



# TERM 2 NEWSLETTER



## Welcome back

Looking in the diary, as of yesterday it was just 8 Mondays to Christmas (shhhhhh-Don't tell the children!!) This term is certainly whizzing by.

We have welcomed 4 new children into our school since the start of the year in September – Holly in Year 3, Oscar in Year 1 and Apollo and Delilah in Reception and we hope they will be very happy at our school.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend Parents evening before we broke up, we had an **84% attendance overall** which is great. I would also like to thank all those parents who completed the questionnaires for me whilst waiting to see teachers, this really helps us gain an insight into your views as well. I will be collating those in the coming weeks and sharing the outcomes with you.

### School Development


As a school we are constantly looking at ways of improving ourselves and every year we create a school development plan that allows us to really focus in on things that we think will make a difference to our children's outcomes and experiences whilst they are with us. I wanted to share with you the areas we are focusing on this year:

Improvement priority 23-24	Why it is a priority
To strengthen opportunities for pupils to use and apply their mathematical skills to ensure they meet Age Related Expectations for each year group.	Data analysis shows and staff discussions have highlighted that children are not as confident and secure in applying their basic core mathematical skills in Mathematics.
To reduce persistent absenteeism (<90%) to be in line or lower than National average – school target of 10%	Persistent absenteeism is still too high in the school and there are some children who may not reach their potential because of their poor attendance.
To induct a new Maths Subject lead with a focus on monitoring, target setting and reviewing that will improve and develop standards	The maths lead is new to the post and so carefully planned support to do the role effectively needs to be timetabled in.
To maintain an effective and purposeful assessment system for the foundation subjects	We have created an effective and broad and balanced curriculum to follow, but we need to ensure the effectiveness and impact of our assessment in these foundation subjects is supporting the children's progression.

### Attendance at school – Term 1 attendance overall= 94%



Just a reminder that the school day starts at 8.45am and any child arriving after 8.50am when the side gate is locked will be marked as late. In Term 1 we had **11.5%** lateness from children arriving after school begins – this needs to significantly improve as those children are at risk of becoming persistent absentee children. All our lessons begin at 8.50 and so those that are arriving after that are missing learning.



### PE and swimming

Swimming continues for **Key Stage 2** children only this term – starting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November (tomorrow). Also, **earrings for PE should be removed**, your child is not allowed to compete in tournaments if wearing earrings. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

### Playtime snacks reminder



Children in Reception & KS1 are provided with a healthy snack through the government scheme. KS2 children are only permitted to bring fruit or vegetables for their snack, and this should be provided by home. If you are sending your child's snack in a tub, please ensure the tub is named.

### School website updates: [www.moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk)

Over half term we have updated many of the school's policies on the website, these can be found in the 'key info' tray and then in the drop-down list of policies. I have attached a separate letter to this newsletter to explain the changes to the Attendance policy in particular as parents need to be aware of the specific changes to that policy.

### E-Safety

We have had some parents contact us regarding support with online safety at home. Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership offer a training course to help parents.

Ask Dan Anything - Online Safety Q and A for Primary Parents  
6<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-7:30pm – **this is free.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-dan-anything-for-parents-of-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-717791562887?aff=oddtcreator>

### Term 2 clubs

Term 2 clubs remain the same as Term 1 with the addition of Gymnastics club for Year 1 & 2 children only.

**Monday** - Kapla Y3/4 - Lego Y5/6 - Gymnastics Y1/2

**Tuesday** – Tae Kwon Do – KS2 only

**Wednesday** – Multi Sports – KS2 only

**Thursday** – Bananagrams Y5/6 – Games Y1/2

Any children wishing to join any of these clubs needs to let the office know ASAP.



## Reminders for Parents

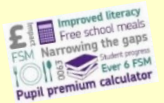
- ✓ You **MUST** let us know if there is any change to who is collecting your child from school.
- ✓ You should contact the school if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason on the first day of absence.
- ✓ Please ensure your children's clothing is named including coats.
- ✓ KS1 reading 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.
- ✓ Make sure school has been given any changes to contact numbers / addresses for your child's records.
- ✓ Please be mindful when standing outside the school gates in both the morning and afternoon that children are not having to walk through clouds of smoke from cigarettes or vapes – secondary smoke is incredibly harmful.
- ✓ All KS1 children **MUST** be collected by an adult from the playground.

## Upcoming Calendar Dates

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – KS1 Throwing & Catching event.
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Monkey Puzzle trip to Lincoln.
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu Vaccination Day
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Day
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – KS2 Speedstacks enrichment
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – FOS meeting @ 3.15pm
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – NSPCC Stay Safe session with Year 2 & Year 6
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Dress Rehearsal @ Community Centre – all day
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Xmas productions @ 6pm
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – FOS Xmas Disco
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Xmas jumper day
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – FOS Chocolate tombola
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Parent assembly @ 9am / Xmas Party day / End of term 2
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** – Staff INSET day
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** – children start of Term 3

I thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

## 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.*



## 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, 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 lice comb, we can try our best to be head lice 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 must 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 regarding the absence.*

**Mrs Sexton**