



Freethorpe Primary and Nursery School

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This will be our last full newsletter of this year. We now have less than 2 full weeks left of the summer term and thoughts will be turning to holiday adventures I am sure!

At the end of the term Mrs Burns will be leaving Freethorpe Primary. She originally joined the school as the interim Headteacher for a period of two terms. However, we have been exceptionally lucky to have kept hold of her for a year and term. She has been a real asset to the school and worked tirelessly to ensure Freethorpe Primary offers the best education for all its pupils. Mr Chris Aitken will be taking on the role of the Executive Headteacher in September, when Freethorpe will join in partnership with the Cantley and Horning Federation of schools.

Mr Wickham, who has worked across the school, for the past two terms will also be leaving us as Mrs Houghton will be returning to her teaching role with Year 6 in September. We wish him lots of luck for the new academic year where he will continue working as a teacher within local schools.

Friends of Freethorpe:

Monday 23rd July - Disco with photos taken for the leavers!

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to every family for supporting all the 'friends' events over this school year. As a result some of the things we have been able to provide for our children is the cover for the outside wooden classroom, help with transport for school trips, bought a whole class pack of musical instruments, provided some visual timers for KS1 classrooms, given a multi sided painting easel for nursery and given every class £100 spending money... Looking ahead we are fundraising to supply wireless microphones for our school performances. Every event we put on provides money for these extra items and they really do impact on our children's learning, so thank you all so much!

Our summer BBQ was another successful event and it was lovely to see so many families socialising together. We had a smooth running event (except for the gluten free versions, huge apologies for that) and thanks to the staff and the many parents that helped serve the food, ice creams and work the bar, it was a lovely evening.

In September we will be looking for a secretary and chairperson. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out in any way. Extra help is vital for 'friends' to keep running and providing all those extras for our children.

Have a lovely summer holiday!

Key Stage 2 Production: A letter has been sent home this week outlining the arrangements for the Key Stage 2 production of Snow White and the Seven Ex-Jockeys. All pupils in Year 3, 4 and 5 form the choir for this musical and the Year 6 pupils will be acting. If you would like tickets for this event please contact the school office. The performance will be: Tuesday 17th July at 7pm, Wednesday 18th July at 2pm and 7pm.

Sports Day:

It was fantastic to see so many people attend our Sports Day. The Year 6 children had a great time taking on the responsibility of organising the activities and there was lots of fun had by all who took part in the events, including parents! Thank you for your support of this event and we hope you enjoyed being able to picnic with your children this year.



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Leaver's Assembly:

We will be holding our Leaver's Assembly on Tuesday 24th July at 10:30am. This is our celebration of all our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to high school in September. Parents are invited to join us for this assembly – it will finish in time for school dinners at 12pm.

Acle Area Sport: A word from Mrs George

It's our year!

I would just like to say how proud I am of everyone who took part at the UEA Cluster Sports day. All the children were amazing and competed so well in the conditions. They should be so pleased with the great team work displayed.

I think it would be right to mention that our team won the most points for the 'Track' events, the most points for the 'Field' events leading to best overall school on the day, 2 shields and a cup! The icing on the cake was retaining the Southgate Shield, this is the shield awarded for most points accumulated across all of the events over the year, cricket, netball, tag rugby etc, which all the Cluster schools compete for.

So well done to all the children who have competed in an event across the year, all the children who have worked to practise with them in lessons and supported their class mates, the staff and all the parents who have helped to transport them, watch and cheer them on.





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School Garden:

We have a school garden which we are looking for some help with. Do you have a few hours that you would be able to give to help look after the beds? We would love to be able to continue planting and growing a range of produce but need a helping hand to enable this happen. It may be that we are able to do this through creating a rota system, where people take it in turns to offer their time. However, if you are interested in offering your time more regularly that would be fantastic and we would be really interested in hearing from you. Please get in touch with the school office if you are keen to get involved with the school garden.



Bewilderwood trip:

Tomorrow – Thursday 12th July – Yellow, Green and Red class will be visiting Bewilderwood. Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch and plenty to drink with them. They will need to wear school uniform and additionally wear a hat and sun cream as the weather is due to be very warm again.

Summer Holiday Club:

We have previously sent home letters about our summer holiday club which runs in school from Wednesday 25th July to Friday 10th August. There are some places still available so if you are interested in booking your child in to one or more sessions please contact the school office as soon as possible.

