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Primary School

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Friday 19th July

Diary Dates

September	3 rd – Staff training day (School closed) 4 th – Pupils return to school for Autumn term 30 th – FIPS AGM
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Leaver's Assembly



We all gathered together this morning to say goodbye and good luck to Owls Class. The annual leavers assembly was full of proud parents watching their children perform their farewell routines. It was an emotional event that will be a memory for years to come. I am sure you will join me in wishing a final good luck and best wishes for the children – we hope that they will settle into their new secondary schools but please remember to pop back to say hello!

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Lunch was a very special occasion for Year 6 today – with a magnificent top table with gold balloons and champagne flutes (for their lunchtime water). The kitchen made the children special leavers cupcakes – which proved to be very popular.



Year 6 had super fun this afternoon with the team from Premier who brought in an inflatable football darts game. There was a mixture of laughter and tears at the end of the day – some tears of joy, and some tears of sadness.

We hope that today will be a day that Owls will remember for many years to come.

We have also said farewell to two members of staff this week. Miss Winter and Mrs Flaherty have both secured new positions in schools closer to home. We wish them both the very best and thank them for their hard work here at Icknield.

Classroom change

We are writing to notify you that years 5 and 6 are swapping classrooms from September. Signage will be put in place so that the children know which classroom to go into on our return after the summer break.

Premier Holiday Camps

Max and the Premier team will be on site over the school holidays running their popular holiday camps. The clubs will run from throughout August (not 26th as this is a bank holiday) from 8:45 – 4:00pm. If you would like to book a place please click on the link <https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps/> and search for Icknield. Don't forget that pupils who are eligible for free school meals are able to book free sessions. Please let Premier know that you are entitled to these sessions via the HAF programme.

We are very sad to inform you that Max will no longer be a regular face around Icknield. He has gained promotion and will now be working at other local schools in a more managerial role. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Max the best of luck in his new role and thank him for all his work here.

Green Fingers

We have enjoyed some produce from the polytunnel this week. Mrs Seymour picked this wonderful bunch of wildflowers which staff have enjoyed in the staff room. The courgettes and runner beans were given to the kitchen and were served as part of the roast dinner yesterday. Hopefully you can see from the second photograph that the ladybird larvae are enjoying the nettles that were deliberately left growing just for that reason



Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is 'Marvellous Makers'. It's all about sparking children's creativity and local libraries have hundreds of activities to help do just that! To complete the Challenge, and receive a special certificate & medal, children just need to read six books over the summer holidays and collect a sticker for each one – some are scratch & sniff! They can sign up at any Cambridgeshire library from Saturday July 13th. The Challenge starts on Saturday 20th July. To find out more visit: [Summer Reading Challenge | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Summer Activities

There are plenty of events taking place across Cambridge this summer that may interest you. There are a series of free creative activities happening at The Botanic Gardens where you can make a cyanotype (a sun print), or perhaps you could follow a free trail around the gardens to explore the plants. For more information visit <https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/whats-on>

Date for your diary for next academic year

FIPS will be holding their AGM in the hall at 6:00pm on Monday 30th September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over this past academic year and to wish you all a super, relaxing summer. I hope that you all have the opportunity to spend some restful time together and maybe to have some fun days out!

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Wednesday 4th September for the start of the autumn term.