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End of Year Newsletter - Summer Term 2019

All Year groups. Please read carefully. There are several items of information, as well as 2019/20 term dates.

Dear Parents,

The time has come to say goodbye to our lovely Year 2 children, what a brilliant year group they have been! We have loved working with them and wish every child leaving much happiness and success in the future. We love to hear how our ex-pupils are getting on, so do let us know.

As well as pupils leaving, We are saying goodbye to two of our teachers:

Jess Gaeta, who teaches in Year 2 is moving on to a new job at Russell Street School, just down the road in Stony Stratford. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jess for all her hard work and commitment to the school over the last three years, and wish her every success in her future career.

The other teacher leaving is Beverley Beavis. Beverley kindly returned from retirement two years ago having been a member of our original team that opened the school in 1997, and is now looking forward to having a bit more spare time in her second attempt at retiring. We owe Beverley much thanks and gratitude for all she has done over the last 22 years to help create and maintain our outstanding school. The staff are all still hoping that Bev's spare time will continue to include bringing us her fabulous home made cakes, and I fully expect to see her manning the cake stall at next year's May Fayre!

We look forward to seeing next term's **Key Stage 1** children (Years 1 and 2) on **Wednesday 4th September**. The new Foundation Stage will be having home visits at the start of term in the usual way.

Happy holiday and best wishes. If you're going away on vacation, have a lovely time!

Lizzie Bancroft



Reminder - Induction Meetings for those moving to Year 1 and Year 2 in September

Next Monday, 15th July.

You will have had a letter regarding the Induction meetings for all parents of children who will be in Year 1 or Year 2 next term. This is a reminder about this parents' information meeting. It's not for children so please do not bring your child on the evening. The meetings are held in the hall at the following times:

- Year 1 - 6.00 pm
- Year 2 - 7.00 pm – **this will include information about instrumental tuition in Year 2.**

Year 2 Leavers' Party

On Tuesday 16th July, Year 2 will be enjoying a 'Leavers' Party' courtesy of the Friends of Loughton Manor First School. If your child would like to bring a change of clothes to wear 'party clothes' in the afternoon, they are welcome to do so, but it's not essential. Their home time is at the normal time.

Teddy Bear's Picnic Friday 19th July 2019

On Friday, the last day of term, we will be having a whole school picnic. We'll be in the school grounds, weather permitting, using picnic benches, blankets and groundsheets. This annual event makes a pleasant end to the school year. Our catering service will provide a packed lunch for all pupils. Any Year 2 Leavers' parents who fancy picnicking with us are welcome to visit, but there's no big expectation that you should – just if you happen to be around on Friday lunchtime.

Children do not need to wear school uniform to school.

We would love any **Nursery children, Monkeys class** morning children and afternoon children that would like to join us to come along too, with their grown ups, from 11.30 a.m. You will need to bring a packed lunch for them, as they don't have free school lunches. 'All day' Monkeys children who normally purchase a hot dinner have got a packed lunch provided instead.

Action Research Children's Charity

We invite every child to bring a teddy to the picnic (one they can carry!). All Teddy Bears should pay a donation to Action Research children's charity for being allowed to attend school. Thank you for supporting the work of this important charity that specialises in medical research into serious illnesses and disabilities that affect children.

**REMINDER - and extra information re music
Leavers' Celebration at LOUGHTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bradwell Road, Loughton, Milton Keynes
09.00 to 10.30 Friday 19th July**

On the last day of term we will make our formal farewells to all Year Two children. Each child will be presented with a dictionary as a memento of their time at Loughton Manor First School. Our thanks go to The Friends of Loughton Manor First School for providing these lovely books which are something that can be treasured and useful right into adult life.

New this year, we are opening the Celebration with a whole Year Group Orchestra! Please could all children bring their violin, cello or brass instrument. We will provide our usual descant recorders.

We are delighted to invite parents, friends and other relatives of Year 2 children to join with us on this special occasion. We will be offering refreshments afterwards, including a selection of cookies made especially for the occasion by the Year 2 children in their Tuesday afternoon cookery lessons. Please bring your child to Loughton Baptist Church, opposite Loughton School on Friday morning at **08.45** to enable a prompt start; school staff will walk the children back to school following the celebration. We are very pleased to have been invited back to Loughton Baptist

Church following our visit earlier in the year for Mothers' Day assemblies, and thanks go to Craig Sayle and his team of kind volunteers for hosting us.

Term Dates for 2019-2020

School Year September 2019 - July 2020

Staff inset days are Mon 2nd, Tues 3rd September and Friday 25th October.

Term	Start date	Finish Date
Autumn term 1 2019	Wed 4 September 2019	Thursday 24 October 2019
Half term break	Friday 25 October 2019	Friday 1 November 2018
Autumn term 2	Monday 4 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Christmas break	Monday 23 December 2019	Monday 6 January 2020
Spring term 1 2020	Tuesday 7 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
Half term break	Monday 17 February 2020	Friday 21 February 2020
Spring term 2	Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020
Spring term break	Monday 6 April 2020	Friday 17 April 2020
Summer term 1 2020	Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020
Half term break	Monday 25 May 2020	Friday 29 May 2020
Summer term 2	Monday 1 June 2020	Friday 17 July 2020

School will also be closed on Friday 8 May 2020 (Spring Bank Holiday)