



Summer Term 2016

Wednesday 20th July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the end of a very busy and successful school year. The end of the building work is in sight with all projects still on track to be completed by September and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back to our 'new' school on Monday 5th September.

We are saying goodbye to Miss Sawyer today after two years with us, the first as a teaching assistant and this last one completing her teaching qualification. Miss Sawyer has developed into a brilliant teacher and her new school is very lucky to have her. We all wish her well in her new job and with her imminent wedding this summer!

Well done to all the children who have received reading certificates this year. As our 'star display' outside Barn Owls' class shows, we have many prolific readers in all our classes! Our focus on reading, within school through phonics and guided reading and the regular practice at home has meant that our children's reading across the school is of an extremely high standard. Our reading results at the end of Year Two are well above national averages and this is mirrored across all year groups. A love of reading is such an important thing to develop and most importantly, keep, as you progress through primary school; I hope lots of our children will do the Library Challenge and keep up regular reading during the summer holidays.

I would also like to say well done to our bellringers who performed brilliantly in Cotterstock Church last Sunday evening. They are performing in today's final assembly and you will have a chance to hear their talents alongside just a few of the musicians who receive peripatetic tuition in school each week.

I would like to say thank you to FOGS for all their hard work throughout the year and all of you who supported their events and fundraising. We greatly value the support we receive from our parents and are delighted by the overwhelmingly positive response to our recent parent questionnaire. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our dedicated staff team who all work so hard for the benefit of the children in this school. I know they, along with the children are tired and very ready for a very well deserved holiday!

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer and wish those leaving us happiness and success in their next steps.

See you on Monday 5th September 2016.

Katherine Towns, Head