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Summer Newsletter

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Well what a way to end the year! And what a year! I thought I would try to get back to some form of normality as we wave goodbye to the academic year, and send you a Friday newsletter...

Leavers

We said a fond farewell to our wonderful Year Six today – and what a unique, talented bunch they are. There may be only four of them, but they have left a huge hole in our school. But we know they are going on to a bright future, well-equipped with enthusiasm, determination and resilience, and we wish them well. We are also sorry to be waving goodbye to Isla, Sam and Jack T – you will all be missed! We look forward to hearing great things about all of them - stay in touch!

Website

Over summer I am moving the website to another provider and freshening it up. I am hoping to have the new improved website up and running for the start of the new term. It will form part of the whole-school revamp we have been working on and will be easier to access on mobile devices, as well as being generally a bit jazzier! The link will follow in September.

Twitter

Don't forget you can follow us on Twitter - @BurnestonSchool It's well worth a follow as we update it regularly. It's also on the website if you don't do Twitter, and well worth a look.

Ear piercing

If you are planning on having your child's ears pierced, the summer holidays are a good time (Covid guidance dependent), as it gives the holes time to heal before we come back to school. Our PE policy is in line with NYCC guidance, so children need to be able to remove and put back in their own earrings (staff are not allowed to), and will not be able to do PE in earrings. We no longer put tape over children's ears, the earrings have to be removed (a ball to the head with an earring in the way can cause quite a bit of damage). If your child wears earrings in school, just a reminder to please make sure they are plain studs.

Uniform

Uniform is available online, via this link: <https://www.school-uniforms.co.uk/> Please order soon to ensure it is here for September.

Healthy Eating

From September we will be focusing on physical and mental health, and as part of this we will be encouraging the children to bring in healthy snacks. In Key Stage 1, the children receive free fruit and vegetables as part of a national scheme for healthy eating. We encourage children in Key Stage 2 to bring in a mid-morning snack, but there have been an increasing number of crisps and chocolate bars sneaking in. Whilst we know there is a place for treats in a

healthy diet and active lifestyle, we would ask that mid-morning snacktime is not that place please. Thanks for your support with this.

Bottle Tops

Thanks to everyone who has started collecting plastic bottle tops. Please keep going over summer and spread the word to family members and neighbours if possible. We would like and all plastic bottle tops (not just the milk ones please) – we are going to use them to create artwork for the Reflective Garden (and also do our bit to stop them ending up in landfill). This is a fairly long-term project, the last time I did this we started collecting in September and finally had enough by summer term, so please dig in for the long haul with this one! You can send them in a few at a time if you like, but it's probably easier if you can hang on to them until you have a decent bagful before sending them with your child please.

Dressing up

The whole-school dressing up box is beginning to grow – thank you if you have already donated some unwanted items. If not, and you are planning a wardrobe clearout, or you know of family members or friends who are having one, please bear us in mind. This isn't special dressing up outfits, just everyday clothes please. The idea is that the children use them for imaginative play and English work, so anything and everything would be really helpful. We currently have a fab range of hats, shoes, handbags, ties, scarves, shirts, blouses, jackets, dresses etc but would love more please!

Useful links

Whilst in many ways school will be exactly the same for the children in September, for families life may be different. If you are struggling financially, and think that you may be entitled to Free Schol Meals please get in touch and we can send you the forms and even help you to fill them in if you'd like us to. Even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and having infant free meals, applying for Free School Meals unlocks further funding for school which we can use to benefit all the children in school, so please do get in touch.

Here are some links to local foodbanks:

<https://hambletonfoodshare.org.uk/>

<https://hadca.org.uk/directory/organisation/1605>

Northallerton and Ripon Citizens' Advice Bureaus:

<https://citizensadvicehrs.org.uk/>

<https://www.cany.org.uk/Get-advice/In-person-Ripon>

Thank you

There are so many thank yous buzzing around my head: to the staff, for all their hard work, positivity and dedication over the last few months; to the governors for their kindness, scones and support; to the children for making our jobs so worthwhile and rewarding every single day and finally to you, our parents, for your messages, conversations and all-round loveliness. This has been one of the most challenging periods our school has faced, but I honestly think that we will be coming out of this stronger, better and still smiling. I cannot wait to share with you (Covid dependent) in September what we have been up to over the last few months... watch this space!

We wish you all a safe and happy summer, and are looking forward to seeing you again in September!