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Dear Parents / Carers,

...and in what almost seems a blink of an eye, the academic year has drawn to a close!

Nursery Graduation

There is absolutely no doubt that top-billing in this week's letter has to go to our Nursery and the absolutely brilliant graduation ceremonies held for the children who will be leaving to move into Reception in September. I, like so many of you, was absolutely overwhelmed by the amount of time, effort and energy which our magnificent Nursery team gave over to producing the most terrific experience for both our children and their parents / carers. To all those of you who passed their thanks to us to share with the team, be assured that this has been done (many times over!) and we would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for all the support YOU have given during your child's time with us in Nursery and also for your attendance on Tuesday. However, once again I would like to thank the team of Miss Mallett, Mrs Lofthouse, Miss Randall and Mrs Bulmer for the tremendous ceremony which was loved by us all.

Parent Forum

Earlier this week I met with some of our Parent Forum representatives where we discussed a few bits and pieces. Something which was raised (among others) related to 'out of hours' activities (eg discos etc). The staff have discussed this and how we can overcome the issues which prevented these from happening over recent months and we feel a solution may have been reached, not just for discos but potentially some other events too. We are fully confident that we can look to offer these in the Autumn Term and will keep you up to date with our plans.

In September, I will be in touch again in relation to the Forum as I think another few faces from year groups currently not represented would be much appreciated. If nothing else, I do make a decent coffee (or tea!) apparently....

Calendar and Diary Dates

We have resent these today as, if you are anything like me, many reminders are always helpful! As mentioned, the diary dates will evolve through the year but the calendar should remain 'as is'. The 2025 2026 version is currently under consultation and I do have the draft. However, it seems a bit daft sharing this until it has received full ratification. The early signs seem to be that in July 2026 we will be finishing on a Tuesday.....

Farewell...

At the end of each academic year, we will always be saying goodbye to some of our children. For those not in Year Six but who, for various reasons, will be leaving us for pastures new, we wish you all the very best and can say without reservation or hesitation that you will all be greatly missed as you have played a massive part in our school community (as have parents and carers).

For our Year Six children, they have now reached the end of their primary schooling and moving into secondary education. Having looked through their records, many of them (thirty-five, to be exact!) have been attending Belmont since joining Nursery in 2016. We then have two who joined us for the start of Reception and then a steady stream from 2018! Most of these children will have enjoyed their introduction to the Big Stage during their Nativity in 2017 (and those of us who recall this, like myself, will have been able to make comparisons with their recent 'Leaver's Performance' a few weeks ago! Oooh, haven't they grown?!?!)

Something we can say with 100% confidence is that we have enjoyed working with them all, feeling privileged to have played a part in their social and academic development and having the opportunity to witness first hand how they have progressed in so many ways. These young people can leave here with a sense of pride, accomplishment and achievement having left a lasting impression (positive, I must add!) on all of the staff within the school.

There is little doubt in my mind that the Class of 2024 will move into the next stage of their lives fully equipped to deal with whatever challenges come their way and we all wish them every success in the future.

Lunch and Breakfast Club Payments

Just to repeat our request from last week, as we approach the end of the school year, could we please ask that all balances for the above are settled. Any which are not paid by the end of term will have to be referred to the local authority debt recovery department. There are still, following last week's plea, outstanding payments. Many thanks for your support on this.

Guisborough Bridge Association

Guisborough Bridge Association are having three Fun & Food For All (the family) events, where parents, carers and children can come and craft, then eat for free. Unlike the Whitsun half term, these three events do not have religious content, but do take place at Guisborough Methodist Church hall.

Please see the link below. You need to give menu preferences and let them know the number of children. The events are **free**, as they seek funding for them.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/64276>

September

Not something I think we want to be considering too much at present but just a reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

And Finally...

I think that is just about it for this year other than to say thank you to all of you, the driving force behind the young people we have the privilege of working with each day. We know the time you give to support them to get them into school, to offer them support when needed and to communicate with us the things we need to know. The job spec for a parent and carer is wide, varied and challenging and that is something we all fully appreciate. With that in mind, we hope that you all get to enjoy a pleasant break with one another, making the best of the time you have together over the coming six weeks or so.

Also, on behalf of myself and the staff, many thanks for the kind words, cards and gifts which you have given which genuinely mean so much to us.

Wishing you a lovely break (and I've not mentioned the weather once!!),

Yours Sincerely

C. Gibson

Mr C Gibson and all at Belmont Primary