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Goodness, how quickly the year has flown by! As it has been quite a wet term, the lovely sunny weather over the past couple of weeks has been very welcome and it has been great to get out on the field. As usual, it has been a very busy term but absolutely brilliant at the same time. Recently we have enjoyed the Y5/6 performance of Dream On, the NED show, Sports Days, many school trips and visiting performances, the Summer Fair, Transition Day and finally the Y6 Leavers Service and Gala Dinner for their parents. It is hard work when there is so much to do but we have enjoyed every minute of it. The children (and staff) have been extra tired recently so it is good they can all go home for a rest now. Fingers crossed that everyone has super weather and can get out loads in the holidays.

It is time now to say our last farewell to our super Year 6 children and we wish them all the very best for the next stage in their education. We also say goodbye to Miss Huber, one of our teaching assistants, as she is off to live in Amsterdam and thank her for all she has done for the children at GHF. Good luck to her and to Miss Dowsett too, as she is getting married in the holidays - we hope she has a lovely day.

We hope the rest of you have a lovely summer and see you again on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

Child of the Term Awards

This morning we had an extra packed Celebration Assembly. In addition to our Golden Pen and Magic Pencil awards, we presented our favourite Child of the Term awards. Pupils vote for the classmate they feel has gone above and beyond what they are expected to do. Lenny, Adam, Timothy, Isaac, Abbie-May, Ava, Emily, Trulli, Jake, Jessica and Sara are this term's worthy recipients – follow the link below to find out why: <https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/page/?title=Child+of+the+Term&pid=78>

Annual School Awards

At the end of every academic year, we present our school awards to pupils for their excellent contribution and achievements in all aspects of the curriculum. This year's recipients are:

- A Team Footballer of the Year – William Brummit
- B Team Footballer of the Year – Dexter Welsh
- Sportsperson of the Year – Sian Richardson
- Wainwright Cross Country Cup – Connor & Hayden Williams
- Swimmer of the Year – Iris Kent-Simpson
- Reader of the Year – Carter Stylianides
- Cartwright Music Cup – Carys Davie
- Wainwright Curriculum – Toby Moulder
- Southwell Merit – Toby Stevenson
- The GHF Community Spirit award – Oakley Bolland

Well done to all the recipients, who keep hold of the trophies for the next year.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/page/?title=School+Annual+Awards&pid=79>

Farewell Year 6

We say goodbye with a lovely Leaver's Service and fabulous Gala Dinner.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=160>

Year 5/6 Dream On Performance *by Toby S, Year 6*

Y5/6 end the year with a dreamy love story.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=161>

Y4 Kingswood Residential *by Iris and Tia, Y4*

Year 4 are brave and daring at Kingswood.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=159>

Mini-Olympics 2019 *by Willow, Y3*

Year 3 have a brilliant time in the Mini-Olympics.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=158>

Super Sports Days *by Iris, Lydia & Tia, Year 4*

The sun shines as we get into the spirit of great sport!

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=157>

Oh we do like to be beside the seaside...

Y1/2 have a fantastic time at Mablethorpe beach and Seal Sanctuary.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=156>

Football Success *by Will and Oakley, Y6*

GHF A Team win the GDPSSA Football League

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=153>

Galleries of Justice Trip *by Jack, Y6*

Y5 & Y6 go to Nottingham to learn more about criminal justice.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=154>

Fun at the Farm

Reception pupils have a super time at White Post Farm

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=155>

NSPCC

Recently, the NSPCC came in to deliver their 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' assemblies to all KS1 and KS2 pupils. They also delivered special workshops for Y5/6 pupils and an online safety briefing for parents. At the same time, we had our 'Drop Your Books and Boogie' fundraising activity and we were overwhelmed by the response: we raised a staggering £1,013. The NSPCC are extremely appreciative of everyone's support for this vital charity – thank you!

Mini-Police Update

The Mini-Police have been very busy over the summer term. They have talked to pupils about anti-social behaviour and then they went out into the locality looking at parking issues. Most recently the PCSO came in to do some work on diversity with the Mini-Police and Y5/6. 4 officers will be leaving now; a huge thank you to Marcie, Connor, Alicia and Naiim. In September, four new Mini-Police officers will be elected from the new Year 5 cohort.

Inspire+ Olympic Sports Camp

For the first two weeks of the holiday (22nd July-2nd August), Inspire+ are running a holiday sports camp on our school site. Inspire+ is a locally based sports charity providing sport for local schools and the community. Their Olympic sports camp is a fantastic chance for children who want to be physically active and to experience a wide variety of Olympic and Paralympic sports! Each day is fully structured with high quality coaching and competitions. We have allowed Inspire+ to use the school so that our pupils can have a huge discount for the camp: the rate for our pupils is £10 per day compared to their normal rate of £16-£21 per day. As well as being a fun and active day for the children, this can be great childcare for busy working parents. To make a booking, visit www.inspireplus.org.uk and use this discount code **summerGHF**.

Summer Fair Thank You - by Lydia (Year 4), Erika and Willow (Year 3)

On Friday 12th July, GHF held their annual summer fair on the field. At the fair, there were lots of stalls including cake sales, toy sales, face painting, tattoos and the tombola. There were also stalls that were selling some of the arts and crafts we have worked hard making. There were finger puppets, clay coil pots, handkerchiefs and plant pots.

We also had a visit from the police and the fire brigade. They bought the police car and the fire engine and we got to sit in them, look around them and listen to the sirens! One of the big prizes of this year's raffle was a Nintendo Switch which everybody thought was really exciting.

We all had a great time at the summer fair and it was great to see so many children and parents/carers enjoying themselves.

Thanks to your wonderful generosity and the hard work of pupils, staff and the FSA committee, we again raised over £2000 from the summer fair. Thank you to RJ and A Clarke Auto Electrics who donated the Nintendo Switch and to Mrs Durrands who sourced the donation, as well as all the other people who donated raffle prizes. We really appreciate all that the FSA does for school. Recently, the committee have funded a new storage shed, ice-creams for KS1 at the seaside and some of the Y6 leavers' events – super fun bowling on Transition Day and pizzas while cooking the Gala Dinner were brilliant.

School Uniform

Please remember that pupils should wear a white shirt and red tie along with a school cardigan or jumper when they return in September. They can wear trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores as long as they are grey. Shoes should be black and sensible (no heels) and boots can only be worn in bad weather. Please also ensure that your child has a full PE kit and this is in school so your child is well prepared for lessons. All pupils need a PE kit in school every day which consists of: a red T-shirt, red or black shorts, a pair of trainers for outdoors and plimsoll for indoors. Your child will also need a dark tracksuit when the weather gets cooler. School uniform can be purchased online from Nationwide Uniforms by following the link on our website.

Governor News from Michael Buckeridge, Chair of Governors

The summer term is a busy one for governors as, apart from usual meetings, we all come into school for half a day to see, from the child's perspective, the impact that has been made on them through the implementation of the priorities that were set at the start of the year. We were pleased that children felt they had improved in maths and that they were beginning to understand when they were challenged and see where they had progressed from. We were also pleased to see that foundation subjects (those other than English and maths) were being enjoyed and developed. We were able to see how the school is working together to adapt to the needs of SEND children for the benefit of all and the great work that is done in safeguarding and pastoral support. Various governors attended collective worship and saw the value of that time of reflection and celebration.

We are pleased that Tony Ruby - parent governor – has agreed to continue for another 4 years, this time in the role of a co-opted governor. This means that in September we will be looking for a new parent governor. If any of you would be interested in this role here is some more information

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx> and any of the

governors will be pleased to speak to you about what we do; we can be contacted through the school office.

The end of the school year is always slightly emotional as we say goodbye to our Y6's - although I thought there was a few less tears this year at our leavers service so well done for holding it together! It was good to see their performing abilities in 'Dream On', hear their memories at the service and see pictures of how they have changed at the Gala Dinner. It was also good to show them that age and experience was sufficient to beat the football team in our staff v A-team 'friendly' exhibition match! We wish them all the very best for their new schools and beyond.

As we come to the end of the school year and can see the results of all the hard work that has been put in we would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their ongoing efforts in seeking to make our children the best they can be. We wish Larissa Huber well as she moves on and thank her for her contribution to our school.

Thank you for your continuing support for the school. It was encouraging to see how positive and supportive parents were in the survey done back in the spring. We hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Important Diary Dates

- Staff training days - 22nd July, 2nd & 3rd September
- Pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th September
- Y6 Residential Meeting for Parents – Monday 9th September, 6pm
- KS2 Harvest Festival – Thursday 19th September, 9:30am in St. Sebs.
- Infant Harvest Festival – Friday 20th September, 9:15am in school
- Y6 Caythorpe PGL Residential - Monday 23rd September
- Individual Photos – Wednesday 9th October
- School Nursing Team in for Flu Vaccinations (Rec to Y5) – Wednesday 16th October
- Break up for half term – Friday 18th October
- Staff InSET Day – Monday 28th October 2019
- Pupils return to school on Tuesday 29th October
- Y3/4 Leicester Museum Visit – Monday 4th November
- Infant Pantomime Visit – Thursday 12th December
- Break up for Christmas – Thursday 19th December

You can find all our term dates for the 2019/20 academic year on our website via this link:

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1555&type=pdf>