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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half term of this school year - hopefully to be sunny and warm - definitely to be busy and exciting! Many thanks to you all for your recent fund-raising efforts! The sponsored Fun Run has raised £973 so far which will go towards the refurbishment of our school library. We hope that the new shelving, furniture and books will be in place for the start of the new school year in September. The recent cake sale raised £133.13 which will be used to produce road safety posters/banners to be displayed around/near the school following the recent 'design a poster' competition. The winners of the competition were Marcia Gordon and Isla Fowler - very well done! We are so grateful to you all for your generosity and support.

Many thanks too - and congratulations - to our Y6 pupils who worked so hard and conscientiously during their SATs week. They deserve to do well and we are very proud of them and their attitude throughout the week. The results will accompany the end of year reports which will be sent out two weeks before the end of the school term.

P.E. Kits

There are still too many occasions when pupils do not have complete P.E. kits in school. They **cannot** take part safely in sporting activities without proper trainers/plimsolls and for health and hygiene reasons they should be able to change in and out of shorts/T-shirts before/after taking part in the lessons. We do not have many spare kits, particularly shoes and often children do not want to wear clothes/shoes other than their own! Please ensure they have a kit in school all week especially now we are enjoying better weather and getting ready for Sports day! Many thanks!

Parking/Driving

Another plea for safe driving and parking near both the infant and junior schools. The police were alerted to a 'near miss' last week close to the infant school on Appleton Drive, when a car nearly hit a child while performing a 'backing out' manoeuvre. Thank you for driving and parking legally and considerately so your children are safe.

Questionnaires

Before the end of this half term we shall send out our annual parent questionnaires. We always appreciate the time you take to complete them, and of course, we are always delighted when you comment favourably on aspects of the school's provision. We are, however, always deeply concerned when you tell us about concerns or issues and we take these very seriously and make every effort to address them. Thank you in anticipation of your time!

Staffing

Very sadly we need to inform you that two staff members will be leaving us. Mrs Morgan has been absent from school since last June due to ill-health. Although we are delighted to report that she is getting better day by day, she has decided to retire to spend more time with her family. She will be hugely missed, having worked at the school for a considerable number of years! Mr Swift is also leaving at the end of the term and is looking forward to new teaching challenges. He, too, will be greatly missed and we wish him every success and happiness in the future. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for these staff members, please send in contributions as soon as possible in a clearly marked envelope.

Miss Woolgar, who has been covering temporarily for Mrs Morgan, will take her place as a full-time member of staff again. We are in the process of advertising for a teacher to replace Mr Swift and will update you on an appointment as soon as we can. We must appoint the very best applicant for our federation and so the new staff member could teach in either the infant or junior school. Consequently it is difficult at this time to make a decision about which teacher will teach which year groups in either school. Hopefully an appointment will be made before our transfer days - 9th/10th July.

As always, when sorting the Y4 pupils into their classes next year, account will be taken of friendships, but equal importance must, and will, be given to ensuring the three classes are equally balanced, as far as possible, in terms of pupil numbers, boys, girls and ability levels. Our teachers know their pupils very well and are best able to ensure pupils are placed where they will work and succeed to the best of their abilities.

Diary dates

- 27.6.18 - Swimming Gala - details to follow
- 29.6.18 - Y6 visit to King's College, Cambridge - details to follow
- 30.6.18 - Summer Fayre - infant school - details to follow
- 2.7.18-6.7.18 - Science Week - details to follow
- 2.7.18-3.7.18 - Transition days - Caister Academy
- 3.7.18 - Science Workshops - Y5/6 - details to follow
- 9.7.18-10.7.18 - Transition days - Flegg High/in-school transition
- 12.7.18 - Y3/4 - sports morning (no parents)
- 12.7.18 - music concert - 6.00-7.30pm - details to follow
- 13.7.18 - Y5/6 sports morning (no parents)
- 13.7.18 - Sports afternoon - 1.45 onwards - parents welcome
- 17.7.18 - Y5/6 leavers' show - 2.00pm/6.00pm - details to follow
- 18.7.18 - Y5/6 leavers' show - 6.00pm
- 20.7.18 - Y6 trip to Pleasurewood Hills - details to follow
- 23.7.18 - Y6 barbecue - evening - details to follow
- 24.7.18 - school closes for summer break
- 6.9.18 - school re-opens for Autumn term

Yours sincerely

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