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Dear Parents & Carers

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LAST LETTER OF THE YEAR!

Well, that's been a lovely and very busy year. We are all ready for a break from the routine, and some of the children are definitely ready for a break from each other!

We all plod on through each week, getting on with the day job. At the end of the Year 2 Leavers' Show, we always pull together a slideshow of the things the children have achieved during their time with us. It's one of my favourite parts because we get to see just how much progress the children have made. It's also a reminder of all the different things we've done and the experiences they've had during their time at our school.

I'm not biased... well, I am! But I do think we do some lovely things. I know we give our children a great start to their education. I know that we care for them, we love them, we make them feel safe and we have fun together.

The biggest challenge we continue to face is a financial one. We are being hit by the falling birth rate and reduced pupil numbers, along with rising costs. This means we are financially very stretched. Your contributions towards visits and your support with all our fundraising are very much appreciated.

On that note, I'd like to say a big and special thank you to our small, but perfectly formed, FOSNI. Sophie and Emily have raised **thousands of pounds** for us over the last three years. They have willingly given their time and energy to organise events for the children – discos, Christmas card creations, pre-loved uniform sales, Christmas fairs, raffles and Oughtibridge Gala stalls. They have been amazing; we are incredibly grateful and we shall miss them.

Some of our new parents have taken pity on Mrs McGhee and me – the two remaining FOSNI members – and have volunteered to help going forward. Phew!

Our lovely Mrs Otten leaves us today. Her baby is due in the middle of August. She has timed it beautifully! We shall miss Katie. She is wonderful to work with, a terrific teacher, and has transformed music in our school with her expertise and enthusiasm. She supported some of our choir members at Bradfest last Saturday. We shall continue with choir in her absence; we'll do our best and make sure we pick some really good songs to practise!

We have been so lucky to appoint Hannah Brodrick to cover Mrs Otten's maternity leave. She is lovely. She has spent lots of time in school over the last few weeks getting to know how we work and getting to know the children. It's like she's been with us for ages – she has just slotted right in.

We said our farewells to the Year 2 children today. They showed what they could do with their performance of *Pirates versus Mermaids* last week. It really was terrific. Some of our Year 2 children have made good friends with our Orchard children, and we know they'll miss each other. Our Year 2s have looked out for them, helped them, advocated for them and, most importantly, genuinely been their friends.



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They have been a lovely, lively, interesting cohort through school. They have kept us on our toes, made us smile and made us laugh. We have some spent time with some wonderful characters, some caring, kind and thoughtful children. They have wanted to learn, joined in, tried hard and done their best. We can't ask for more.

We wish our Year 2s every success in the next phase of their education. We want the children to continue working hard and making progress academically. More importantly, we want them to be happy, to enjoy their school days, to have fun, to be kind and to look after one another.

We also wish Riley, Marshall, Lucy, Leo, Oliver Wright, Harry W, Noa and Lucian well as they venture off to different schools across our city and beyond. They are lovely children, and we've thoroughly enjoyed having them with us.

This morning, we celebrated great attendance throughout the year, and certificates were awarded. A special shout-out goes to Tilly Anderson, Charlie Cawthorne, Freya Morgan, Riley Fleetwood, Sophie Pickwell, Keanu Ford, Ryla Hirst and Amber Pickwell, who managed to avoid all the bugs and germs and achieved 100% attendance.

My Pupil of the Week this week is Ivy Clarkson. Ivy has had lots of changes in her little life, and she copes in the best way she can. Ivy is clever and she's a great reader. She likes to get things right. She has been a tremendous help to the grown-ups in school over the last couple of weeks, helping us with all sorts of jobs, and we honestly don't know what we would have done without her. Thank you, Ivy.

Thank you, too, to Miss Marshall, who has done so much this year to help us become a greener, more sustainable and eco-friendly school. She is the champion of bid writing, she supports our Growing Wild Club, and we are very lucky to have someone as passionate as she is on our staff team.

After the holidays...

School reopens for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and existing Nursery children on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

Our new Nursery children will be visiting us during the first week, before starting properly in the week beginning **7th September**.

If you have two children in school, your oldest child will be taken on Miss Marshall's **2.55 pm train** to the classroom of your youngest child so that you can collect them both from one place. Children who go with childminders will be taken to Nursery, where they can be collected.

		Drop off & collection point
Class 1	Miss Brodrick, Mrs McGrail, Mrs Parsons	The space outside the main office.
Class 2	Miss Bennett, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Beal, Miss Price	Enter via the gate onto the playground. The children will come down the steps and in via the door near the office. Please wait in this space at the end of the day but not too close to the top of the steps.



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The Orchard	Mrs Turner, Mrs Beal-Edwards, Mrs Moore, Miss Kane	Drop off and collect from the external door to Class 4 – via the main gate into the playground.
Class 5	Mr Barker, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Veale, Mrs Moore, Miss Price	Close to the door on the top corridor.
Class 7	Mrs McGhee, Miss Spencer, Mrs Hearnshaw.	Drop off at the end of the path that runs along the back of school. Children will enter via the gate and door directly into Class 7. Please also collect from the space at the end of this path in the main playground. Please do not venture down the path as it can be quite disruptive and unsettling for the children and staff seeing parents outside.
Class 8	Miss Miles, Mrs Jennings	Drop off and collect in the small yard via Alpine Road.

In September, we'll send out information relevant to each class.

Here's the menu for the first three days back.

Week 3	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Roast chicken with gravy, stuffing & mashed potato	Margherita pizza with pasta	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Quorn grill, gravy, stuffing & roast potatoes	Pasta & cauliflower cheese bake	Cheese & onion roll with chips
Jacket potato and filling	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo or salmon mayo
Sandwich option	Ham	Ham	Ham
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Seasonal Greens, carrots & salad	Broccoli, sweetcorn & coleslaw	Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Dessert	Orange jelly	Chocolate & apple cake	Cherry iced sponge cake

Yoghurt and fruit are also available each day as an alternative to desert along with a selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water.

IMPORTANT: SNACKS

Children should not bring snacks into school. We provide fresh fruit and/or vegetables every day, and we always have crackers and breadsticks available if your child does not like the fruit option.



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We have reviewed our snack policy. **Benedict's Law** comes into force in September and brings increased mandatory requirements to help prevent fatalities caused by allergic reactions.

We are a nut-free school. We currently have two children with nut allergies and another joining us in September. We also have children with a range of other allergies. Allowing children to bring snacks into school introduces foods that have to be checked for allergens. It is much safer for everyone if the children eat the snacks that we provide.

Please remember that your child will need a PE kit in school in a named bag. They should have black shorts, a white T-shirt, pumps and a pair of jogging bottoms for outdoor PE. We'll help the children get changed. We will send kits home when they need washing or if they become too small.

Please name all items of PE kit. Thank you.

(A reminder: if you are thinking of having your child's ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holiday so that this does not impact PE lessons. We cannot tape earrings, and children are required to remove them for PE, which is not advised for several weeks after piercing.)

To our Year 2 parents who are leaving us this time, we have been part of your lives for the last three or four years, and you have been part of ours. Some of you have been coming here for much longer than four years! We wish you all the very best and thank you for all the support you have given our school.

Finally, thank you for all the cards, gifts and kind words that have been showered on us this week. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and a well-deserved break from the routine of school.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Townsend,
Headteacher



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