BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We feel very grateful to have had a fun-packed few weeks and some really lovely weather. The whole school beach trip to Sheringham with the National Trust was a huge success so we immediately booked Hedgehogs Class some regular beach school sessions for September!

The children are still completing their lessons but we have begun preparations for many of the end of term events. With Sports Day on the horizon (July 16th) PE lessons are spent jumping hurdles and perfecting our egg and spoon technique. We have added a new event this year, as well as the usual ones, which is the water bucket challenge. The ball throw will be completed during PE lessons with the results given on the day itself.

Play practice is also under way and the Year 6 are sending out invitations and planning an afternoon tea for after the performance. Rapunzel will be performed at the Harbour Rooms on Friday 18th July at 2pm. Please do join us for sandwiches and cake. Children may be collected directly from the Harbour Rooms.

Last week we said good bye to Mr Greenaway who has completed his teacher training and will be enjoying a well-deserved break. It has been lovely to have him with us and I know that he is leaving with lots of happy memories. We were very lucky that he was able to join the Year 6s on their leaving trip.

This year, this day before the Leavers Service (Monday 21st July) will be a non-uniform day and we would like to ask all those who are able, to bring in a prize for the PTFA tombola. The PTFA have many events planned for the Summer. One of which is a tombola stall at the Party on the Pastures event. This was a great fund raiser for our school last year and we appreciate your support. On August 2nd, the PTFA are also holding an all-day BBQ and Disco at the village Hall. This will coincide with the Rural Sports Day on the playing field. It is sure to be a fun-filled day and evening so please come along for a burger and boogie if you would like to. This event is open to the public so friends and families are most welcome.

Our term ends on Tuesday 22nd July which is our Leavers service and Speech day. Staff will be dressing smartly (smarter than usual!) and the Year 6 will be giving their memories of Blakeney speeches before the ringing out. Please join us in the school hall at 2pm to say farewell to Libby, Elsie, Preston, Ethan, Chloe.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Money and Mrs Sutton. Miss Schulz will be joining us from Kelling to teach Hedgehogs class full-time while Mrs Money will join Kelling and Mrs Sutton, Hindringham. It is nice to know that we will still see them at Federation events and wish them well in their new schools. Mrs Schultz has been joining us on transition days so many of you will have met her already.

I am sure we will see you all at one of the events before the end of term but from all of the staff here, thank you so much for supporting our special school this year and have a wonderful Summer.

Hoglets and Hedgehog News

June has been a warm and wonderful month for the Hedgehogs and Hoglets. We have continued to spend as much time as possible doing outdoor learning, particularly in science where we planted beans and sunflower seeds and studied the life cycle of a plant.

Everyone has enjoyed our lasted English story about the ballerina in the clocktower. If your child hasn't told you about her yet do ask them. She sent us a letter and we wrote one back! It has been very exciting and our children have been so focused and engaged in this learning.

In maths Year1 and 2 have started to look at time. It is such a tricky concept but the children are really enjoying it and it's been wonderful to watch them have a go at telling us the time throughout the day. We'll never be late for playtime again!

Nursery children have been enjoying their transition sessions into Reception and we are so proud of them for being so grown up. It has also been a pleasure to see all the other children enjoying their transition sessions into their new Year group. Well done everyone!

Thank you for all your support

Samphire News

We are in the final weeks of our term and the children are still working hard. All of their long writing sessions have been completed although we have one final poetry competition entry to write. This should be a breeze for the children of Blakeney as the theme is living by the sea! Once this is finished, it is full steam ahead with play rehearsals. Those children who opted for roles not on the stage will be creating the sets and backdrops.

Maths lesson will continue up until the last week and I will send home some learning for the holidays for the children to maintain their skills over the break. Little and often is the key to retention so I recommend half an hour a week which (using my maths skills) is less than 5 minutes each day. These quick tasks will focus on the 4 calculations.

The Year 4 Multiplication Check results were published last week and we are very pleased with this year's cohort. They improved last year's average by nearly 2 points and there were some wonderful individual performances. Well done all of you for keeping our scores on the upward trend!

Recently, the class have also completed some wonderful art work. There is a selection of illuminated letters and Viking long boat collages on the wall outside the school hall. If you do not get a chance to see them, do not worry, the children will be bringing their art work home with them and I am sure will share it with you.

Samphire Class always keep us on our toes! Your children are bright and interesting and the staff really do love coming to work each day. Thank you for supporting us in helping them achieve this year and we hope you all have a relaxing Summer.



JULY

Monday 7th	Year 6 Leavers Trip
Monday 7th	July- PTFA Meeting after school (all welcome)
Thursday 10th	Transition Day
Friday 11th	Steel Pans Group to Birmingham (letters will have gone out to those attending)
Monday 14th	KS1 Trip to Castle Rising
Tuesday 15th	Whole School Wells Beach Day
Wednesday 16th	Sports Day 2pm Friary Fields (please park at the school not on the field)
Friday 18th	Rapunzel at the Harbour Rooms 2pm
Monday 21st	Non-uniform Day
Tuesday 22nd	Leavers Service and Speeches 2pm