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Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are already almost at the end of our first school half term – a very short but busy few weeks! Pupils have settled very well now into their new school and classes and we are delighted that many of you have signed up for the parents' evenings that are taking place this week and next. It is vitally important that you take this opportunity to come and look at your child's work and talk to teachers about progress and emotional well-being. We want all the children to achieve and be self-confident and happy at school and these are opportunities to find out how you can best support your children in their learning – and to alert us about issues or concerns. Please sign up if you have not already done so – teachers will be pleased to make alternative mutually convenient times if this is necessary.

Harvest celebration

This will take place next Tuesday, October 16th, at 11.00am at St Margaret's church, Ormesby. We will walk to and from the church, leaving school at 10.30am and returning in time for lunch. We would be delighted for you to join us for this service and you are welcome to walk with us to and from the church or make your way directly and meet us there. If you do not wish your child to attend this service you must inform the school in writing. As always we are asking for a voluntary donation of non-perishable food items or toiletries which will be given to the Salvation Army for local distribution. Please send these in with your child on the morning of the service. Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

SATs 2019

These Y6 statutory tests will take place from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2019. Please ensure you do not book any holidays during this period. Many thanks.

Passports for Learning

As you all know, children are issued with these 'passports' at the start of each half term. The school's behaviour expectations are continuously made explicit in every class for all times of the school day and they all know what constitutes good and bad behavior choices. This documentation is published on the school's website. The aim of the system is to motivate and thank pupils for working hard and making good, positive choices and to offer an incentive to the minority of pupils who find managing their behavior more challenging. Every opportunity is provided for children to 'turn' their behaviour around during a session and every day is a new day! We are busy planning the first special reward of the year to take place next Wednesday, October 17th.

School library

We are very pleased to inform you of the exciting new developments with our school library. Over £12000 has been invested in refurbishing the library space and updating our collection of books. Marion Brocklehurst from the Norfolk Children's Book Centre has provided us with a wonderful collection of new fiction and non-fiction texts, which link strongly to our 'Cornerstones' curriculum topics. Children have been enjoying these since the start of the term. Thanks to your participation in our annual book fairs we have been able to supplement our new library catalogue with a further £600 worth of books this term as well, with more to arrive in the future. This investment will help us to embed the improvements we are making in the teaching and learning of reading across the school, which led to such a significant improvement in our Y6 reading results in July 2018.

We want all the children to make use of this fantastic resource. You can help your child do this by encouraging them to borrow books from the library to read at home and by reminding them to complete their home reads/reading diaries each week. We recognise that reading is a crucial skill for life but we

also want your children to love reading for pleasure! We hope these fabulous new resources will help us to work together to achieve this.



Please remember that we break up for the October half term next Wednesday, October 17th, and return to school on Monday October 29th. Have a peaceful holiday.

Yours sincerely

L. J. Bates

Lucy Bates
Headteacher

