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Newsletter 4

19th October 2018



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 4. What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been since the previous newsletter was published-we pride ourselves on the opportunities we offer and one new initiative we have engaged with is Lincolnshire's Mini Police project. This week, our Year 5 and 6 children were given the opportunity to write and present a speech and be voted in via a democratic vote to become our representatives for the Mini Police. They have a full uniform and will be supported by the PCSO team who will teach them key messages and support them in delivering key ideas to the school. They will also assist the PCSO in monitoring the parking outside school. Have a look at our Twitter feed to see our new recruits! I do hope you have a wonderful Half Term break (I cannot quite believe we are at this point already) and look forward to seeing you on October 30th when we return for Term 2.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Open Afternoon Friday 2nd November 1.30pm onwards

Whether your child is already at school with us or hoping to join us in September next year, why not come along to our Open Afternoon. You can:

- Take an informative tour of the school
- Join in with learning in each class
- Learn of our mission, aims and successes and of course ask all the questions you want any answers to.

We very much look forward to seeing you at this special event. Please spread the word to any members of the community who may also be looking for a place for their child next September in Reception. It is always great to see the school full of people from the existing, and new, school community.

Parent Meeting Dates



Our parent consultations for each child will take place on 14th and 15th November from 3.30pm-6pm. It will be at this meeting that we will be informing you of your child's initial progress this term as well as how we have assessed their attendance, attitude, behaviour and readiness to learn. We are very much looking forward to sharing this information with you and will send out the relevant information on the first day back after the half term break.

Have a wonderful break-we return to school on Tuesday 30th October

Harvest Festival-Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who supplied an item for the Harvest Festival. We are so thankful for your generosity and those who need these donations, we are sure, will be incredibly grateful. The children did a wonderful job of showcasing their wonderful harvest learning and we celebrated this special time of year as a school family in the church together!

Flu Vaccine-Monday 19th November

Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are entitled to a nasal spray Flu Vaccine and this will be administered by the NHS on the date above. Details have been sent to parents for you to register your child-please contact the school office if you need more information on this.

Change of Weather

The weather is turning cold now as we embrace autumn and many children are coming to school without a coat or suitable PE kit for outdoor PE. Please could we ask that you ensure that your child has these warmer items so they can participate in all events inside and outside the classroom.

Firework Extravaganza-Friday 2nd November

Gates open at 6pm with Fireworks at 7pm



Once again, our PTFA will be providing the jewel in our entertainment crown with our Firework Extravaganza. Over the past 6 years, we have brought the community together for a wonderful fun-filled family evening and this year promises to be no different. Entry will be by payment on the gate on the evening. Prices are as follows;

**Adults £4 Children £3 Under 4's Free
Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £12**

This is fantastic value for money and there will be music, food and drink and of course the superb fireworks. Please let as many people know about this event, including those from other villages. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 6 Secondary Applications

If your child is due to start Year 7 in 2019, Lincolnshire County Council have asked us to remind parents of the importance of applying for secondary school places in good time of the closing date. Applications are made via www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions and need to be made by 31st October 2018

Medical & Dental Appointments

As you are aware, the school takes the attendance of our pupils very seriously and we expect children to be in school all day every day, unless in exceptional circumstances and when serious illness prevents this.

We understand that emergency medical appointments can be difficult to obtain outside of school hours, however, we do know that routine medical, hospital and dental appointments booked in advance can be arranged outside of the school day and in the school holidays; we know that medical professionals are keen to support families and schools in this.

If your child has to have time off school for medical or dental appointments, **we will need to see the appointment letter or card to authorise this absence and ask that notification is given to the office in advance of you collecting your child**, even when this is an early collection at the end of the school day as the school must keep a record of all absences regardless of how short these might be.

Parent Sharing Success



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us for the recent Parent Sharing opportunities which took place this week. Having offered these for a number of years, they are now so well attended and the children absolutely love having this special time to share and shine! Your attendance is so very appreciated and if you couldn't come to this round, please do not worry we will be holding another set in Term 3.

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting for the Christian's Purse Operation Christmas Child again this year and looking to send as many as possible to such a worthy cause. Mrs Hiorns, coordinating the project has sent out the key information following Collective Worship and is asking that they are returned to school by 12th November at the latest. Thank you in advance.

Goodbye Mrs Brooks

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Brooks, one of our 1:1 Support Assistants who leaves us to pursue pastures new. Please join us in wishing her all the very best!

Parent Governor

We have a space to become a Parent Governor and the details were emailed out to parents earlier this week. Being a Governor is a very important, but rewarding role and we are very fortunate to have such a dynamic and committed group of Governors who have the best interest of the school at the heart of every decision that is made. There is a time commitment that needs to be made to the role and this includes attendance at evening meetings as well as visits to school during the day. Mrs Moore is the Returning Officer and a statement of why you would like to be a Parent Governor would need to be sent to her by Friday 2nd November.

Pokemon Cards

Trading cards are a great way of children spending time together and reading key information but we do ask that these are kept out of school and enjoyed at home.