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Summer Term

Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents and Carers

Less than 3 weeks to go until the end of term, please read carefully below...as there is a lot of important information being shared about now and in September.

Summer Fayre – postponed...

If you are reading this when the Summer Fayre was supposed to be, it is probably raining, and it would have ruined all our hard work. We are looking at alternative dates – maybe next week - or we may postpone it until September when the weather is always lovely.

Staffing News...quite a few updates in this Newsletter!

Mrs Sarah Skene

After 17 years working in a range of roles at Lyngford Park, **Mrs Sarah Skene** will be leaving to pursue other ventures! Mrs Skene has been very dedicated to supporting many children over the years as general learning support assistant and as a 1:1 for children with additional needs. Since 2017, she has also been the Starlyngs (Wrap Around Care) lead to support children who attend before and after-school supervision. We are very grateful to Mrs Skene's commitment and now wish her the very best in whatever she chooses to do!

Mrs Sheila Darby

After 32 years, Mrs Shelia Darby will be retiring from her role as lunchtime supervisor this term. Thank you, Sheila, for all your efforts carrying out an essential role whilst children devour their lunch! Best wishes for a happy retirement.

Miss Freya Gudge

After a short time with us as our PE coach, Miss Gudge will be leaving us at the end of the term to go to university. Freya has been superb in her short time with us, and we are grateful for all her efforts. Mr Richards, who has been shadowing Freya in recent weeks, will be taking over in September and we are also delighted with this!

Early Career Teacher (ECT) – Fully Qualified! SUCCESS!

Miss Sadgrove has been classed as an ECT for the last 2 years. However, after countless assignments, observations, reports and training, Miss Sadgrove has achieved fully qualified status! We are all delighted for Miss Sadgrove and so proud of her excellent achievement. **Congratulations!**

2 Summer Holiday Weddings...

- **Miss Cutler** will be marrying her fiancé and will be known as **Mrs Kelly**.
- **Miss Sadgrove** is also marrying her fiancé and will be known as **Mrs Price-Bates**.

On behalf of school community, we wish them both wonderful wedding days and honeymoons.

Welcome Mr Bradley!

On behalf of the school community, we welcome Mr Bradley who will be the new class teacher in Rowan Class. Mr Bradley enjoyed both transition days with his new class and cannot wait to get started in September.



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YEAR 6 SATs & Hoodies...

Our Year 6 will receive their SATs results next week. Their hoodies have also arrived, so we will give them out at the end of next week.

Keeping ourselves fully hydrated – what can we drink?

We continue to remind parents and carers to make sure their children always bring a drinks bottle to school with them already filled with water, which they can also refill during the day. The *NHS* website **strongly recommend** children should avoid fizzy drinks.



Water	Fizzy Drinks, Squash or Flavoured Water
NO calories! Quenches the thirst most effectively. Best drink to help our body retain normal temperature. Cheaper!	All have high level of sugar or saccharin. Sugar-free drinks use artificial sugar! Will lead to children becoming overweight. Will cause damage to children's teeth.



It is for all these reasons we **strongly recommend** children only bring water to school in their bottle.

Swimming at Lyngford Park

For several years, we have considered if 5 or 6 weeks swimming every year for 4 years is better than a larger number of weeks in one year. We also have to consider the lost learning time travelling to and from the pool.

From September, an improvement... Year 5 will swim for the whole of the Autumn Term and up to Spring half-term. Year 4 will then swim for the rest of the year. Both year groups will receive around 15 sessions, and it is hoped they will make more progress in a short space of time. **Children will not swim in either Year 3 or in Year 6.**

Attendance Update

We have recently dropped to 92.9%. National Average = 94.1%
1.4% - unauthorised absence. 0.6% - late (after 8.50am and before 9.15am)
Persistent Absences – remains a concern – those below 90%

Key dates for the rest of the academic year

Wed 10 th July	EYFS trip to Minehead – letters already sent out.
Thurs 11 th July	5pm LGB – Performance Data and Review of Year.
Fri 19 th July	9.10am Golden Mile 6
Thurs 18 th July	Year 6 Evening performance.
Tues 23 rd July	2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Last Day of Year for all pupils – Ends 3.15pm
Wed 24th July - INSET Day – Closed to children. (Nursery open)	
Thursday 25th July - Summer Holidays begin (Nursery open)	