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Dear Parents/Carers,

End of term newsletter

Return of all Pupils in September 2020:

Please see my separate letter on the Academy website for full details, regarding the return of all pupils in September 2020.

Last day of term:

I just wanted to confirm that the last day of term for the pupils will be Tuesday 21 July 2020. It has been wonderful to see the increase in numbers since 15 June 2020 – we have had over 30 children in regular attendance. I want to thank the children and their families for their support and co-operation over this time.

FROG:

Remote learning will continue to be provided up to and including Tuesday 21 July 2020. I want to thank all the children and families who have engaged so well with our remote learning and FROG over the last few months. Again, your understanding and support have been very much appreciated.

Due to the success of the new on-line learning system, we are currently exploring ways that we can use this in the future. For example, we are researching the possibility of using FROG for homework activities and also how we can create an individual gallery to display each pupil's work. We will keep you updated next term.

Staffing:

After 28 years it is sad to say farewell and good luck to Mrs Bishell, teaching assistant in Year 5 and 6. She will be remembered for her dedication, commitment and for inspiring our pupils. Our thanks to Mrs Bishell for her years of hard work and loyalty to the Academy. Congratulations on her retirement!

I would also like to thank and wish all the best to Miss Stanhope as she will be leaving us at the end of the academic year to go back to Pilgrim Academy. I want to take this opportunity to thank Miss Stanhope for her wonderful contribution to the Academy over the last few months.

They will be missed by both staff and pupils. On behalf of everyone connected with Theddlethorpe Academy; I wish you both the best of luck in your new ventures.

I would like to welcome Mrs Edwards, who will be joining us in September 2020 as our new Year 3 and 4 teacher and our new teaching assistants Mrs North and Miss Bailey. We wish them every success.

Reports:

Despite the disruption to the year, we felt it was important to provide families with an end of year report to reflect on the hard work and progress of the children. Though the reports are a slightly different format, we have covered pupils' progress in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Theme between September 2019 and March 2020. In-line with government guidance, we have not commented on attendance and of course, there are no end of year 'outcomes' to report.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of your child's report, can you please contact their class teacher.

Collection of Reports:

In terms of collecting the reports, we have put the following procedures in place:

- Reports will be available to collect from the Academy on Monday 20 July 2020 at the following times:

Nursery and Reception	Between 10.00 am and 11.00 am
Years 1 and 2	Between 11.00 am and 12.00 pm
Years 3 and 4	Between 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm
Years 5 and 6	Between 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm

- If you have more than one child, you can collect all reports in one visit.

- If your child is currently attending, we will provide them with their report and the reports of any siblings to take home with them on Monday – therefore, you do not need to come in separately.
- Any reports that are not collected will be distributed to the pupils in September 2020.

Aspens Catering:

If you require any details regarding our meal provider, please see the Aspens tab on our website, including further information outlining procedures for ordering meals on-line.

Theddlethorpe's Progress:

Despite the disruption to the year, we have still produced our annual yearbook, the Theddlethorpe Star. It is incredible how much we managed to do in the first six months of the year, and we wanted to ensure that we celebrated everything achieved by our wonderful pupils.

The reviews will be printed over the summer and distributed when we return.

I will organise with our secondary schools for a copy to go to each of our Year 6 pupils.

New Starters:

We very much look forward to meeting our new starters in September 2020. We have not been able to organise our routine transition procedures. The Early Years team are in the process of contacting families to arrange for September.

Farewell to Year 6 Pupils:

The lockdown period has hit Year 6 incredibly hard. Not only were they prevented from sitting their KS2 SATs in May 2020, but they were also not allowed to say their normal farewells or celebrate their achievements at the end of the year.

We have been liaising closely with each of the secondary schools to ensure all have extremely detailed information regarding each pupil.

On behalf of everyone at Theddlethorpe Academy, I would like to wish all of the Year 6 pupils the best of luck at their new schools. You will all be missed, and we look forward to hearing how you are all doing. Hopefully, when things start to improve, you can come back and see us and let us know how you are doing.

All the best to you and your families.

And Finally:

I cannot believe what an incredibly challenging year we have all faced – I don't think that any of us could have possibly imagined that things would have turned out in this

way. It has undoubtedly been one of the most difficult periods I have faced in a professional capacity, having been a teacher for over 20 years.

As a community, I want to thank you again for your continued support throughout the last four months.

We will get through everything if we continue to work together. Everything will get better. The children will return to a normal education and myself, and every member of my staff will work tirelessly to ensure that the children continue to develop and progress, both academically, as well as socially and emotionally.

I hope you can all enjoy a peaceful and restful summer and I look forward to working with you all again when we return in September 2020.

All the best to you and your families.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs S Cook

Principal