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HEADTEACHER'S TERMLY NEWSLETTER – SUMMER TERM 2026

Welcome Back!

We hope that you have all had a relaxing Easter break and we hope you, like us, are all looking forward to what successes and achievements the final term in this academic year can bring. Our Summer Events' calendar has been sent home and is available on our websites, so that you can see what opportunities we have coming up. We are sure you will agree that there are lots of exciting things on the horizon.

Norfolk County Music Festival Success

During the Spring Term again this year, we took approximately sixty pupils from across the Federation of schools to take part in the Norfolk County Music Festival at the King's Centre in Norwich to demonstrate how much we love singing. The children performed superbly and they were recognised for their efforts coming away with the grade of Highly Commended Plus. We were all very proud of them. Thank you to the families, who were able to spectate and cheer us on. A huge thank you must also go to Mrs. White-Joubert for all her efforts with rehearsal and organisation.

Bikeability

Bikeability returns to teach our Years 5 and 6 children about cycle maintenance and road safety when riding a bicycle. If your child has registered for this important opportunity, please ensure their cycle and helmet are in school during the week beginning Monday 20th April.

Honey Bees

After successfully maintaining a hive of honey bees for two years, we hope, once again, to be able to get small groups of children (who have parental consent) taking part in hive inspections over the course of the Summer term (weather permitting). This will provide the children with an interesting and educational experience, which will generate a passion for bee-keeping in the future. We are hoping to expand this to establish a second hive and we hope to hold a club where pupils can learn more about beekeeping and prepare some bee resources such as frames.

Multi-Faith Diversity Week

During the week beginning 8th June, the Junior school is organising representatives of different faiths to visit our setting in order to teach the pupils more deeply about Judaism, Buddhism etc. We are hoping this will enable all our pupils to have a stronger understanding of different faiths in the world and where Christianity fits into this.

Cross-Phase Activity Week

Over the last few years, our Infant and Junior schools have benefitted from pairing classes up and working across phases with different subjects as the driving force. This year during the week beginning 15th June, we hope Geography and Geo-Caching will be the focus activity.

Governors

We will be undertaking another Governor Challenge Day this term, where our Governors visit to observe key elements of the schools and to speak to staff and pupils about varying themes linked to our Federation Development Plan. The focus this term will be a combination of the different strategies implemented to improve behaviour and attitudes to learning and how the schools have embedded the foundations of writing.

desire a figure above the National Expectation (96%). This term, we again wish to see everybody at school, and on time, every day. Please remember, if your child is ill, you must ring the school to inform us. If the absence is going to be longer than the appropriate quarantine period for the more contagious illnesses (a list can be found on our websites under Sickness Absence Information), you will need to phone in again to inform us. If we do not hear from you, our office staff will give you a courtesy call to find out where your child is. Once again this term, letters regarding low attendance (below 90%) or persistent lateness will be sent home as a reminder to families about the importance of ensuring their child is in school. We have a duty to pass information to the Local Authority on all persistent absences, which could lead to further action from them. Towards the end of the Summer Term there will be an Attendance Reward Trip to recognise and celebrate those pupils who have shown consistently strong attendance throughout this academic year. This may be on Thursday 9th July, but more details will be sent nearer the time. Eligibility criteria for this trip has been shared each term, but a reminder is below:

- If a child has had more than one bout of a contagious illness requiring quarantine in accordance with the PHE Exclusion Table AND more than three days of absence through other illness(es) since 3rd September 2025 (this does not include agreed medical absences for appointments and or evidenced surgical procedures);
- If a child has had or is going to have any unauthorised holidays for any length of time during term time;
- If a child has had any unauthorised absences;
- If a child is persistently late, regularly arriving after 8:45am.

Leavers' Assemblies

The Year 2 and Year 6 Leavers' Assemblies will be held on the final day of term on Friday 17th July for each school in turn. The Junior assembly will be held in the morning at 10:00AM at St. Margaret's Church, Ormesby and the Infant assembly will be held in the afternoon at 2:00PM in the Infant school hall. Further details will be released nearer the time. There will also be other Leavers' events, such as BBQs towards the end of the term, where we can all join together to celebrate the children's contributions to the respective schools over their time with us.

Parking, Cycling and Scooting

We know that it gets very busy on the roads outside the schools, but please show consideration towards others. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines, mount kerbs at any point nor block the driveways of houses near the school. Alternatively, you could consider going green (part of our climate plan) and select another method of getting to school other than a car, or simply walk. Please note if you are cycling/scooting to school and wish to leave your bike/scooter in the bike shed, please dismount and push them to the shed to avoid any unnecessary accidents.

Concerns and Issues

May we remind you that if you have any concerns or issues within any area of the school, we cannot help if we do not know about them, so please communicate with us. We will not always get it right, but we do our very best to ensure we do. We will endeavour to the best of our ability to alleviate any concerns you may have promptly. If I am ever unavailable, please also feel free to share concerns with other senior leaders in the schools. As a final note if you have any safeguarding issues, please contact the school to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead. These are: Mr. Young, Miss. McMylor, Mrs. Holt (JNR) and Mrs. Vaughan (INF).

We hope you all have a good final term,

Bradley Young – *Headteacher*

