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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families have enjoyed the summer break and the fantastic sunshine over the last few weeks. It's been brilliant to enjoy the coastline of Lincolnshire and all the treasures Lincolnshire has to offer during this period of sunny weather. This year we will be participating in British Food and Farming Fortnight (Sept 24-Oct 5) and in particular helping the children to understand the farming heritage and the importance of food and farming in the county today. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a story to tell, skills or things to show and share with their child's class or the wider school. In addition we will be celebrating Yellow Bellies as part of Lincolnshire Day on Monday 1 October. Please get in touch via the school office or talk to me or a member of staff if you would like to know more.

Transition into school, for the new academic year, appears to have gone smoothly with the children and teaching teams having a productive week. We were delighted to welcome 30 new starters into the reception class and six new children joining year groups across the school. We hope everyone soon feels at home and enjoys being part of our school family. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need clarification on anything or have any worries. In addition if you have any technical problems with Parent Hub or Wisepay Mrs. Natalie Wallace will be happy to help you get set-up so pop in to the school office. As mentioned in the Dunholme News we have been working on the school website and will shortly be launching the updated version which hopefully will be easier to navigate and mobile device friendly.

It has been pleasing to see so many of our out-going Y6 children this week and hear about their first few days as Y7's. They are secondary ready and we were delighted their achievements were reflected in their fantastic results in the Y6 statutory assessments. We wish them continued success at their new schools.

It really makes a difference having such consistent support from our parent body, Friends of Dunholme (FODs), the Governors, our local primary network, the church community and our band of volunteers. We will shortly be sending out information about how you can get involved as a volunteer in school if you would like to discuss this further please speak to me or Mrs. Ackroyd the Assistant Headteacher. In particular we would welcome anyone who would be willing to play the piano in song practice which routinely takes place on Tuesday mornings at 10.10am. We also urgently need volunteers to help take year 4 swimming on Friday mornings at 10.25am.

Everyone in school is looking forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with you. As always please get in touch if you need help with any matter.

Best wishes

Patricia Ruff  
Headteacher

**Coming Shortly (Please see website for the full school calendar):**

<b>Friday 28 September</b>	Macmillan Community Coffee Morning from 9.15-11.30am
<b>Monday 24 September- 5 October</b>	British Food and Farming Fortnight
<b>Monday 1 October</b>	Lincolnshire Day
<b>Wednesday 3 October</b>	Harvest Festival (Church Service for the children and staff)
<b>Tuesday 2 and Thursday 4 October</b>	Parent Evenings (whole school)
<b>Tuesday 16 October</b>	Opening Morning for parents of children starting school in Sept 2019
<b>Friday 19 October</b>	Last day of term 1

