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## Thank you to our Parents

As another academic year draws to an end, I would like to personally thank all of our parents and extended family who support the school each day, value the work we do for your child/ren, always help with home learning and support by attending events.

I understand that this isn't always easy, but by working together so effectively always benefits our wonderful children. The positive parent's contributions during our Ofsted inspection were also appreciated and validated by Ofsted.

Have a lovely summer making precious memories with your child/ren as they are the most important people to us all. We will look forward to welcoming both our children and parents back to school in September.

## Goodbye Leavers

On Tuesday we will say goodbye and best wishes to our amazing Year 6 children. As always, we have a real mix of children from those who have been here since Nursery, to those who have joined in Key Stage 2 (and everyone in between!) However long they have been here, they have all contributed something special to our school.

I am so glad that their year has finished on a brilliant high with their residential trip to Wales, a sunny sports day, great performances, their end of school party and their amazing SATs results!

Whatever contribution the children have made during their time in our school, they have been fantastic pupils and I know they will go on to be superb Zouch ambassadors in the future and flying the flag for our school values. Good luck in your new schools. We will miss you all so much, and please stay in touch.

**Good luck and best wishes also to all families leaving us today from across the school.**

## Sports Day – Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came to our sports days this week. I understand the inconvenience caused for some parents by the change of day and time. However, I hope you understand we have no control over the weather and safety is always our priority.

There were some great sporting performances from the children, and it was amazing to see our young athletes using their school values and encouraging each other. They worked well in their classes and were so well organised getting themselves ready.

Thank you to our PE Leader Mr Fry for organising the whole event and to our coach Mr Spencer for providing his sporting expertise in the run-up to this week.

## Goodbyes

A huge thank you and goodbye to Mr Fry who will be a teacher in Salisbury from September. Mr Fry started his teaching career here at Zouch in 2017. Throughout his career here, he has taught hundreds of different children and I am sure he will have etched something unique into all of them. Mr Fry will be really missed, but he will always be a huge part of our Zouch family.

A big thank you and good luck to Miss Tucker who has now left Zouch to have her baby girl. We all wish her the very best of luck with her new role as a Mummy.

Finally, thank you also to Mrs Jaye who has been at Zouch for a few years, she too will be really missed and we all wish her the best of luck with her relocation.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of term, the children finish at 1.10pm There is no after school club on this day. Walk-home permission July – Early Finish**

## PE and Forest School – Term 1 2023/2024

Class	PE	Forest School
Puffins		Wednesday
Nursery		Wednesday
YR (Robins and Wrens)	Monday	Monday
Y1 (Skylarks and Nightingales)	Thursday	Thursday
Y2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)	Thursday	Tuesday
Y3 (Eagles and Merlins)	Friday	Wednesday (Weeks 4-6)
Y4 (Ospreys and Kestrels*)	Monday (Osprey) Friday	
Y5 (Peregrines and Sparrowhawks)	Wednesday Thursday	Wednesday (Weeks 1 – 3)
Y6 (Tawny and Snowy Owls)	Tuesday Wednesday	Friday (Weeks 1-3)

\*Swimming – Year 4 Kestrel Class – Monday, beginning on September 18th

### Netball Club

A number of children who attended Netball Club, asked where they could watch professional netball games. Starting on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, the BBC will be showing live Netball games across their channels. For more details, and timings, please check the BBC website.



### Leaving Zouch Academy

If you are due to move away from the area and your child will be leaving Zouch Academy, please complete our leavers form available at the school office, as soon as possible. This will enable us to collate your child's books and class work for their new school, it also informs us of the school we need to contact to forward on your child's information.

### Parent Pay Balances

Please may we ask all our families to check your Parent Pay balances and pay any outstanding amounts for meals, clubs, or other items before the end of term.

If your child is leaving Zouch Academy and you have money on your account, please contact us via the school admin email address and we can refund this for you. Thank you.

### September 2023 Meal Bookings

The menu is now live for September. Please book on your parent pay accounts by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. **If your child does not have a meal booked by this date, your child must have a home packed lunch for the first week back.**

### Safeguarding – Driving/Parking

Ensuring the safety of our students is our utmost priority. We kindly request your cooperation in driving and parking responsibly when dropping off or picking up your children at school.

Please remember the following guidelines:

1. Observe Speed Limits: Drive cautiously, adhering to posted speed limits near the school.
2. Mindful Parking: Park only in designated areas, not on pavements.
3. Patience and Courtesy: Stay patient during busy times. Your positive attitude sets an example for our children.

We have received reports of a black car driving poorly during drop-off times. We request your vigilance and prompt reporting of any incidents or concerns. By working together, we can address issues and safeguard our children.

### Jungle Johnathon

What incredible day year 4 had this week! Jungle Johnathon visited this week with a plethora of incredible animals. The children learnt all about them and were even able to hold them if they felt brave enough.



### Old Uniform

With the current cost of living crisis, we understand that families may be finding the rising costs is impacting the household finances. As a school we want to do all we can to support our local community. If you have any school uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring them into school on the morning of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and place them on the tables outside of school. We will then leave these out for parents to take what they need at the end of the school day

### Future dates for your diary:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Uniform Swap**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – End of Summer Term, Finish at 13.10pm**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Teacher Training Days, School closed to children**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – School Open for Children**