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*To create a school where we all:  
 go further than we thought!  
 run faster than we hoped!  
 reach higher than we dreamed!  
 to become the people God meant us to be!!!!*

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Dear Parents & Pupils,

Here is newsletter number 39, the last newsletter for this academic year:

1.	Mrs Botham's last day
2.	Summer Gala
3.	FOSS committee next year
4.	Thank you to Ollie's grandma
5.	Good luck to our Year 6 leavers
6.	Happy Holidays
7.	Birthdays

1. As you will all be aware, today is Mrs Botham's last day at school before commencing her retirement, and what a special and emotional day it has been so far. We have a special Leaving Assembly planned for this afternoon, which the whole school and also some surprise guests will be taking part in, along with a number of other super surprises lined up for Mrs Botham to give her a memorable farewell! We have also had members of the press coming into school to take photos and talk to Mrs Botham, so keep an eye on The Press and The Advertiser in the near future. Mrs Botham has made such a huge, incredible contribution to the school during her many special years here, and she will be hugely missed and very fondly remembered indeed by children, staff, parents, Governors, and the local community alike. We wish her the very, very best for her retirement, and hope to see her and Mr Botham soon!

2. A huge thank you to all those who were able to attend the annual Summer Gala on Sunday, for what was a really fantastic day. The weather couldn't have been better, fun was had by all with the various games, events and food, and some of the children enjoyed soaking Mrs Botham in the stocks by hurling wet sponges! FOSS raised over £2,700, which is brilliant for our children! Many thanks to FOSS, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and to all those who helped out with the preparations and on the day - it's very much appreciated.

3. FOSS would like to thank everyone for all their time and financial support this school year, and would love to encourage more people to join the committee next year - we are currently on the lookout for a Secretary for next year. Please lend a hand at all if you can, as FOSS carry out invaluable fundraising work for our school, which all goes to provide amazing events and opportunities for our children, such as the Rockit Climbing Wall and archery, and huge subsidies towards the Whole School Trip, among many other fantastic things.

4. A big thank you to Ollie's grandma, who purchased a lovely "Minion" cake at the Summer Gala, which Ollie decided he would like to share with the whole school. All of the children enjoyed a slice after lunch on Tuesday. Thank you, too, for being generous in your sharing, Ollie!

5. We would all like to wish our Year 6 leavers lots of luck in the next chapter of their lives, when they start secondary school in September. You've been a super year, and will all be much missed! We hope you have a fun, relaxing summer, and we wish you all the best settling into your new schools in September. Do keep in touch and let us know how you're getting on!



6. Finally this week, we wish all of the children and their families a very happy summer. We hope you all have lots of fun and relaxation, and come back to school ready to start an exciting new year in your new classes in September. Remember to keep your reading up over the summer and, most of all, to enjoy yourselves! **School re-opens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Happy Birthday** this summer to:



Elijah, Leona - 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Grace A. - 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Joshua P., Emily T. - 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Jacob A. - 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Ella - 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Nicole - 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Aurelie - 9<sup>th</sup> August  
Genevieve - 14<sup>th</sup> August  
Freddie - 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
Emily - 30<sup>th</sup> August  
William G. - 1<sup>st</sup> September