July – Sports Day

10th July – Federation Music Event at Blakeney Church

13th July – End of Year Beach Day

17th July – Last day of term and Leavers Service (2pm)

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

3rd September – Back to School

SCHOOL NEWS

The children have coped remarkably well with the recent heatwave and we are incredibly proud of the way that they have continued their learning with enthusiasm. Of course, the daily breaks at what they call "ice cream o'clock" helped!

There will be several things which deviate from our normal schedule as we head towards the end of term. These include practices for Sports Day, the Leavers service and class performances, as well as trips and events. Please check Class Dojo for any updates.

The Five Churches Music Festival begins on 8th July and I would like to make you aware that under 18's attend all of these concerts for free. On Friday 10th July, as a part of our continued efforts to promote the importance of music and the arts within our school, all KS1 and 2 will attend the Once Upon a Tune event at St Nicholas. EYFS children will have the chance to make their own instruments in a session led by staff from the Federation while they listen, and respond to classical music. All children, from all 4 schools, will then join together for a lunchtime picnic. It should be a wonderful morning and we can't wait to see everyone for what will be an end of term Pilgrim Federation playtime.

This weekend, the PTFA are hosting the coffee shop at Mrs Winch's house on Kettle Hill for her Open Garden Event. Monday is Sports Day and you are all warmly invited to join us on Friary Field at 2pm. PLEASE DO NOT PARK on the field. The owners of the field kindly allow us to use this area free of charge and require full access for their guests and emergency services. We do not wish to abuse the trust they place in us and ask that you park as if you were visiting the school and walk over. Please bring along your trainers as there will be a parent's race!

Our term ends on Friday 17th July which is our Leavers service and Speech day. Staff will be dressing smartly (smarter than usual!) and the Year 6 will be giving their memories of Blakeney speeches before the ringing out. Please join us at St Nicholas' Church at 2pm to say farewell to Jasper, Charlie, Jonny, Lillia and Harley.

This is our last newsletter of this academic year. It has flown by in a whirl. I am sure we will see you all at one of the events before the end of term but from all of the staff here, thank you so much for supporting our special school this year and have a wonderful Summer.

All of our families and children are invited to St Nicholas on Sunday 12th July at 11am for Festival Praise. This service is a celebration of everyone's favourite hymns from school assemblies. The children have chosen to sing Shine, Jesus Shine and the Choir will sing their anthem, the Benediction Song.

Reverend Jonathon will not be taking services in the coming months as he is taking a leave of absence while he undergoes treatment for cancer. We send him our love to him and his family as they focus on his treatment and recovery. We will keep him in our prayers. If you would like to send cards and well wishes, these may be sent via the school.

CLASS NEWS – Samphire

We are currently completing the learning intentions for all of our subjects, with the exception of Maths, which we finished earlier this week. We are going to use the remaining few weeks to revise any areas which I feel need covering again. This will almost certainly include "Time" so if you do have any spare moments please question your child on telling the time-it's always a tricky skill.
The Year 4 Multiplication Check results were published last week and we are very pleased with this year's cohort. They (again) improved on last year's average. Well done Louis and Ella for keeping our scores on an upward trend!

Over the Summer holidays, I will be sending off the children's' poetry entries to the North Norfolk Poetry Festival. If you haven't already had a chance to read them, they will be on the board opposite the office for another couple of weeks.

The pupils in our class are bright, kind, interesting children and Mrs Regis, Mrs Bishop and I love coming into work each day. Thank you for supporting us in helping them achieve this year and we can't wait to welcome them (and you!) back in September.

CLASS NEWS – HEDGEHOGS/HOGLETS

The last couple of weeks have been very warm but hedgehogs and hoglets have been keeping cool by having ice creams which has been a real treat!

In Maths, Hedgehogs have finally finished with the unit time and are now focussing on mass, capacity and temperature.

In English, we have finished reading the book 'A walk in London' and the children are now planning their own local walking guide.

All of the children have been showing a real interest during geography lessons, where we have been learning about the countries that are part of the British isles. Each lesson, the children have completed a fact file, clearly demonstrating what they have learnt.

In PE we have been very busy practicing for sports day and it is fair to say they have all shown their competitive spirit!

Hoglets have completed all of their units in maths and we are now focussing on preparing the children for their transition into year 1 by focussing on numbers up to 50, specifically number bonds.

In English the children really enjoyed exploring the book 'No such thing as Nessie' and they have been writing some great description of the loch ness monster.

In Design and Technology, the children have enjoyed making lots of different traditional British foods such as scones, crumble, sausage rolls and shortbread. Next week we will be making scotch eggs!