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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since returning to school after half term, we have had a very busy few weeks. Last week, I was immensely proud of the pupils who were chosen to receive an award at the Sir John Lemman High School Partnership Awards evening at St Michael's Church in Beccles. Staff are only able to choose two pupils, per year group, for these special annual awards and it was lovely to hear why the pupils were chosen. In addition, members of our KS2 choir performed confidently and with enjoyment as part of the 'Partnership Choir', singing alongside other young people from schools in the local area. Well done to all those involved.

This week, I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Marina Theatre in Lowestoft to watch the Year 5/6 dance club perform two outstanding routines on the stage, at the Schools Dance Show. The children were extremely professional and their dances were unique and imaginative. Thank you very much to Kate Garwood for leading this group and creating the choreography for these amazing dances. In addition, thank you to Miss Cleghorn and Mrs Wright for supporting the running of this wonderful event.

Over the last few weeks, children in Year 6 have been busy practising their end of term production and also taking part in bikeability sessions to help to ensure they stay safe when cycling on the roads.

We hope that you will be able to join us for the fete today on the school field. Thank you to the Friends of School for their hard work in organising this, and the staff for supporting it.

Kind regards, Holly Marchand, Headteacher

Partnership Choir Event

Our school was invited to join the 'Partnership Choir' to perform at the Sir John Lemman High School Partnership Awards evening at St Michael's Church last week.

Thank you very much to Miss Roscoe, who has led the choir over the last few weeks and prepared the songs for this event. It was lovely to see members of our school community performing alongside other children, from the local schools in Beccles, at this special event.



Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

We would encourage all parents to click on the link below to check whether they are entitled to free school meals.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals>

In addition to the free school meals, eligible families currently receive a supermarket voucher to help fund meals during school holidays (e.g. £90 per child for the summer holiday).

Suffolk County Council also run a Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme where eligible families can sign their child up for subsidised or free holiday clubs and activities. As a school, we also fund music tuition and subsidise school trips for eligible families.

From September 2026, all households in receipt of Universal Credit will also be entitled to free school meals (this will be known as Expanded FSM). We will share further information about this, as we receive it.



Year 6 Bikeability

Over the past three weeks, our Year 6 pupils have been undertaking the Government's national cycle training programme, learning practical skills, as well as road skills, in all weathers. Some groups had to dodge some showers and thunder storms, but managed to complete the course in the allotted time.

Parliament Assembly

Last week, the children in Key Stage 2 took part in a special assembly to learn more about democracy, parliament and the role of the Government. The session was led by an outreach worker from the Palace of Westminster and was an interactive presentation which encouraged the children to put forward their ideas and thoughts about how our parliamentary system works. The children learnt how old they need to be to vote; how many MPs sit in the House of Commons; how these MPs are elected and the role they play for each constituent.

In addition, a small group of children were involved in proposing and passing a new law, which involved gaining royal assent from the King.



End of Day Arrangements

If you need to change pick up arrangements for your child, e.g. cancelling Squirrels, change of adult collecting your child, please could you notify the school office by 2.45pm at the latest to allow time for messages to be delivered before the end of school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Y5/6 Quad Kids Athletics Event

On Monday 15th June, a group of 12 children participated in a Quadkids Athletics competition at Ormiston Denes. The children competed in a sprint, long distance run, long jump, speed bounce and howler throw. They worked incredibly hard and competed against 5 other schools. Well done to all involved!



Dance Festival

On Wednesday 17th June, 16 children performed on stage at the Marina Theatre. The children performed two dances on the theme of our local area, Lowestoft. The children made the adults extremely proud, well done to all involved! Thank you to Mrs Garwood for her hard work and support.



Water Safety Talks

On Tuesday 16th June, two visitors from the Waveney Valley pool gave some age appropriate water safety talks to the children. This included information about staying safe at the beach and how to call for help.



Calendar Dates

Mon 22 nd June	Y5/6 Trip to Norwich Castle
Wed 24 th June	EYFS Trip to Carlton Marshes
Thu 25 th June	KS1 Share Afternoon
Mon 29 th June	Sports Day
Wed 1 st July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Mon 6 th July	Y3/4 Trip to Bewilderwood
Tue 7 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Thu 9 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Fri 10 th July	Reports out to Parents
Fri 10 th July	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 10 th July	KS1 Beach & Circus Fun Day
Fri 10 th July	FOS Meeting-1.30
Mon 13 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+Parents)
Tue 14 th July	SJLHS Transition Day
Wed 15 th July	SJLHS Transition Day
Thu 16 th July	SJLHS Transition Day