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Dear Parent,

We hope everyone had a good week at half-term. The second half of the summer term is a time when many projects come to fruition. We are looking forward to seeing parents in school to join us for the many celebratory events such as the school sports and the prom on the pitch. The half term started on a real high with an assembly visit by Matt Dawson from the Community Sports Foundation. Matt came to hand out the 'goodies' after the fantastically successful and enjoyable penalty shoot out. Certificates, rewards and prizes were given to children who had raised money and for the most goals scored in each class. The first prize was won by Bailey Jordan who raised over £100! Bailey is now the proud owner of a football signed by the premiership winning Canaries squad – a real collector's piece! Well done everyone.

Creative Partnership Project - "Boys"

The creative partnership project came to a close earlier this term. On Friday 17th June there will be a showing of the film the boys made, at the Norwich Arts Centre. With academics across the country researching how boys learn best, it was fascinating to undertake our own enquiry project. Although we are not sure we shed any new light on this subject we do know that boys enjoy learning best when it is practical, outside the classroom, theme based with some elements of choice and with a number of shorter tasks rather than long extended ones.

The film will also be shown to the whole school before the end of term.

Cluster Art Exhibition

Scott (Year5) and Esther (Year 6) have been busy helping to coordinate the Cluster Art Exhibition. Some of the best artwork from each of the 9 schools is being displayed at Hellesdon High School from 18th to 21st July. The poster competition for this event was entered by many of our children. There was a VERY high standard of work and the overall winner was a design by a High School student. However Firside artists did particularly well with Alice Cockburn coming second and Charlotte Clow and Jake Harvey's designs being highly commended. Please visit the exhibition if you have the chance. It is running from Monday 18th July for three days, at Hellesdon High School.

Diary Dates

June	Monday	13 th	Year 5 Residential trip week Year 3 "World of Work" week (activities and trips week)
	Tuesday	14 th	Year 2 children to visit
	Friday	24 th	Prom on the Pitch (6pm)
July	Thursday	30 th	School closed
	Friday	1 st	School closed
	Monday	4 th	End of year reports sent home
	Wednesday	6 th	Year 3 to Ranworth Year 4 to Hellesdon Library
	Monday	11 th	School sports – part 1 (morning)
	Tuesday	12 th	Parent consultation meetings
	Wednesday	13 th	School sports – part 2 (morning)
	Thursday	14 th	Disco 5-7pm
	Friday	15 th	Leavers assembly (pm) Year 4 'Faraday Event'(family learning event)
	Monday	18 th	& Tuesday 19 th Year 6 children to Hellesdon High School
	Monday	18 th - 21 st	Cluster Art Exhibition at Helleson High School
Tuesday	19 th	Freddie Fit – activity events for Years 3, 4 &5	
Wednesday	20 th	Freddie Fit event for Year 6	
Friday	22 nd	Last day of term	

Friends of Firside (FoF)

Friends of Firside (FoF) try to ensure that fundraising is focusing on the things that really benefit the children at school. We asked some of the children what they thought of recent purchases. Here are some of their comments:

Christmas Costumes

"Good compared to what could have had".
"Made the production even better".



Indoor Play games

"Previous games were old and incomplete".
"The new games make indoor play much more fun".
"Gives us something to do with our mates".
"Stop us getting bored when we have to be inside".



Football kits

"The new kit is easier to run and play in".
"We stand out better" more like a team.



Greenhouse

"This has given us the opportunity to focus efforts on planting and learning about it at school".
"It stops the birds eating the seeds".
"We have learnt about science and how plants grow".
"We are able to grow sunflowers".
"The greenhouse helps things grow better and last longer".
"It makes the area much more interesting".
"We are able to eat what we produce".



The greenhouse has enabled the children to plant earlier in the season so that produce is ready before the end of the school year. In the past, some produce has only been ready in the holidays.

FoF helps to support all our children's learning and education! You can see from their comments that they really do benefit directly from fundraising activities. We have heard from the children, and welcome your comments too, so please get involved and have your say. Thanks for your ongoing support.

UNIFORM – a plea!

Please check all the uniform you have as a number of items have gone missing and many are named. Also please check that your child has the right shoes, trainers and plimsolls – lots of these look the same but make sure that your child has the right size for them and has not managed to pick up the wrong ones by mistake. Thank you.