



TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back

I hope you all managed to have a lovely summer break. We welcome to the school this term 8 new Reception children into Maple class and we also welcome Erin into Year 1 and Ogo into Year 4 - I am sure they will enjoy what we have planned.

I hope your children have been looking forward to returning to school and the teachers have been working hard through the summer break to ensure they have some wonderful learning experiences for them. It is typical that we are experiencing some lovely weather just as the children return!

Please ensure they have had suncream applied in the morning and that if they need this topping up during the day – you send this with your child in a named bottle. We are not permitted to apply suncream to any child under safeguarding legislation.

Attendance at school



Just a reminder that the school day starts at 8.45am and any child arriving after 8.50 when the side gate is locked will be marked as late.

Every school in the country has been asked to work on improving their attendance to ensure that children miss as little education as possible.

This includes schools becoming much firmer on their stance with term time holidays. **A term time holiday should not be taken unless it has exceptional circumstances (this does not include the cost) and will not be authorised by the school and parents are at risk of a fine being issued by the Local Authority.**

KS2 children are still allowed to leave the site unaccompanied if we have written consent from parent/s. Please email the school office with this consent.

ALL KS1 children **MUST** be collected by a parent/carer. Please ensure you notify the school by telephone or email of any changes to the identity of the adult collecting on a particular day.

Staffing update – see last page

Reminders for Parents

- ✓ You should contact the school if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason on the first day of absence.
- ✓ Please ensure your children’s clothing is named including coats.
- ✓ KS1 reading packets should be brought to school every day.
- ✓ Children should not be riding bicycles or scooters down the side pathway before school or after school please.
- ✓ Annual update forms are coming home to you – please check the information we hold for you, your child/ren and family and return to school as accurate and no changes needed or with the changes clearly written on.

It is vital that we have the most up to date information in order to contact you swiftly if you are needed.

Playtime snacks

Children in Maple class do not need to bring a snack to school for playtime as this is provided for them by the Government fruit and Veg scheme. In Key Stage 2 we encourage the children that if they are going to bring a snack it should be a healthy option. Here is a list of what we deem to be an acceptable snack.

Very Good	OK	Not allowed
Fruit	Cereal bar	Bun/cake
Squeezy yoghurt	Fruit winder	Doughnut
Rice cakes	Baked crisps	Chocolate
Crackers	Flapjack	Crisps
Cheese	Plain biscuit	Chocolate biscuit
Vegetable	Fruit loaf	Sausage roll
Meat (not Pepperami)	(unbuttered)	Please don't send
Dried fruit	Dippers	yoghurt that needs a
Bread stick	Slice of quiche	spoon to eat.
Salad	Savoury egg	

Health

Sickness/diarrhoea

If your child does have a bout of either (or both!) please ensure that he/she is kept at home **until 48 hours after the last occurrence**. We appreciate that this can be very inconvenient, in particular if you are a working parent, but it is essential to ensure we reduce the spread of infections.

Head lice

We will probably never be free of these little irritating creatures but if everyone checks the heads of **all** family members regularly and treats with a commercial product or by regular combing through with a nit comb, we can try our best to be nit free.

We will continue our practice of contacting the parents of any child who is seen by staff to have head lice to ask that the child be collected from school and treated. Please don't be embarrassed if you get the phone call – head lice are a problem everyone has had to deal with at some time or another.

Absence from school

If your child is unwell and has to be absent, please telephone us as early as possible. You may leave a message on the answering machine, send an email or report via ParentMail. Under safeguarding we have a duty to call you to find out why your child is not in school if we have received no indication from you.

PE

Earrings for children should be **removed** for swimming and PE sessions – this is for health and safety reasons. Staff are not permitted to remove these for the children under safeguarding rules.

PE and swimming



Children should continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.

Maple – Wednesday

Both KS2 classes – Thursday

Both KS2 classes will also have swimming on Wednesdays, beginning on **Wednesday 13th September**. This will be in Spalding.

Please ensure your child brings their kit with them on that day (costume/trunks, towel (and goggles if worn)).

NO BIKINIS / LOOSE FITTING SHORTS

We will continue to request a £1.00 parental contribution towards the cost of transport to the pool which can be paid in cash, cheque or ParentMail.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

It is important that everyone who is in receipt of any State benefits makes an application for Free School Meals, even if their child already receives a free meal as they are an Infant child.

Apply using Lincolnshire's Parent Portal.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

The system is the one used to identify to the Department for Education children who may be in need of additional educational support.

School receives additional funding from the Pupil Premium Fund in the school budget which means we can ensure all children fulfil their potential.

As a school we are also able to support the families of children who qualify for Free School Meals benefit by provision of free uniform items, reduced contributions to trips and free-swimming transport, etc.



Car Parking and turning

The road outside school is very difficult at the beginning and end of the school day.

- Please keep the zig zag area in front of the school clear.
- Please do not use the entrance to the car park to turn your car.
- Please do not use our neighbours' driveways/forecourt to turn your car.
- Please do not do 3 point turns on Eaugate Road.
- Please keep alert to avoid injury to unpredictable young children.
- Please keep to the 30-mph speed limit on Eaugate Road, Roman Road and Fengate.



Communication with school

We continue to use paper, email and **ParentHub** to attempt to keep you up to date with what is going on. If you change your email address, please let us know so that we can update our records. If you have any difficulty setting yourself up on the ParentHub app let us know please.

Friends Of the School

We are always very grateful for the additional opportunities and experiences that our friends of the school provide the children with. – but they need more members in order to ensure that they can continue to provide these for the children. If you think that you can commit to helping at events, please contact the school and we can pass you details on or please feel free to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 13th September at 3.15pm.

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 13th September** - Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) first swim.
- **Wednesday 13th September** – Friends of the school meeting in mobile @ 3.15pm
- **Friday 29th September 2023** - Jeans for Genes Day - £1.00 to come to school in your jeans –
- **Friday 29th September 2023** - Harvest Festival TBC – Key Stage 2 Only
- **Tuesday 3rd October 2023** - School photographer
- **Tuesday 17th October & Wednesday 18th October 2023**– Parent consultations
- **Friday 20th October 2023**– Last day of term 1
- **Tuesday 31st October 2023** – Start of term 2
- **Thursday 14th December 2023** – Xmas productions TBC
- **Wednesday 20th December 2023** – End of term 2

I thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Sexton

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