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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.

Statutory Assessments

As is the norm at this time of year, the SATS will be taking place for Year 6. Children in Year 4 will be sitting their multiplication check and pupils in Year 1 will be completing their Phonics Screening Check, along with those pupils from Year 2 who were unable to achieve the necessary threshold from their previous school year. As a result, we will be ensuring the pupils work as hard as they can to improve their understanding and reduce any gaps in their learning. This is still a fantastic opportunity to showcase what the pupils know and will certainly give us areas to work on further with them before they move on in their educational journey. We have spent key moments of our year preparing them for these tests and we have every faith each child will do their very best when the time comes. We have every faith that our Boosting sessions for Year 6 pupils that began at the beginning of the Spring term will reassure and build confidence. A short information session regarding the Year 6 SATS will be held on Wednesday 29th April from 3:00pm for parents.

Year 6 SATS Breakfasts

We are thrilled to be able to offer the Year 6 pupils the opportunity to have free SATS breakfasts each day during their SATS week, once again this year. It is a fantastic way to not only calm the nerves, but to also generate that sense of team spirit and camaraderie. A letter and tasty menu will be sent home to take a look through and we hope pupils will look forward to taking part. We are sure there is something available, which will tantalise their taste buds. If your child is a vegetarian or has a specific dietary requirement this is not a problem, as an alternative will be available. Please inform Year 6 staff, if this is the case. This offer is by no means compulsory, but it would be amazing to see everyone there alongside each other; relaxed and ready to start each day in the right frame of mind.

Residential and Trips

This term, our Year 5 pupils will be attending PGL Overstrand Hall for their residential during the week 11th May – 15th May. This will be enjoyed by all attending and it will be a fitting experience for our pupils before they join Year 6. A briefing after school will be taking place soon for those parents and pupils attending on Tuesday 21st April at 3:30pm in the Year 5 classroom. As has been throughout the year, class teachers continue to organise trips to enhance the learning opportunities open to the children. Keep your eyes peeled for letters regarding future trips.

Ormesby University Graduation

After launching Ormesby University last year, we are hoping children have been busily collecting their signatures for attending different extra-curricular activities and clubs. On Wednesday 8th July, we will be conducting another graduation ceremony for all those pupils who have completed their University booklets in St. Margaret's Church. Final day to collect signatures on will be Friday 12th June and no further will be accepted after this date. This will give the school sufficient time to understand the pupil numbers involved for the ceremony and order the correct number of robes. We are looking forward to seeing all those who graduate.

Summer Fayre

We are hoping to host another Summer Fayre on Friday 10th July 2026 on our Junior playing field. Last year was a true success and we hope this year will be the same. Please contact our PTFA at ormesbyvillageschoolspta@gmail.com, if you are a business owner or work for a company that could help us, we would like to request donations of larger, more valuable prizes that can be entered into our raffle draw to increase the desire to enter. Smaller prize donations for tombola would also be appreciated.

Summer Ensemble of Music

Once more, we will be hosting an evening of musical talent on Wednesday 8th July beginning at 5:30pm in our Junior Hall. Here children can showcase their musical skill and courage in performing in front of a live audience. The last few years have been very special occasions.

Virtual Competition

Premier Sports will be providing further sporting enrichment via a virtual competition this term at both schools on Friday 22nd May; this will be in Athletics. These virtual competitions have enabled every single child to represent the school in a variety of different sports against between fifty and sixty other schools inside and outside of our County. Our schools have also been very successful in these competitions earning rewards. We will again be holding our Infant and Junior Sports' Days, where we hope the weather holds out for us all on both occasions.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance has continued to be positive this year, so far, but our attendance expectations remain high and we

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*

