

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 13. I hope this communication finds you well. The glorious weather, coupled with the Bank Holiday weekend has been very well-received and it is wonderful to hear about all of the adventures of the children as we are able to get outside and explore the outdoors. We are very excited that a number of projects are underway to maximise the use of the outdoors and a number of new canopies will be installed, or relocated to improve our grounds even further. Earlier this week, we had a whole school orienteering focus led by a visiting specialist who worked with every class during the day and then trained the staff after school. Parents picking up from after school clubs will have seen us all competitively using our maps to find a series of numbers across the school grounds. This is going to become a major focus for us as we utilise the outdoor spaces and work outdoors to exploit curriculum areas and most importantly, have fun! As we head into the final two weeks of this term, I look forward to seeing you in and around the school. Best Wishes, **Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

Attendance Update

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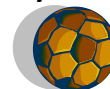
Please be reminded that we are still unable to authorise holiday requests. These types of requests are not deemed to be an exceptional circumstance and any holiday will be recorded as **unauthorised** unless you are informed differently. The number of requests for holidays are beginning to creep up, particularly as we head into the Summer Months. Our official stance on holidays must echo that of the Department for Education who state that children have a statutory entitlement to 190 days of education and therefore the academic calendar leaves plenty of opportunities for holidays when the children are not at school. Parents should be aware that if we are not informed of the absence, and we have reason to suspect that the absence is a holiday, we will be given no choice but to unauthorise the absence.

Sun Readiness



As the weather warms up, we do all we can to ensure the children enjoy the sunshine safely. Whatever the weather, it is vital that the children bring a named water bottle to school to stay hydrated. If the forecast is for warm, sunny weather, please ensure your child has a sunhat and has sun-cream applied **before** school and has a named bottle in their bag to apply during the day. Please note that we are unable to apply suncream.

Sports Morning AM and Summer Fayre PM Friday 13th July



Our Summer fayre follows Sports Morning on Friday 13th July. This is always a fun event for our wider school community with lots of school and PTFA run stalls such as: wine or water, face painting, refreshments, Disco Dome, giant balloons etc. We welcome stall holders from our community for a small fee. If you would like to have a stall at the fayre please contact Ms Stapleton in our school office. We look forward to you joining us for this brilliant event. More details will be communicated in the next newsletter.

SATs Week

Next week is SATs week for Year 6, as it is for all children across the country. We want to take this opportunity to wish the Year 6s all the very best for these tests and commend them on their hard work and efforts building to this point. The Year 6 children are a wonderful group and we know they will be the very best that they can be!

Year 6 children have brought home a letter about SATs breakfast-if you want your Y6 child to access this, please contact the school office.

Please note that we have a statutory duty to administer the tests and therefore all children are expected in school across the whole week as the tests are administered at the same time across the country.

The digital lives of our children, opportunities and risks-Parent workshop-21st May 6pm



Reminder: We hope you can attend this workshop- you will undoubtedly learn so much from this and be able to help keep your child safe online. As children explore more and more technology, they access websites and apps that we do not even know has been invented yet, regardless of our knowledge and skills in this area. We want to support you in this and will be sending out a formal invitation to this event in the coming weeks. Please mark this on your calendar and attend if possible. It would be fantastic to see as many parents accessing this as possible.

We are delighted that we have been able to secure Alan Mackenzie, an E-Safety expert who has been working with hundreds of schools, charities and other organisations for many years to come into school and deliver a workshop exclusively for our parents on how you can be supported.

A regular guest speaker at conferences he is an associate member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety and Ambassador for the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre.

He specialises in internet safety and will be able to answer all your questions.

"This isn't about technology, you won't be bombarded with lots of tech speak, it's about behaviour and risks to our children." Alan Mackenzie

What will be discussed?

What do children get up to online, what are the risks and opportunities? What does the latest research and opinion tell us and what is the best guidance? Does technology 'protect' our children? Alan will be discussing things including gaming, social media and much more.



The Children's University, for which we are affiliated, has announced that it is holding its Graduation event on 19th June. Booking information for parents is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lincolnshire-childrens-university-graduation-ceremony-tickets-45798216699?aff=affiliate1>

Share and Shine Opportunities



Following on from the success of the Share and Shine opportunities in Terms 1 and 3. This term, these opportunities will take place in the final 2 weeks of this term. These are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place over the course of the term. The dates of the sharing are as follows;

Class Japan-Tuesday 15th May at 3pm
Class New Zealand-Tuesday 22nd May at 9.10am
Class Thailand- Tuesday 22nd May at 3pm
Class Wales-Wednesday 23rd May at 9.10am
Class Spain-Thursday 24th May at 3pm
Class Peru-Friday 25th May at 9.10am

Please try to support your child by attending if you can. Children are so incredibly motivated by their parents coming into school and helps inspire children to strive to be the best they can be.

Headlice

In our bid to help support with the problem of head lice in school and at home, we have been fortunate to gain the advice and expertise of a parent, Natalie Williamson, who has lots of practical advice as well as free head lice products to help support you overcoming the persistent problem. In addition, she has established L.I.C.E (Lice Information Control and Education) and has been working alongside a head lice solution NYDA, which is designed to eradicate the lice and their eggs in a single application. You can find out more about the product here <http://www.nydasolutions.co.uk/>

Natalie has today held a Q&A session in school. In return for attending, she offered free boxes of the head lice product (rrp £14) and practical advice that will not only save money, but will also help ensure that you have everything you need to keep the problem away in the future.

For more information and/or the product, please do not hesitate to email Natalie at liceuk@icloud.com

Can you help? Please could we ask to borrow any sailing related clothing/equipment for our display as part of the Church Flower Festival on June 8th - 10th?