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Dear Parent / Carer,

With the summer break rushing at us, there are a number of events that we are looking forward to. Of course we have already had the summer concert (the 'Prom on the pitch') which was a fantastic showcase of the children's talent. We were very fortunate that the evening stayed dry – even if it was very windy! This week we sent a group of young scientists to the 'Science Olympiad' at the UEA and were very proud that one team were judged 'Best School' in Year 3 category! The school sports are next week on Wednesday 11th and Friday 13th July at 9:30 on both days. Please come along and enjoy the event with us.

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 good role models for the younger children too. They certainly deserve all their successes in the recent national tests! Well done! We wish them all every success in the future. At the end of this term we also say 'Goodbye' to Miss Bagshaw and wish her good luck in her new post.

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.

School Sports

The school sports are being held next week, on Wednesday and Friday mornings. These events are always popular, and many parents and grandparents are able to attend. The first 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.

Science Olympiad

On Wednesday 4th July I had the pleasure of taking a group of pupils to compete in the Science Olympiad (previously known as 'The Egg Race'). Pupils, representing 30 schools, were challenged to apply their understanding of science and design technology to complete four tasks. These were judged and prizes awarded. All our pupils gave the event a big thumbs up. I particularly liked how everyone wanted to share what they had achieved and talk about their day. All our pupils did fantastically well and I am delighted to say that one Year 3 group came first and overall both Year 3 teams won the trophy for best overall performance! *[Mrs Turner]*



Additional 'Parent Support Adviser' in the cluster

The Hellesdon, Horsford and St Faith's cluster is pleased to have been able to have appointed an additional Parent Support Adviser. Parent Support Advisors are available to help families deal with issues, worries or concerns. Your local contacts are:

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Diary Dates

July

Mon	9 th	Year 6 to Hellesdon High School Class swap day at Firside Parent's Pupil Progress Meetings to discuss reports
Tues	10 th	
Wed	11 th	School sports (I) the carousel events 09:30–12:30
Thurs	12 th	Leaver's assembly 14:00
Fri	13 th	School sports (II) track and field events 09:30–12:30
Tue	17 th	Music teachers saxophone group perform for school
Fri	20 th	Last day of term

Autumn term begins: Thursday 6th September, 2012

END OF YEAR REQUESTS!

BOOKS – 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! There are quite a few named items that have gone missing including several PE kits and coats. We have returned piles of clothing which was named but still have a quantity of unclaimed and un-named lost property. Please check in the foyer if you are missing anything.

If your child has a cycle vest please make sure it is returned to the office by Friday 13th July.

MONEY - All outstanding monies (dinners, music lessons etc.) need to be into the office by Friday 13th July so we can close end of year accounts. Thank you.

Broadland 'Tots to Teens' Summer holiday scheme: *The Union Jack: A day of Art, using the image of the United Kingdom flag for painting a canvas, and other creative activities. It is very important that children bring an old adult size T-shirt with them to wipe their hands on while working as materials including ink, paint and glue will be used. Bring a packed lunch and plenty of drinks.*

Friday 10th August Art room @ Firside Junior School 10 am – 3 pm 8+ years (€15.50)

Calling all Knitters... We do not usually include items for groups outside school but we thought many people would like to know about this local fundraising project

CAN you help – knitters or wool urgently needed

Peter Taylor Funeral Service, Hellesdon are aiming to help local communities with knitting activities. They are hoping to sell *hand knitted poppies* in their funeral homes for Armistice Day to raise much needed funds for The Royal British Legion.

They are also looking for 6" (15cm) squares in *garter stitch* (plain knit). They intend to stitch these together to make blankets for local care homes.

If anyone is able to knit poppies (pattern available), blanket squares or just has wool they would kindly donate, please just drop in to see Trisha or Margaret at 40 Boundary Road, Hellesdon, Norwich or give them a call on 01603 409000.