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Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of another busy term today. Lots of fun and learning has happened.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support and feedback which is greatly received.

Opal Play

We have officially begun our Opal Play journey. We have a team of people who are known as The Opal working party and it is their role to take the lead on developing this programme.

I have attached the welcome letter which Opal Play provide for us to share with you with further details on and the power of play information booklet.

[Link to letter and power of play booklet](#)



We have conducted some surveys to find out the views of parents, staff and children.

The summary of the findings are below:

Parent Survey Highlights:

- All parents agreed that playtime is important, with over 90% rating play as "brilliant" or "good."
- Many parents reported their children are happy with the new play opportunities and feel it has helped build friendships.
- Parents state that play is now more structured than before.
- There is strong interest in the addition of a music and dance area, followed by more sports equipment and loose parts for creative play.
- Over 95% of parents are happy with their children getting minor muddy clothes, with one parent commenting, "A tired and muddy child is a happy child."
- All parents who completed the survey expressed willingness to support the school in our OPAL journey, including fundraising and donating unused items.

Staff Survey Highlights:

- All staff believe playtime is important, and most feel that play has improved since introducing new opportunities.
- Staff have seen an immediate improvement in behaviour, with fewer incidents and medical issues at playtime.
- While levels of happiness in the children at playtimes are reported as average, many staff noted improvements since starting OPAL play.
- Football has been a frequent source of disagreements, but the introduction of referees has begun to reduce issues.
- Staff fondly recalled childhood play involving dens, skipping and imaginative games, with many feeling that children today have fewer such opportunities.
- Top suggestions for future improvements include social areas, a music and dance space, and more opportunities for building and climbing.
- All staff are eager to support through fundraising and resource collection.

Children's Survey Highlights:

- Most children feel that adults are consistent in their play expectations, but almost all say they cannot access grassed or bush areas daily.
- Many would love to use the field all year round but are often limited by weather.
- Children want more resources to build, role-play and engage in a wider range of activities like go-karting.
- Almost 90% of children said they enjoy playtimes.
- Preferred activities currently include running, climbing, football and dancing.
- Their top “dream” additions to the playground in the future include a sandpit, go-kart or bike track, slide, climbing wall and a self-build obstacle course.

We are excited by the enthusiasm from our whole school community and will be using this feedback to shape the next phase of our OPAL journey. Thank you for your continued support in making play a rich, inclusive and joyful part of your child’s school life at Brigg Primary School.

Sports Day- 2nd July 2025

On the list of dates for this term which was shared on Dojo earlier this term you will have noticed that it states our Sports Days will be held at The Vale Academy.

This is because we are developing our school grounds for Opal play and will not have the capacity to hold them safely.

We will be sending out full details of this event during the first week back after half term.



Dates for the next half term

Date	Event	Who
3 rd June	Additional swimming	Selected children Y6
4 th June	Visit to Bomber command centre	Y6
5 th June	Visit to Bomber command centre	Y5
6 th June	Non-Uniform Day	Whole school
6 th June	Sports Champion in school	Whole school
9 th June	Phonics check	Y1
10 th June	Additional swimming	Selected children Y6
10 th June	Let’s get ready for school event at The Angel	New EYFS parents
11 th June	Governor Monitoring Day	Whole school
16 th June	Play Avenue Trip	Reception
16 th June	Woodside Wildlife Park Trip	Y1/2
17 th June	Additional swimming	Selected children Y6
18 th June	Aspirations/Careers Day	Whole school
19 th /20 th June	Bikeability	Y5
23 rd June	SUMMER FAIR	Whole school and community
24 th June	Additional swimming	Selected children Y6
25 th June	Taster day at Vale Academy	Y5
26 th /27 th June	Bikeability	Y5
30 th June/1 st July	Bikeability	Y5
1 st July	Science Day at Vale Academy	Y4
1 st July	Additional swimming	Selected children Y6
2 nd July	Sports Day at Vale Academy	Reception/KS1 9.30am KS2 1.30pm
2 nd July	Annual school reports out to parents	Whole school
3 rd July	Sports Day Back Up Date	
3 rd July	Day at the seaside special lunch	Whole school
7 th July	Taster Day at SJN	Y5
8 th July	Additional swimming	Selected children Y6
8 th July	Production- 6pm	Y6
10 th July	Be Unique Day- Non-uniform and internal transition to new classes	Whole school
10 th July	Vale Academy Transition day	Y6 attending Vale in Sept 2025

10 th /11 th July	SJN Transition days	Y6 attending SJN in Sept 2025
11 th July	Seaside lunch menu	Whole school
14 th July	Visit to Hands on History Hull	Year 4
15 th July	Visit to Hands on History Hull	Year 3
18 th July	Leavers Assembly- 2.30pm	Y6

Summer Fair- 23rd June



Nursery

We currently have spaces in our Nursery from September. If your child is already 3 or turning 3 in the next academic year please come and talk to the office.

Changes to pick up arrangements for your child

For any changes to be made to who is collecting your child or how they are to go home a CALL to the office MUST be received by 3.00pm to allow for staff to share this information before the end of school day.

Unfortunately, due to the rising costs of printing and paper this is not possible for the whole school. However, if you want to receive a paper version of the newsletters please let the office know and we will arrange for this to happen.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 2nd June**.

Kind Regards

Mrs Atkinson.