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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of another busy school year and are all looking forward to our summer break. Today we have said goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 class and have wished them well as they move on to secondary school. The Leavers' Assembly is always a moving occasion as we reflect on how far the children have come since they joined us in Reception all those years ago.

We have said goodbye today to Mr Hayward, who has been with us for seven years and has contributed hugely to the life of the school in that time. He is a fantastic teacher and been promoted to the leadership team of his new school in Cambridge. We have also said goodbye to Mrs Bond and Mrs Woodley, who are leaving to take up teaching assistant positions in other schools. We will miss them all.

We also said goodbye this week to our priest in charge, Jessica, and we wish her, Francis and Theodora all the best in Ely.

Courtesy, attendance and handwriting awards

Congratulations to all the children who were awarded courtesy cards by their teachers. These cards are for setting a good example for behaviour and attitude with consistently high standards throughout the school year. This year they were awarded to the following:

Buttercups - Ashton and Emmie

Daffodils - Taymour and Emily

Bluebells - Lorna and William

Sunflowers - Cillian and Chloe

Year 3 - Isla and Daniel

Year 4 - Bella and Leo

Year 5 - Lucy and William T

Year 6 - Amber and Ben

The overall special courtesy card for high standards throughout her school career went to Amy Gilbert in Year 6. Well done Amy.

The following children received awards today for 100% attendance through the school year: Isabella H, Lorna M, Emily M, William R, Chloe S, Angus S, Oscar W, Sophie A, Emily H, Ciara S, Benjamin S, Kyle F, Lucy N, Tristan S, William T, Jake P, Jayden S.

And the handwriting awards for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were won by Mia E and Theodora, with lots of runners-up, who had all written beautifully.

New Library

On Monday we were delighted to welcome Michelle Larbey, author and storyteller into school. She opened our fabulous new library and spent the morning reading stories to groups of children in her wonderful storyteller's coat. The children were overwhelmed when they saw the library for the first time, and it was lovely to welcome parents and children in together at the end of the day to have a look around and read some stories together.

The library has been funded by the Friends of Duxford School, who work tirelessly to raise money for the children. With beautiful new furniture, a storytelling area and lots and lots of new books from Norfolk Children's Book Centre, we feel very lucky indeed to have been able to create a wonderful central space for the school in this way.

Summer reading challenge 2016

Sawston Library are once again running a summer reading challenge - this year called The Big Friendly Read. The children might be inspired by the new library! Have a look at bigfriendlyread.org.uk and sign up at Sawston Library (front of Sawston Village College) from Saturday 16 July. We are attaching some further information.

Starz

Please note that the Starz platform will be turned off over the summer holidays as it cannot be monitored. It will be back up and running in September.

Finally, a big thank you to all the wonderful Duxford staff who have worked so hard throughout the year. What a great team!

We would like to wish all our families a very happy summer and look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready to learn on Monday 5 September.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Gould
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September	Professional days - school closed to pupils
Monday 5 September	Autumn term starts
Saturday 10 th and Sunday 11 th September	Air Days
Wednesday 14 September, 4.00 and 4.30	Class meetings
Monday 19 September	Years 3 and 4 to Flag Fen
Thursday 22 September, 9.00 am	Year 3BM - class assembly
Monday 26 th to Thursday 29 th September	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 28 th September, 7.00 pm	FoDS AGM
Thursday 29 September, 9.00 am	Bluebells class assembly
Thursday 6 October, 9.00 am	Sunflowers class assembly
Thursday 13 October, 9.00 am	Daffodils class assembly
Thursday 20 October, 9.00 am	Year 3DO - class assembly
Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th October	Half-term
Monday 31 st October	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 3 November, 9.00 am	Year 6 class assembly
Thursday 17 November	Year 4 class assembly
Thursday 24 November	Year 5 class assembly
Tuesday 20 December	Autumn term closes

New entries to the diary are in bold.

A message from the FODs - Easyfundraising

We have just signed up for easyfundraising to try and raise money for our fantastic new library. See the attached poster.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Friends Of Duxford School - Cambridge? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Friends Of Duxford School - Cambridge to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foduxford>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Friends Of Duxford School - Cambridge. It couldn't be easier! There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends Of Duxford School - Cambridge will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.