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There are lots of birthdays to celebrate in the school holidays, they are; Ella Spar who will be 11 on the 27/07/17, Jimbob Southwell, James Wilcock and Megan Wilcock who will be 5, 6 and 9 respectively on the 5/08/17. Mrs Gornall on the 22/08/17, Ted Smith who will be 11 on the 27/08/17 and Jacob Barnes who will be 6 on the 28/08/17. Happy Birthday to you all.

What a Week!

What a fantastic week we have had. Sports Day was brilliant, not a cloud in the sky and great teamwork by all the children, Snowdon successful lifted the cup this year. Tuesday saw our Forest Schools Day when all the children worked together creating dens out of natural materials, decorating flags using only natural dyes, scavenger hunting and finally building a camp fire to toast their marshmallows. The Royal Cloughton Afternoon Tea Party was well attended on Wednesday, when the Year 2 and Year 6 children had the opportunity to say a very special thank you to all the volunteers who help us so much throughout the year, their dedication is greatly appreciated by everyone. The staff have been amazed this morning watching "Cloughton's Got Talent" the children certainly raised the bar with their performances, what wonderful superstars we have. This only leaves tomorrow when we say our goodbyes to Ted, Rebecca, Emily, Ella and Mrs Towns at our service from 10.30. Please join us to wish them all well and celebrate the time that they have been with us.

Class 2

If any parent or friend would like to volunteer to listen to readers in Class 2 your support would be greatly appreciated from September.

A Message from Mrs Butterworth

At the end of my first year at Cloughton St. Mary's I would like to tell you how much I have enjoyed working in your "*small school with a big heart.*" This truly is a very special place to work and learn. Your children have made great progress in their learning as the end of year assessments show.

We all know the school has faced some challenges during the year. The staff and I are truly grateful to you for sticking with us and for the kind words of support we have received. The atmosphere at recent events such as the Family Picnic, barbecue and sports day has been fantastic. Parents have told me how welcome they feel in school. Some even come early to pick up their children at the end of the day, so they can chat with other parents.

Thank you for your responses to the children's reports and for taking the time to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. 26 out of 33 were returned. These were overwhelmingly positive. Only one parent asked for an improvement. This was for us to provide school meals. I understand this has been investigated in the past and the outcome was that it is not financially viable for us to provide hot meals. A packed lunch can be provided for pupils if parents request it, but we could not offer a choice. If any pupils would like to have a packed lunch provided, please see Mrs Ball in September.

We are making a few in September.

We are swapping classrooms. Class 1 is moving into what has been the Class 2 room and vice versa. This is happening to give Class 1 easy access to the outdoor learning area that Mrs Gornall has been developing.

The second change is to do with how children come into school in the mornings. In September the school doors will be open from 8:50 a.m. Children should come straight into school when they arrive. Staff will be in their classrooms. Children will use this 10 minutes to prepare for the day. This will allow learning to start promptly at 9 a.m. Please note there will be no staff on duty outside and children should arrive at school between 8:50 and 8:55.

Finally, we are no longer able to provide water bottles for the children. They should bring their own bottle of water to school each day. This can be refilled if necessary in school. Children will not go thirsty if they ever forget their water bottle as plastic cups are available in school.

I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



School Re-opens on Monday 4th September at 8.50am



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