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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to celebrate some of the wonderful events that have taken place in the academy over the past few weeks.

Highlights of this Half Term

Careers Week

This week, we have been celebrating Careers Week across the academy. The children have enjoyed learning about the skills and knowledge required for a range of careers and thinking about what careers they aspire to when they grow up.

We have enjoyed visits from our local Paramedic Team and also from the RNLI, who told the children about their roles within the community and demonstrated some of the equipment that they use to go about their important work. The children were very inspired, and we would like to thank them for giving up their valuable time.

In recent weeks, the children have also been lucky enough to enjoy visits from the Police, the Fire Service and a local nurse. We are very grateful for the support that we receive from our community. We have also enjoyed sharing the children's home learning projects linked to careers and finding out about the wide range of different roles that people hold. Thank you to all those families who supported us with these projects.

Yesterday, the children were 'scientists' for the day and enjoyed a carousel of practical science activities to support the opening of our Phiz Lab and to test out some of our exciting new science equipment. Special thanks to Mrs Humphrey for her hard work in preparation for setting up the Phiz Lab and for arranging this event.



Year 6 SATs

We are incredibly proud of the maturity, resilience and determination shown by our Year 6 pupils, not just during their recent test week but throughout the whole year. They approached test week with a calm confidence, and all gave their absolute best.

I would like to say thank you to our fantastic staff team for preparing the children so well and to our Year 6 families for their support and encouragement.

At Cliff Park, we know that SATs are just part of the children's journey and what matters most is the kindness, creativity, curiosity and confidence that we see the children developing every day.

We look forward to seeing our Year 6 pupils enjoying some well-earned fun and celebration as they prepare to enter their final half term of primary school.

VE Day 80th Anniversary

On May the 8th, our academy community came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The children found out about the historical importance of the day, and we also remembered all those who sacrificed so much for our county during the war, including many people who came from our community. It was an honour to be able to share the story of a local member of the Royal Navy and for the children to see his war medals, which were so proudly shared by his great grandson. The assembly hall was a sea of red, white and blue to mark the occasion!



Roman Day

Year 3 had a visit from Titus, a Roman soldier, who told the children all about what it was like to be a Roman. They practised charging at the enemy and recreating actual Roman shield formations, seeing real Roman weapons and marching around with their scutums (shields) just as the army would have done. Back in the classroom, the children learned about Roman coins and then created their own. They enjoyed looking at mysterious historical objects left behind from the Iceni tribe and the Roman army.



Year 1 and Year 5 Visits to the ‘Young Out There’ Project.

Pupils in Years 1 and 5 had the opportunity to see performances from world-renowned artists and got the chance to ask them questions about their creative careers. This project focuses on quality experiences designed for local young people and provided our pupils with opportunities to meet and collaborate with a diverse range of performers from different artistic disciplines. In addition, the children created their own percussion instruments using sustainable materials. Their musical creations will feature in the ‘Beach of Dreams Flag Parade’ at the ‘Out There’ Festival. Their artistic creations were also used to help create Great Yarmouth’s bespoke sweatshirt fabric. Using stencils of iconic landmarks, fabric inks, paints and rollers, they designed a tapestry that represents Great Yarmouth.



Tennis Festival



A group of pupils in Year 2 children travelled to Ormiston Venture Academy to participate in the annual Tennis Festival and enjoyed some themed activities run by their pupils. The event aimed to help improve the children's hand-eye co-ordination, agility, aim and ball control as well as being lots of fun!

School Council Community Links

We have been developing community links through our befriending project with a local residential home. This term we have linked our School Council members with residents at the local St Edmunds Residential Home. The children were delighted to receive a reply from their pen friends and were fascinated to learn more about their lives. We look forward to developing links further over the coming months for the benefit of both the children and the residents. One of our pen friends is the oldest lady in Norfolk, at aged 111 years, and the children enjoyed learning about her role in WW2 during our VE Day assembly.

Reception Stay and Play Sessions – Keeping Healthy

Thank you to all those families who came along to our most recent Stay and Play session in reception. The children really enjoy sharing their learning with their families and it was lovely to see so many families joining us. The next session will focus on the theme of 'Summer' and will take place on Thursday 17th June at 8.30am.



Uniform

A reminder that children are still required to come to school in their PE kits on PE days please. This should include a school PE T shirt, black or navy shorts (or joggers if the weather is cooler) and a school jumper or cardigan only please. This is to ensure that children still look smart on PE days.

A reminder too that all children in the academy are able to wear plain white polo shirts during the summer term. Children in KS2 do not need to wear a tie if they are wearing a polo shirt but ties are required if wearing a formal shirt as per the winter uniform please.

During the summer term, smart, tailored black or grey shorts are permitted as are pale blue checked dresses. Playsuits are not permitted. For health and safety reasons, please can long hair be tied back at all times. Thank you for your support with ensuring that our children wear the correct uniform as it is an important symbol of pride in our academy.

Ice Creams

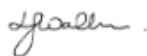
Thank you so much for your fantastic support for our ice cream stall. As well as providing good value for families, all profits from the stall have been reinvested back into resources for the children.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2 nd June	Start of Summer Term 2
Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June	Music & Art Week
Tuesday 10 th June	Reception Time and Tide Trip
Thursday 12 th June	Summer Showcase Concert. Performances at 9.15am and 1.45pm. (Parents/Carers of participating children only)
Friday 13 th June	Whole academy 'Sponsored Walk'
Monday 16 th June	Year 4 Sailing Group 1
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 4 Sailing Group 2
Tuesday 17 th June	Reception Stay and Play 8.30-9.15am – Summer is Here
Friday 20 th June	Year 4 Sailing Group 3
Monday 23 rd June	Year 6 Sailing Group 1
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 6 Sailing Group 2
Thursday 26 th June	Summer Fayre
Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Sailing Group 3
Friday 4 th July	Year 6 Enterprise Day
Tuesday 8 th July	Academy Sports Day
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Matilda Theatre Trip
Wednesday 9 th July	Reception Stay and Play 2.00-2.45pm – Celebration
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 Transition Science Event
Friday 11 th July	Year 6 Hippodrome Trip
Monday 14 th July	Year 6 Beach Visit and BBQ
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Wellington Bowl Trip
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration Assembly 9.15am
Friday 18 th July	End of Summer Term 2

Wishing all our families a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday the 2nd of June.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Watkins
Principal