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Newsletter 15

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 15. We hope this communication finds you well. We have been generating some serious energy this last fortnight, (if only we were connected to the national grid – we'd be a very rich school!) as 'cogs have been whirring' in every class as all children have been engaged in challenging learning. Our Year 6 children have undertaken their SATs tests, our Year 2 children are preparing for their tests and all children in school have been working incredibly hard to be the best they can be. There have been some fantastic achievements across the curriculum to read about below; we are so proud of all our children and staff and the effort they give every day, so that we can strive for more for our community and their futures! As always, one of us is always available on the playground for a quick chat most mornings, however appointments can also be made to see us via the school office. Have a fantastic and restful weekend!

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher) & Mrs Clare Talbot (Deputy Headteacher)*

Dazzling Choir performance



Our talented choir, led by our wonderful choir leader Mrs Phillis, represented our school brilliantly, singing and reading at a service for the consecration of the extension to the Cemetery at St. Martin's church this week. The Right Reverend Christopher Lawson, Bishop of Lincoln, praised them for their performance and they were generally heralded as the highlight of the service – well done! We have had so much positive feedback from other members of the community who also loved our children leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer. We were delighted to be asked to be a part of this historic service and are incredibly proud of the pupils and their wonderful contributions.

Rounders Tournament Success!



Our super rounders' team won all 3 of their matches at the inter-school competition held at Navenby last week and now go forward to the next stage to be held at Sir William Robertson Academy next week – we wish them good luck with the next stage, we are all so proud!

Baby Bumps!



We are delighted to announce that **Mrs Parsons** (Class Mexico Class Teacher) and her husband are expecting their second child later this year providing a little brother or sister for Mia. Mrs Parsons is incredibly excited for her impending arrival and we cannot wait to meet the newest addition to the Parsons family.

Mrs Field (1:1 Support Assistant) is also expecting a baby which is due to be born later this year and she is very excited to be adding to her family with her newest addition. Both members of staff are blooming and we are sure you will join us in wishing them well in their pregnancies.

SATs Superstars

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils this week undertook their SATs tests and approached them with such a positive, eager attitude which showed the resilience and determination of each and every one of them. The purpose of the SATs is to test the knowledge and skills of pupils at the end of their primary education and ensure that the levels expected by the Government are being met by pupils and the schools across the country.

Last year, the Department for Education launched new SATs tests aligned with the new National Curriculum and, having proved to be more difficult last year, this is the second year in which these new tests have been presented our pupils. Once again, well done to our fabulous Year 6 pupils for their hard work and efforts across this week.

Diary Dates:



Year 6 Cathedral visit: **Thursday 18th May**
NSPCC Assemblies: **Thursday 18th May**
Class Scotland Share & Shine: **Mon 22nd May 3pm**
Children's University introduction meeting:
Monday 22nd May 3.30pm
Class Jamaica Share & Shine: **Tuesday 23rd May**
9.15am
Class Mexico Share & Shine: **Wed 24th May 9.15am**
Class S. Africa Share & Shine: **Wed 24th May 3pm**
Class Switzerland Share & Shine: **Thurs 25th May**
9.15am
Class Canada Share & shine: **Thursday 25th May**
3pm
Class Mexico AQT Singing Event **Thurs 25th May**
4.15pm
Plant Sale **3.20pm Friday 26th May**
Half Term begins **Fri 26th May 3.30pm**
Term 6 begins: **Monday 5th June**
Year 4 Church school Festival: **Tuesday 13th June**
Sports Morning & Summer Fayre: Friday 7th July
End of Term 6: **Wednesday 19th July 3. 30pm**

Informing the School Office of changes to picking up arrangements



We recognise that changes can occur with respect to picking up arrangements at the end of the day. However, we have recently noticed that the number of calls the school receives in a day asking us to inform children of changes has increased dramatically. To reduce the additional burden this administration is placing on the school; please can we ask that, where possible, arrangements are made prior to the school day starting and changes are only communicated via the school office as a last resort.



We are looking forward to launching our involvement with the Children's University, as previously mentioned in the last newsletter. We are excited to inform you that on **Monday 22nd May at 3.30pm**, Maria Morgan, Lincoln Children's University Officer, will be visiting to explain to parents and children what is involved. This is an exciting opportunity, available to all families, which will really enhance and enrich the learning of all children who take part. We hope to see as many parents at this meeting from all year groups as this is an innovative and exciting project that we are thrilled to be part of.



How does your garden grow?

Our garden is growing beautifully, thanks to the hard work of Mrs Awcock, Miss Castle, Mrs Green and our dedicated Gardening Club. We hope you'll agree the school grounds are looking absolutely stunning.

Your garden could benefit from an item from our plant sale on **Friday 26th May** from 3.20pm where you will be able to purchase some beautiful plants at bargain prices. Our last plant sale was a huge hit, so don't miss out...pop the date in your diary and bring your purse/wallet to school on the last day of term!

Good Bye and Good Luck

We bid farewell to Mrs Julie Taylor, who leaves her post as Midday supervisor to concentrate on her own business; we wish her every success in this venture!

Bikes & Scooters

We are delighted that so many of our children continue to come to school on bikes and scooters. Please help us keep everyone safe by reminding your children to **walk with their bikes and scooters on school property** to avoid nasty accidents. Thank you for your support.

Fidget Spinners

A new craze has developed and unfortunately is having the opposite effect from the one it was designed for; proving to be a distraction for children in school, and causing lots of disruption. Therefore we cannot allow Fidget Spinners in school and ask that they are left to enjoy at home and are treated the same as any other toy.

Parking

Please do not drop children off on the yellow zig-zag lines or in front of the school gates in the morning as this presents serious dangers to pedestrians entering and leaving the school premises.

Disabled Car-Parking

Our disabled car parking space is available for any disabled badge holder who needs to use it when visiting our school. We do only have one space and ask for your understanding if it is being used by another member of our school community.

PTFA Film Night

Huge thanks to our excellent PTFA who gave up their Friday evening recently to run a successful film night. The children all enjoyed their hotdogs and popcorn whilst relaxing with their friends and were all beautifully behaved. £190 profit was made which will go towards the development of our outdoor environment.