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### End of term newsletter

#### **We made it!**

We have finally come to the end of what has felt like a very long and busy year! So much has happened this year it would be impossible to review it all. Please do have a look on the website for photos and updates about what the children have achieved this year. They have done so much and shown what excellent learners they all are. We have had trips, residentials, visitors, sports' competitions, a Toftvision song contest, book fairs and sales, clubs and much more.

With over 600 children, we still always aim to do what we feel is best for the children who are at the heart of our work even though it is sometimes difficult and challenging. It has been lovely this week to see the children in their new classes and with new staff where this has been possible. The feedback from the adults in the class has been very positive and it is reassuring to know they have started to make links and develop positive relationships with the children in their class and with each other in their new classes. Over the holidays read through the teacher profile sent home and talk to your child about the year ahead in a positive way. So much time and thought went into the new classes to ensure we created ones that best support the children's learning. It supports them to make new friendships, to learn to work with others and to adapt to change, all of which are very important life skills for the future.

This year we will not be in bubbles, so all children can play with others in their year group at lunch and break, so friendships endure outside of the classroom, as well as new ones forming.

We are working hard, still, to ensure everything is ready for a smooth September start for all of the children ready for learning from the first day. We are also booking in visitors and events and planning the year ahead as well as ensuring things are in place for families over the break where required. The end of term is always a busy one for schools.

So thank you to everyone in our Federation community for all their work and support and understanding this year.

Thank you firstly to the **children**. They have worked so hard this year and made good progress. It is always a privilege to go into the classes and see their learning in progress and to talk with them and be a part of their time with us.

Thank you to the **families** who have supported us over this past year. It is always good to hear your feedback and the staff have appreciated the positive comments and messages this year. A small thank you goes a very long way. Thank you for all of your messages and gifts. As always, these are not expected, but are very much appreciated.

Thank you to the **staff**. All of our staff have an important role to play in running our schools and everyone is here for the benefit of the children, working hard to ensure we provide the best care and education we can. Much of their work may be unseen, but it is always appreciated.

Thank you to the **Governors**. Their role is also a vital one and we appreciate all of the support they give us.

## **Goodbye Year 6**

We say goodbye today to Year 6. They have impressed us this year with their dedication to their learning and to each other. They sat their SATS tests this year, following two years of COVID restrictions and other bumps in the road, but they worked so hard and as a result they achieved well in these tests.

However, we are most proud of them for the way they have worked as a Year group. They have supported each other through good times and tricky times, been a great support in both schools in their responsibilities, worked hard and shown the very best of themselves. Even when there have been challenging times, they have shown they can reflect well on them and move forwards.

We shall miss them, but wish them all well in their next steps in education and life and look forward to hearing all about what comes next for them.

Good luck also to the other children moving on in other year groups as they move house and school. We know they will soon settle and make new friends.

## **New Reception**

We have been welcoming our new reception children into school this week. They are having two sessions of transition, including staying for lunch. We are so proud of how they have been coming in independently, making new friendships, working together and building positive relationships with their class staff and wider Reception team. We look forward to them joining us in September!

## **Staff 'Hellos and Goodbyes'**

We say goodbye at the end of term to **Mr Small** who has been teaching in Year 3 this year. We wish him good luck in his new role in another school and thank him for what he has done for the children and schools this year.

We also say goodbye to **Miss Lawler** as she moves to Nottingham to start a new job. Miss Lawler started with us during COVID times and had a challenging start to her teaching career but has always remained positive and cheerful! We say thank you to her for all she has done and wish her well in Nottingham!

We say hello to **Mrs Morris** who will be teaching in Year 4. She joins us from another county and has been in this week on Monday to say hello to her new class and spend the day with them. We will look at making a time after school in September for parents and carers to come in and say a formal hello to her as her current school was only able to release her on Monday. The most important thing is her children got to spend the day with her.

We say hello to **Miss Makins** as she joins us to start her teaching career in Year 3. She will be here on Friday to spend the day with her new class. Again, we will make a time early in the new term for parents and carers to say hello to her.

We say hello to **Mrs Jackson and Miss Griffiths** who are joining us as new teaching assistants at the Junior school. We look forward to working with them.

We say hello to **Miss Morgan** who is joining us in the office at the Infant school following Mr Johnson's departure. She has been in a few times already and we look forward to her being part of our Federation office team.

We say hello to **Mr Barnard** who has been working with us for some time across the school, but will be teaching Year 6 in September full time. We are looking forward to him being in our team.

We have also welcomed back **Mrs Thompson and Mrs Cudby** after their maternity leave, and they now share the class TC1. It's lovely to have them back with us.

We can confirm that Mr Jacklin will not be returning to our school in September, following a long term absence. Thankyou to Mr Smith and Mr Barnard and Mrs Pawley for being their teachers since Christmas. It has been good to have consistent teachers there who know our children and our schools. Thankyou also to the Year 5 team for linking up to support everyone so well.

### **Book Sale**

Thankyou to the Federation school council for their idea to come up with a book sale to raise money for a new 'reading den'. We want to raise enough money to put a reading den on our site so children can go in at lunch and settle down in a quiet space to read a good book! They raised almost £300 so we are off to a good start.

If anyone works for a company that may be able to offer us a donation to support with this project, please do let us know in September. We would be most grateful.

### **Free Hair Cuts**

The salon 'Curl up and Dye' are offering 4 free children's haircuts a day for children from 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August to support families in need. Please contact the salon directly if you are interested or the local food bank.

### **Family Events**

Thank you to all the families that came along to our family picnic and race days this year. We hope you enjoyed coming along and joining us for some great events in our schools. Thankyou to all the staff who made these events happen. A huge thank you to Mrs Begley who sorted out all our 'pre loved' uniform and made the sale possible. We raised over £200! We still have uniform remaining in many sizes, all in good condition, so we can all do our bit for the environment and find those items a good home!

We will have uniform available next year, and would welcome any further donations in September.

Thankyou to everyone who donated their unwanted uniform also. It is much appreciated.

Thankyou also for those who came to see the fabulous art work that Year 2 created for their exhibition.

The standard of the work shared was impressive and we know how hard they worked to create and the time staff took to make sure it was all beautifully presented.

We look forward to more events for families next year.

### **Happy Holidays**

We wish you all a peaceful and restful break for the holidays.

Please remember children in Years 1-6 return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Gates open at 8.40 as usual.

New reception children have had an email explaining their days as their starting days are different. If your child is starting Reception in September please check your emails to ensure you have signed up to the initial parent/carer consultation as set out in the email sent.

**It has been more busy than usual outside the Juniors this week for Monday to Wednesday because we also have had all our current Year 6 as the High Schools only have them for the last two days of term. We believe a week of transition supports the children best, but it does mean we have had an extra Year group out on the paths this week.**

**Please remember when we return that gates open at 8.40 and close at 8.55. This gives a 15 minute window to come in and you do not have to arrive at the busiest time, eg when the gates open. ALL CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO WALK THROUGH FROM THE INFANT GATE** as we shared in previous messages. If they do this it alleviates the footfall in other areas and is a quicker drop off for many!

Thankyou for your support this year, it has been much appreciated. We look forward to seeing the children after the summer break.

Best wishes

Joanna Pedlow

## KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



### MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat FREE every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

### DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

**YO!** Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

### HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

### IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

### BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

### DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

### CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

### MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

## Swimming Activities in the Holidays

# Summer 2022 Swimming Activities at Swanton Morley Primary!

We are running several sessions for everyone over the summer holidays! A warm 30-degree pool based at,



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| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>July     | Aqua Aerobics<br>9:00-9:45                    | Open Swimming<br>10:00-12:00 | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>July       | Open Swimming<br>9:00-12:00                   |                              | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>August    | Open Swimming<br>9:00-12:00                   |                              | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>August      | Open Swimming<br>9:00-12:00                   |                              | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>August   | Aqua Aerobics<br>9:00-9:45                    | Open Swimming<br>10:00-12:00 | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>August     | Open Swimming<br>9:00-12:00                   |                              | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>August   | Open Swimming<br>9:00-12:00                   |                              | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>August     | Open Swimming<br>9:00-12:00                   |                              | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>August   | Swimming Lesson<br>Crash Course<br>9:00-11:00 | Open Swimming<br>11:00-12:00 | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup><br>August     | Swimming Lesson<br>Crash Course<br>9:00-11:00 | Open Swimming<br>11:00-12:00 | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>September | Aqua Aerobics<br>9:00-9:45                    | Open Swimming<br>10:00-12:00 | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>September   | Open Swimming<br>9:00-12:00                   |                              | Lane Swimming<br>12:00-13:30 | Open Swimming<br>13:30-17:30 | Private Hire Slots<br>Available<br>17:30-21:30 |

We are also offering 1to1 private swimming lessons during our open swims. Only £11 per person for a 30 min lesson. Summer swimming crash course is also running Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Only £27.50 per person.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

Contact **Luke** or book online **NOW** via our website!

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