



*Newsletter 7*  
*7<sup>th</sup> December 2018*



**Parking Reminder-Urgent attention required from all drivers**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a very heavy heart that I am writing this reminder to parents in a week where tragic events outside nearby schools has resulted in the unimaginable happening and children have lost their lives in road traffic accidents.

In light of this, and due to a recent flurry of complaints from parents, our attention simply must turn to the parking decisions being made by parents of our children at picking up and drop off times outside our own school. The decisions each motorist makes is directly the responsibility of the driver and we are becoming increasingly concerned that someone is going to get hurt and we are sure that nobody wants the harm of others on their conscience.

We need everyone who drops off their children in a car and parks in the vicinity of the school to think about how you are driving and where you are leaving your car. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines outside school or on the corner of a junction. Have respect for local residents and their houses and consider whether you actually need to drive your child to school. We would also ask that parents refrain from using the school car park as this is reserved for staff parking and children being dropped off via their taxi.

We do understand that many parents are very busy and you may be rushing to get to work after drop off, but some of the decisions that are being made are putting our children at risk! If you have an accident with your children in the car, you are also putting your own child(ren) at risk. We are urging drivers to have consideration for those crossing the roads and to look behind them and make sure that there are no children behind a car before reversing etc. Often, as children and young people are smaller, they are harder to be seen.

Please can we ask that EVERY parent works together to ensure that everyone is kept safe as we do not want there to be any further children hurt outside of any school gates.

As a school, we always advocate park and stride and would like to remind people that the option to park at the Social Club and walk the short distance to school is available. We are discussing the option to reinstate a crossing patrol with Lincolnshire County Council and our Mini Police will also be working with the PCSO to issue 'parking tickets' to drivers who park in a dangerous manner. We are also working with the highways department to look at the road markings to ensure that the signage and markings are as clear as possible and ensuring that the road safety partnership and police begin to make regular patrols.

We are keen to force a change in this area before someone is hurt as the result of carelessness but this will only happen if everyone works together to ensure that those travelling on foot, in and around the school, are safe.

Thank you in anticipation of the improvement we expect to see.

Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden

### **Christmas Fayre-Friday 14th December**

2.30pm collection and fayre after choir have sung



Get in the Christmas spirit and purchase some of your gifts at our annual Christmas Fayre. Each class will be running their own stall plus we've invited local businesses too. We have crafts, gifts, decorations and so much more. You can join in the raffles, tombola, or play some games and indulge in some Christmas refreshments (mince pies)!

Children can be collected from 2.30pm onwards from their classrooms and then at 2.40pm, any remaining children will be in Class Ireland (Reception). When collected, children will need to be signed out by an authorised adult who will then take full responsibility for them for the remaining time in school. Any child not collected before 3.30pm will either be helping on stalls or be supervised undertaking Christmas activities in class. **ALL children must be collected by 3.30pm.**

We are sure to have a wonderful Christmas Fayre and hope that you are able to join us and begin the festive celebrations.

### **Start of School Day Routines**

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that the school is not accessible in the morning before we open the gates.

We are repeatedly asked to open the gates earlier than 8.45am but this is not possible as we have to maintain site security and we ensure our gates are manned at all times. Please note that these times will not change even if it is raining and entering the school foyer to wait is not an option. We need to leave the rooms at the front of school available for meetings.

Whilst waiting for the gates to open, the children are the responsibility of the adult dropping them off and as such, they should be supervised as the car park may be busy with children being dropped off in their taxi.

One issue we have found is that some parents/children arrive very early to school and are then having to wait for a longer period. Please be reminded that once the gates are opened, they will be manned and remain open until 9am. If children arrive after 9am, it is only at this point that a late mark will be recorded and children will need to enter via the main office.

### **Dates for Christmas Festivities**



Christmas is just around the corner and these activities are now set. We look forward to seeing you at the different events taking place over the next two weeks.

**12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm-** KS1 Christmas Performance

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**14<sup>th</sup> December PM-**Christmas Fayre (2.30pm)

**17<sup>th</sup> December PM-**KS2 Christmas Service in Church at 2pm

**18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am-**EYFS Christmas Spectacular to parents

**18<sup>th</sup> December-**Christmas Lunch

**18<sup>th</sup> December-** Class Christmas Parties (PM)- children can bring a change of clothes

**19<sup>th</sup> December -**Pantomime Trip to Grantham Guildhall (Whole School)

**20<sup>th</sup> December-**Last Day of Term-school closes at the usual time.

### **Generous Donations**

We are still accepting your generous donations for the Tombola and raffle prizes. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations from the non-uniform day today. If you have any spare bottles of wine lurking at the back of your cupboard, Mr Eden will be running the very popular Wine or Water stall and is keen for any unwanted bottles you are happy to donate. Also, we will be providing refreshments at the Fayre and if you are happy to donate any cakes, that would be great- thank you!

### **Class Parties**

Class Christmas Parties will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> December and the children can bring their party clothes in a separate bag to change into at the end of lunch ready for the afternoon fun. We are also asking for any donations of party food to be sent in on this day too to your child's Class Teacher. This can be traditional party food or healthier alternatives too as we do like to encourage children to consider a balanced diet even amidst the Christmas treats available at this time. Our fantastic PTFA has given each class £20 for them to spend on games and activities, which will help make the event even more special!