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Dear Parents

As we approach the end of another school year I would like to thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the school. It is always appreciated and never taken for granted. I would also like to thank all the staff who work so hard to teach your children in a loving, nurturing environment. We are very proud of all your children who have achieved so much over the course of the year and thank them for all their hard work. Our end of key stage results are at least in-line with national averages and the DfE template is attached to this letter giving you details of the available 'headline' KS1 data at this point of the year, compared to other schools nationally. More comparative data will be released later in the year.

PTA

Huge thanks, as always to the PTA members who have organised events over the year, most recently the Summer Fayre. I am delighted to report that the total raised from this event is £938.29 and this will be a welcome addition to School Fund. Several key members of the PTA are leaving as their children transfer to the junior school and we thank them for their hard work over the last few years. School Fund would not exist without the generosity of these parents who give so willingly of their time and it is greatly appreciated. The PTA is looking to recruit new members so do make contact in the Autumn term if you are interested.

Questionnaires

Your child will bring home the annual parent questionnaire and we thank you in anticipation of your time in completing and returning it before the end of the term. We are always delighted when you comment on the things that are working well, but always very concerned about the things that worry you and we try to address these if we can. We are aware that some of you think that the school asks for too many contributions, albeit often voluntary, towards visits/in-school experience/fundraising. Please share your views on this and let us know what you think is reasonable/unreasonable.

Health and safety

I am writing to remind you all again that we **do not permit children to ride their bikes and scooters on the school premises at any time.** Of course, we encourage children to ride them to school, to promote a healthy lifestyle, but ask – as we have many times before – that they dismount at the school gates and wheel them into the bike shed. We have received complaints about 'near misses' and the pavements/exits/entrances are too confined for riding. **Please do not allow them to ride on the playground either** – it is too small for children to ride around pedestrians safely. We also respectfully ask that at the end of the school day you leave the school site with your children and do not allow them to play on school climbing apparatus or ride on the school's bikes/scooters or play with equipment in the covered areas.



Under no circumstances should children go and play in the wooded areas behind the school field. They are not allowed to do so while at school because our aim is to supervise them as carefully as possible at all times and the wooded areas are quite wild and children cannot be seen. Your co-operation with these requests will be appreciated.

Parent Support Adviser

The Parent Support Adviser (PSA) for the Great Yarmouth North Cluster has been employed for a number of years, funded by the money delegated to the cluster from Norfolk County Council. The council has changed how the funding works and money will no longer be allocated in this way from September 2018. As a result of this change the PSA role can no longer be funded by the cluster and therefore the position will cease from 1st September. Linda Hargreaves-Kotze has been our PSA for a long time and we are very sorry to see her role end. Her work with families across the area has been invaluable and we greatly value the hard work and dedication she has shown. Individual schools will now find their own support systems to enable family support where appropriate.

Wedding Bells!

As you may be aware, Miss Anderson will be getting married during the holidays and we are sure you join us in wishing her well. If anyone would like to contribute towards a wedding gift please send monies in a named envelope to the school office by Friday 20th July. Thank you.

We are all looking forward to the summer break. Please ensure your children take all their belongings home before the end of the term. We hope the children who are leaving us continue to flourish at their new schools and we wish them every happiness. We wish you a warm and wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Thursday September 6th 2018.

Yours sincerely

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