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Church Flower Festival

Just before the half term break, all classes were busy creating and preparing the work for their class display at the St Mary's Church Flower Festival in Whaplode. The theme for their work was 'Splendid Bible Stories' and they certainly created a splendid whole school display for all to see! Hopefully, many of you were able to visit the wonderful celebration and enjoy the warm welcome from the local community.

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of our work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If you have concerns about the safety of any child, you should let somebody know. Both Mrs Flack and Mrs Adie are the designated safeguarding officers within the school.

Updating Changes

If your child has a change in medical circumstances, please notify the school office so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure that all staff are aware of each child's conditions.

It is also important that parents keep the school updated of changes in contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, so that we are able to make contact with you in an emergency.

Staff

Mr Copeman and Mr Wright will be leaving us at the end of term, moving on to new challenges in Norfolk and Peterborough. We wish them both well and thank them for all their efforts whilst being at Whaplode. We are delighted to have secured Mr Paul Fulstow and Mrs April Garner to our staff team and feel sure that you will welcome them into our school community.

Afternoon Tea

On the afternoon of 25th June, you are invited to join us for afternoon tea. Pupils from our Year 6 class will have been busy creating some delicious treats to share with you and our local community, and will also be on hand as your waiting staff. Details to follow on the Afternoon tea event.

Lunch with your child

As the end of the school year fast approaches, we would like to invite parents, carers or grandparents to join us for lunch and eat with your child/children.

During the week commencing 25th June, on a day of your choice, you may order a hot meal from the menu, at a cost of £2.30 and eat in the lunch hall with your child. KS1 children go into the hall at 12noon, KS2 children go into the hall at 12.15pm. The menu can be found on the school website or is available from the office.

Orders and payment must be in by 9am Tuesday 12th June in order for them to be processed. We hope you are able to join us.

'Give it a Go'

The Communities team at South Holland District Council are pleased to announce the return of 'Give it a Go' event at Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field on Sunday 24th June 2018 between 11am and 3pm.

'Give it a Go' is a Sports taster day to encourage sports and physical activity clubs and associations to showcase themselves to the general public in order to possibly gain new members. The public visiting will have an opportunity to see what is on offer, meet the people behind the clubs and in some instances give the activity a go or watch a demo.

This year they are also incorporating 'The Great Get Together' inspired by Jo Cox, encouraging communities to come together. They have lots of activities planned and promotion is well under way.



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Head of School Update

Welcome back after the half term break! Hopefully the children are all well rested and ready for our final term of the academic year.

The staff and children had a wonderful 'Red, white and blue day' to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Everyone enjoyed their party lunch out in the sunshine and enjoyed all the activities surrounding this special occasion. Thank you to all who helped their children create some wonderful crowns for our crown competition. The lunch staff had great difficulty in selecting winners!

The swimming season is in full swing and progress is clear to see in all classes. The swimming pool committee volunteers give a huge amount of their own time to maintaining and cleaning the pool every day, in order to keep things in great condition ready for lessons. Our swimming pool is totally maintained by your donations and we would love to see you support us once again in raising much needed funds to keep the pool operational. The committee will be holding a second Bingo night on Friday 22nd June from 6.30pm onwards and the annual Summer Fayre will take place on Sunday 8th July from 12-4pm.

Looking ahead, all pupils will have their 'move up' day where they will spend the day with their next teacher. This will take place on Friday 29th June. After this, children will then have two Move-up Mondays which will give them further opportunities to work with their new teacher. These will take place on Monday 2nd and 9th July. Children should line up as usual on these days as they will transition to their new teacher after the morning's collective worship. These sessions are an important part of supporting your child's transition to their new class teacher as well as helping them understand the expectations in their new class.

And finally, please be aware that this year we have set aside two dates for our sports day because we know that we can never trust the British weather! We intend to hold Sports Day on Friday 6th July (Reception, Y1 and Y2 in the morning and Y3-6 in the afternoon.) As always you are all invited to bring along a picnic lunch to have with your child on the school field from 12 noon. Our back-up date, just in case the weather is not kind to us, is set for Friday 13th July. We do hope that you will all be able to come along and support all of our children in their races.

Term Dates:

Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July

Other Dates:

11 th June	Y1 phonics screening begins
20 th June	Y4 trip to Lincolnshire Show
22 nd June	Bingo Night
25 th June	Afternoon Tea
25-29 th June	Lunch with your child week
27 th June	Y5 visit to UAH
	New starters parent meeting 6pm
28 th June	Y6 move up day to UAH
29 th June	Y6 move up day to UAH
	Whole school move up day
6 th July	Sports Day
8 th July	Summer Fayre 12-4pm
9 th July	Move up Monday
	Y5/6 performance (evening)
11 th July	Y5/6 performance (evening)
12 th July	Farmers Market
13 th July	Reports to parents
	Reserve Sports Day
19 th July	Leavers' assembly at school
20 th July	Leavers' service at church
	End of term.

Secure Gate System

As you are already aware, we have had a security gate system fitted on site and it is now fully operational. It will be opened prior to the start and end of the school day and closed shortly afterwards. Please ensure that you vacate the premises at the beginning and end of the school day promptly, prior to the gate system being locked again.

Supervision of children

Could parents and carers please ensure any children on the school site are closely supervised and not allowed to wander. It has come to our attention that a number of children are playing around parked vehicles on the site and we politely ask that they remain with their grown ups whilst waiting to collect siblings or to enter Acorn Pre-school. Many thanks.

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