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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week with the children taking part in their Sports Day and Meet the Teacher Day. We have another busy week ahead as we host all of our shows - please ensure you have your tickets. The link on Arbor pay has now expired. If you still require tickets please bring cash to the office before the show day.

One Life

This week we launched One Life in school. The children are thoroughly enjoying their new morning routine including their personalised meet and greet and journaling. Please can I remind you that if children arrive late they miss much of this experience and this can make children feel 'left out' - although we do try to overcome this. Children need to be at school for doors opening at 8.45am as this will ensure they take part in the entire morning routine - the skills they develop will equip them for life.

Uniform

Can all parents/ carers ensure children are wearing the correct uniform for school. There is a rise in children coming to school in their own clothing which unfortunately makes them different to all other children in school. I appreciate uniform may be slightly stained etc however school uniform, including PE kit, is still required to be worn. This includes school shoes and trainers. Crocs, sandals and other open footwear is not allowed due to safety reasons.

This is also a polite reminder for all children to bring water bottles. There is a large amount of children who do not have water bottles in school which is concerning due to the intense heat. Please can you ensure all children have a water bottle in school.



Nursery Spotlight

This week nursery children had a fantastic visit to Swithens Farm in Rothwell. Everyone had a fantastic time, feeding the animals in the barns and out in the fields, exploring the small animals and our favourite part was bottle feeding the lambs!

Our visit ended with a tractor ride, before the coach brought us back to school. We were very tired, but had a brilliant time. Many thanks to Swithens Farm for making us so welcome and to the volunteers who came with us to help make this such a special visit.





Transition

All children have spent the day with their new teacher in their new classrooms. It has been lovely walking around school watching new relationships form through fun and engaging activities. We hope all children come home and tell you about the fun they have had. There will be an opportunity in September for all parents/ carers to meet their child's class teachers. These meetings will include important information for each class including statutory assessments the children will complete within the academic year.

Awards

Well done to all of our boys and girls who have been awarded a Star of the Day, Recognition Award or Expectation bands this week - we are extremely proud of you!





Attendance

As a school we strive for 97% in all classrooms every day. If a class is successful, they earn a star. Once they have 9 stars, one for each letter in the word excellent, the children decide on an attendance award.

Please ensure all attendance information, including medical appointments, is shared with the school office rather than class teacher to ensure registers can be recorded accurately.

This week's attendance is:

Reception	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
95.8%	95.1%	97.5%	96.9%	98.2%	95.7%	<mark>98.5%</mark>

Well done Year 6, you are this week's winners!

Yours faithfully, Mrs. L Whalley Headteacher

<u>Diary Dates - amendments and new dates in red</u> <u>July</u>

14th End of year show for parents (Reception - Year 5) @ 1.30pm (tickets required via Arbor £2pp)

15th: End of year show for parents (Reception - Year 5) @ 9am (tickets required via Arbor £2pp) FEET session 3 (New to Nursery in September)

16th: Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic @ 1.30pm - Children are to all bring their own Teddy bear

18th: Year 6 Show for Parents @ 9am (£2pp via Arbor), Attendance Reward Afternoon (97% or higher attendance), School Reports sent home

21st - 23rd: Year 6 Residential to Newby Whisk Hall (2 nights)

21st: Euros Theme Week in /School - Children to wear PE kits Monday - Wednesday

24th: Year 6 Leavers Party 5-6.30pm

25th: Year 6 Leavers Tunnel for Year 6 @ 3pm (all families welcome).

25th: Children break up for Summer

