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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the summer term always seems to hurtle towards us with lots of different activities packed into a short space of time. Since the last newsletter we've had a successful sports day at the Pavilion; a display of artwork at the recent North Clifton Art Festival; the Owls have been on their activity trip of climbing and swimming; the children are reaping the benefits of their hard work over the term enjoying treats earned from their dojo points; and as I write they are embarking on a great 'British Bake-Off' - the smell is lovely, the tasting is yet to come! This is all being topped with a 'fun activity afternoon' hosted by the Friends of North Clifton later today for the whole school community, and of course our special Leavers Assembly tomorrow. There is much to enjoy and celebrate.

### **Thank-you's**

As the year draws to an end there are some thank-you's we would like to make. Firstly, to Anne Gibson, who comes into school every week and reads with all our children on a Friday afternoon. The children always look forward to her visit and sitting quietly in the library area. Secondly, we would like to thank the Friends of North Clifton. They work so hard to raise funds and support school and the many trips that we have undertaken this year would not have gone ahead without their support with the costs of transport. We realise that this may not be the most exciting way to support school but the benefits these trips give to the children is immense and they so enjoy them, so a big 'thank you'. Our thanks also to our wider community for their continued support, South Clifton for allowing us to use the Pavilion for Sports Day, and also our parents/carers who donate their time to paint lines for sports day and do other works around the school. Finally, it wouldn't be right to end the year without thanking our Governors, who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Everyone's support is appreciated, thank you.

### **Leaver's Assembly**

A quick reminder before our attention turns to the next academic year, that Leavers Assembly starts at 1.15pm tomorrow (Friday) and that if you are attending the assembly you are welcome to take your child/ren home once assembly has finished. Normal pick up time remains 3.30pm for those who parents/carers will not be at Leavers Assembly. We wish our Year 6 pupils the very best for their futures, they have worked very hard over the years and will be missed by staff and pupils alike. We hope that they continue to thrive at Tuxford Academy over the next few years.

### **Parent/Carer Information**

Please find attached to the electronic version of this letter an awareness flyer from Nottingham County Council on heat exhaustion, and details of events happening in Newark over the summer break – which seem to include a giant sand pit in the town square! Also with the hard copy of this letter are a variety of discount vouchers school has received.

## Next September

### **PE Days & Lincoln City Football Club**

Very excitingly school have managed to secure the support of Lincoln City Football Club as a part of their outreach work within the community. Lincoln City will be in school on alternate Thursdays and will be providing extra PE/sports coaching for the children. More information will follow as our programme of work with the Lincoln City Football Club evolves over the following months.

In light of the above, please can all child come into school in their PE kits every Monday and Thursday.

### **Musical Theatre in School**

We are delighted to be offering a musical theatre club in school in the form of an After School Club on a Thursday. Running from 3.30pm to 4.30pm every Thursday, Hannah King, will be in school offering singing, acting and dancing activities, working with scripts and devising performances with an end of term showing to parents/carers. Hannah has a professional background in musical theatre and also works with Starlight Theatre in Lincoln. We are looking forward to welcoming her next term, and hope that the children will support this new club.

EMDO and After School Booking Forms – are attached to reflect the new clubs on offer from September. All clubs will be open from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Music Lessons – Piano and the Toot**

Piano Lessons with Sara Rigby and Lincolnshire Music Service will continue to take place next September. Lessons are arranged and paid for directly with Lincolnshire Music however if you would like to sign your child/ren up for piano lessons please let the office know and we will let you have the details.

The Owls will be receiving professional music lessons throughout the Autumn Term on a Wednesday afternoon, from Lucy Reid from Nottinghamshire Inspire. Lucy will be teaching the Owls how to play the Toot. The Toot is a hybrid of a flute and recorder and is designed to help learners move onto playing the flute in the long term should they wish too. We are looking forward to welcoming Lucy to school and her first lesson will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### **School Dinners**

Good Lookin Cookin will remain our caterers for the foreseeable future and feedback from the children continues to be positive. Parents with children moving up to the Owls will no longer be eligible for the free Universal Infant Free School Meals and so will need to pay for meals in the future. If you would like your child to have school meals in September and have not already register and set up an account please visit <https://www.goodlookincookin.co.uk>

### **Calendar for next year**

Below are the dates from Nottinghamshire County Council's school holidays calendar for 2024-2025, to which we have added in our Inset Days.

#### Autumn term 2024

- Term time: Monday, 2 September 2024 to Friday, 18 October 2024
- School Closed to pupils for ***Inset Days on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September***
- Half term: Monday, 21 October 2024 to Friday, 1 November 2024
- Term time: Monday, 4 November 2024 to Friday, 20 December 2024

### Spring term 2025

- Schools open: Monday, 6 January 2025
- Term time: Monday, 6 January 2025 to Friday, 14 February 2025
- Half term: Monday, 17 February 2025 to Friday, 21 February 2025
- School Closed to pupils for ***Inset Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024***
- Term time: Monday, 24 February 2025 to Friday, 4 April 2025

### Summer term 2025

- Schools open: Tuesday, 22 April 2025
- Term time: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 to Friday, 23 May 2025
- Half term - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
- Term time: Monday, 2 June 2025 to Tuesday, 29 July 2025
- School Closed to pupils for ***Inset Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025***
- Last day in School for pupils Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July
- School Closed to pupils for ***Inset Days on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025***
- Schools close - Tuesday, 29 July 2025

Thank you for your support over the last year – I wish you all a very pleasant and relaxing summer holiday.



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