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Dear Parent,

The end of the school year is now very close indeed! All the projects and activities of the past few weeks are drawing to a conclusion. As usual we will be celebrating the children's hard work and achievement in a number of ways – we hope you may be able join us for some of them.

Following the Theatre group visit last week, we are really pleased to be able to give the children another end of year treat with a visit by 'Freddy Fit'. The trainer will run highly motivating workshops for the children that encourage an energetic, healthy and fun lifestyle. He has been here before and so we know the children will be in for a fantastic time. On Tuesday, he will be running workshops for Years 3, 4 and 5 followed by a special "Year 6" day on Wednesday. PE kit on the day, please. Why not visit the Freddy Fit website with your child? (www.freddyfit.co.uk). It has lots of educational games and information, and will also give you a good idea of the fun ahead!

We will be very sad to say goodbye to the Year 6 children at the end of term. They have been hardworking and great fun throughout their time in the school, and have been excellent role models for the younger children too. They certainly deserve all their successes in the recent national tests! Well done! We were very pleased to be able to arrange two late visits for them in their last few weeks: a visit to the 'Time and Tide' museum and an exciting day of activities at Whitlingham Broad. We wish them all every success in the future.

We hope everyone has a truly relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Prom On The Pitch'

We are very pleased that everyone enjoyed the summer concert as much as the children enjoyed performing. It was a great evening and we are grateful to FOF for helping us to stage the event. The children were real stars and performed with great style. There are not many schools that give every child the chance to learn an instrument and so we were particularly pleased that the Year 4 children demonstrated such ability after such a short period of learning to play. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please contact the school office.

'Take It Outside' Week

The whole week has had a focus on learning outside the classroom. It has been *such* a worthwhile experience – a week of lessons that have all exploited the opportunities our grounds give. As a result the learning has been practical, purposeful and fun. Activities have included traffic surveys, construction of 'bug hotels', orienteering and large scale art. Year 3 thankfully escaped the rain on their trip to Ranworth but even when it did pour down the flow of work didn't stop. Hopefully it will stay dry for the Year 4 teddy bear's tea party this afternoon (Friday)!

School Sports

The school sports are being held next week, on Monday and Wednesday mornings. These events are always popular, and many parents and grandparents are able to attend. The Monday sports are a 'carousel' of activities that all children take part in, moving between activities at regular intervals. Wednesday's sports are traditional, competitive, "track and field" events. Activities on both mornings start at 9:30. There will be a break half-way through the morning and refreshments will be available in the dining hall.

Creative Writers Workshop – 'Young Dracula'

Nine Year 4 and 5 talented young writers have been taking part in a 'creative writers' workshop after school each Wednesday, this term. Working with Bel Greenwood, they have been devising scripts based on the CBBC 'Young Dracula' series. Over the course of the term they have come up with some fantastically creative ideas for scripts. There will be a script reading event at Hellesdon Library on Tuesday 19th July (open to anyone).



Pupil and Parent Survey

The results of the survey (held in the spring term) are back and we are really pleased that they give such a positive picture. The results, which are linked to the 5 outcomes of Every Child Matters, show that the large majority of children scored the school highly on the way in which it helped them to 'Enjoy and Achieve' and prepared them for 'Economic Well-Being'. In each of the other areas ('Being Healthy', 'Staying Safe', 'Making a Positive Contribution') the school scored extremely highly - and significantly higher than the national average.

Even though children are so positive about school and learning, we still want to make further improvements and so we are introducing more practical centred learning outside the classroom, and actively promoting key values in citizenship lessons. We have also reviewed the reward system to make it much clearer to children how achievement and good behaviour is recognised (you may have already seen the 'sight-tubes' for collecting reward tokens in the foyer).

The parent survey was equally positive and helpful. Again we were very pleased to have such overwhelming support from you. One key area to emerge was a wish for more involvement/information about your child's progress and of course 1-to-1 parent-teacher meetings are the key way to this. We already provide more opportunities for progress reviews than most other schools (a meeting every term, a spring term report and a full written report) but are delighted there is such a clear desire to be involved in the children's education. As a result, we have reviewed the way the meetings happen. They will now tie in even more closely with the assessment cycle, focus clearly on progress and on how you can help your child achieve their potential. If your child has special or additional needs, you will find the meetings will be more clearly part of the IEP review.

There were also some points raised about the "Home-School Diaries". These have never quite served their purpose very well and it would seem that we have not always been clear about their purpose. We have reformatted them and re-named them ("Learning Journals") to better reflect their intended use. In the new year we will give you more information about how we would like these used.

Thank you for helping us to make these improvements.

Diary Dates

July

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| Mon | 11 th | School sports – part 1 09:30–12:30 |
| | | Year 6 (group) trip to Whitlingham Broad – returning 16:45 |
| Tues | 12 th | Year 6 (group) trip to Whitlingham Broad – returning 16:45 |
| | | Parent consultation meetings |
| Wed | 13 th | School sports – part 2 09:30–12:30 |
| Thurs | 14 th | Disco..... 17:00-19:00 |
| Fri | 15 th | Year 4 'Faraday Event' (family learning event) |
| | | Leaver's assembly..... 13:45-14:45 |
| Mon | 18 th & Tuesday 19 th | Year 6 children to Hellesdon High School |
| Mon | 18 th - 21 st | Cluster Art Exhibition at Hellesdon High School |
| Tues | 19 th | 'Freddy Fit' – activity events for Years 3, 4 & 5 |
| Wed | 20 th | 'Freddy Fit' event for Year 6 |
| Fri | 22 nd | Last day of term - ends at 15:15 |

END OF YEAR REQUESTS!

BOOKS – Please, PLEASE check to see if you have any of our books at home. Please bring any back to school as soon as possible.

CLOTHING - Please check school uniform to make sure it does not belong to someone else! Also, we still have a pile of unclaimed lost property (unfortunately not named!) Please check in the foyer if you are missing anything.

MONEY - All outstanding monies (dinners, music lessons etc.) need to be into the office by Friday 15th July so we can close end of year accounts. Thank you.

