

Dear Parents,

Please join me in wishing our Y6 pupils the very best of luck in the future as they transition to their new secondary schools. This year, we have liaised with 8 secondary schools to ensure our children have a smooth transition and get off to the very best start on their secondary journey! Thank you to Mrs Elliot, Pastoral Manager, for co-ordinating the visits to the schools.

The leavers presentation was very emotional affair but well done to all Y6 for showcasing their talents, sharing their memories of school and be resilient to the end!

As always, we have had an extremely busy half term! I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a lovely summer. Let's hope we get some dryer warm weather! We start back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8:30am!

*Miss S. Thomas*

### Trips, Visitors and Other Events

**Pedestrian Skills** sessions were a great success with the Y3 cohort in June. These skills are so important to help keep our children safe as they become more independent. Thank you to the parents that volunteered to support these sessions. Can we please remind parents that we do not recommend Y3 or Y4 pupils walk home without an adult.

Year 4 have completed the **Multiplication Screen** this half term. They have been working hard to learn all of the multiplication tables (up to 12 x 12). All of Y4 also be joined by Sarah Tipler (our Chair of Governors) in **Reading Mentor training** and are looking forward to starting to promote reading for pleasure across school next term with Y3 and Y4 children.

The **Y5 Reading Stars** were visited by Brian Laws and they took part in a football tournament on 19<sup>th</sup> June. They also had a graduation event on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Glanford Park. It was a little disappointing that only 5 out of 14 of the children were able to attend but thank you to those of you who did come along to represent school.

Y5 visited **Normanby Hall** as part of their topic on Victorians and Children and Y3 and Y4 had a visit from **Captivating Creatures** on as part of their topic on Around the World in 80 Days and science unit on Living Things and Habitats.

Sports Week England was a great success as was our **Olympics Festival Sports Day**, led by the Get Ahead Partnership. Other Get Ahead events have included: Wimbledon, a Girls Games Day and Colour Run.

Mr Somerville arranged a **football tournament** with Hibaldstow Primary. LFJS teams won one match, drew another and lost one. Thank you to Hibaldstow for an enjoyable afternoon and well done to all three of our teams.

Our annual **Summer Fair** was another success. We raised £513. Thank you to the staff and Y6 for organising the event and Mrs Austin (school governor) for helping with the stalls.

Y5 requested a **French Bastille Day**. The children enjoyed learning about French food, art, famous landmarks and Bastille!

### Staffing Update

This term we said, 'Goodbye,' to Miss Kirk and Mrs Scullion who have worked alongside Year 3/4 and Year 4 throughout the summer term. Also, Miss Kiddle, Lunchtime Supervisor. We would like to thank them all for their support and guidance for our children at LFJS!

We welcome back into school Mrs Bower and Miss Turtle. They will both be joining Miss Stoney in Y3/4. Mrs Bower has returned this week for transition and Miss Turtle will return mid-September. Mrs Wright, Lunchtime Supervisor, joined us in June and has settled in well.

Mrs Butler, Admin Assistant, will also be joining the team in the main office. Mr Johns, will join the Y5 team and support Miss Turtle in the delivery of PE sessions as well as leading some sports clubs, next year. We look forward to welcoming them both to Leys Farm.

Next year we will have **five classes**.

**Three Upper Key Stage 2 Classes:**

Year 5 are with Mr. Somerville.

Year 4 are going into two Year 5 classes with Miss. Compton and with Mrs. Wass.

**Two Lower Key Stage 2 Classes:**

Year 3 are going into two mixed Year 3/4, one class with Miss. Stoney and Miss. Turtle and one with Mrs Bower.

*The new Year 3 are going into these two classes.*

### Summer Learning Loss

There has been a lot of research regarding 'summer learning loss'. Please encourage your child to continue accessing their logins on TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Dyslexia Gold and Reading Plus during the summer to help reduce the 'summer learning loss'. Little and often is usually the best policy to help keep their skills up. Thank you for your support.

Please support this year's Summer Reading Challenge 2024 – 'Marvellous Makers,' run by the libraries. Many children have already signed up! If they complete the challenge, they will receive a prize from school if they bring their certificate into school in September.

We will continue our reading reward system in the autumn term for children reading at home **five times a week!** Well over 50% of our children took part this year. Well Done!

Y4 will be visiting Riddings Library when they go for their swimming lessons from September.

### Term Time Dates 2024 - 2025

Autumn 1 - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (**8:30am start and 3pm finish**)

Autumn 2 - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Spring 1 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Spring 2 - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Summer 1 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Summer 2 - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

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