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Dear Parents/Carers

So this term is now two weeks old and we are anticipating the arrival of the SATs results in a few weeks. Indeed we will get the raw marks on the papers before then. We will of course report these as soon as all the basic analysis has been done and shared with the governors.

The school is a very busy place at the moment with a variety of activities taking place, from auditions for the summer production, to cooking some quite wonderful food. I had the privilege of tasting a Year 6 tortilla the other day which was quite delightful. It is important to realise though that we still have 5 weeks two days left and there is still serious work to do in all the year groups with years 3-5 doing some very important assessments.

Talking of busy schools I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the office cannot act as a messaging service during the day. There are over 300 people in the Firsides learning community and the function of the office is to support the best possible teaching and learning this school can provide. This will not happen if the office is being asked to deliver messages. In addition the office must never be left unmanned for security reasons. I am therefore asking you not to do this unless it is a real emergency and I mean very serious. I would also dissuade you because there will be no guarantee of the message being delivered if the office is busy. This is a practice that we have long since stopped at the high school and has made for a very much more efficient service.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement this year. We are expecting our visitors as I write this or perhaps next week. I will of course keep you informed.

Gerard Batty  
Executive Headteacher

### Year 6 Netball

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 9 girls travelled to Dereham Neatherd High School to participate in the SSP Hi-5 netball tournament. In the first round, the girls won 7-1, 4-0, 2-0, 1-0 and went through to the final which they also won. The girls were presented with certificates and will now represent Firsides at the SSP finals during the Norfolk Summer games week. Look out for news in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June another team of 8 girls travelled to City Academy to participate in the first round of the Norwich netball league. The weather was terrible with gusts of wind affecting play and there were several goals snatched away from us. The girls battled on and played excellently together winning two matches, drawing one and losing three. The next round is played on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Good luck to all the girls playing.

### **Green & Yellow Day**

Just before the half term break we all enjoyed our Yellow & Green day in school. There were some marvellous interpretations of the theme and for those who are Norwich City Football Club supporters it was a wonderful way to celebrate. We raised over £300 for FOF funds - thank you!



### Year 3 Castle Museum trip

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 went on a trip to the Castle Museum for a trip based on their topic of the Stone Age. We did braiding and we found out that Stone Age string was made from stinging nettles. We also became archaeologists and got to find objects in the sand using a brush. We got to hold real artefacts from the Stone Age. Also, we went on a trail in the museum and had to answer lots of questions. We even got to dress up as Stone Age people and pretended to go on a hunt for our food. We had a great time.  
By Toby Marshall and Ruby Hazell 3LH



### Goodbye Go Go Dragon!

Last week saw the grand reveal of our Go Go mini dragon named *Firsides Treasures...* All the children participated in activities which saw them design their own unique triangular scale to go on the dragon. Each year group focused on the theme 'treasure' and the children completed cross curricular work around their designs. Work included stories, information reports, diary entries and art work. We were also pleased to welcome Joanna Storey who was presented with the mini collection boxes that the children have been busy filling with loose change for BREAK. Joanna brought with her some charity wristbands which the children have been able to purchase from the office for a donation of £1. So far, a fantastic £70 has been raised for this worthy cause. If you want to purchase a wristband or you have a collection box to return, please go to the school office by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. We are really pleased with the final outcome of our dragon and are pleased to say that it will stand proudly in Chapelfield from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Make sure you go and visit him! Although we are sad to see him leave, we look forward to his return later on in the year.



### **Cycling**

This week saw two cycle training courses take place – Cycling Proficiency for Year 5's and Basic Cycle Skills for Year 4. Thank you to the children for behaving so sensibly and to the parents who kindly volunteered to help. More to come and more volunteers will be needed please.

### **Clothes collection**

Thank you to all who contributed to the clothes collection fundraiser for FOF this week – your donations were gratefully received.

### **Remembrance event**

The event on Wednesday was attended by a number of people who took part in various activities and had the opportunity to talk about their feelings. We hope it was useful to those who came.



## *Diary Dates*

<b>June</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to Sainsbury Centre
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	September Year 3 classes to visit for the morning
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school mystery/suspense workshops
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 to spend the day doing Stone Age activities Y6 Leavers Disco
<b>July</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hellesdon High School new intake meeting
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reports and letters about next year's classes to be given out
	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 to Hellesdon High School
	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class change morning
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Carousel morning
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Prom on the Pitch 5:30-7:30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School finishes at 3:15pm for the summer break	
<b>September</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School opens at 8:45am for the Autumn Term

The school dates for next academic year (September 2015 to July 2016) are on the Norfolk Schools website.

