

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful time over the festive period whatever you were doing.

My newsletter this term is to give you more information on what is happening within school this coming term. Please keep a look out for additional letters for things that arise unexpectedly.

Breakfast Club Update

Due to lack of interest, despite over 60% of parents saying they would use a Breakfast Club if it was offered, we are not able to run a sustainable Breakfast club for parents.

School Development Update

We are making good progress towards our priorities this year:

Improvement priority 23-24	Progress against priorities
To strengthen opportunities for pupils to use and apply their mathematical skills to ensure they meet Age Related Expectations for each year group.	We have adjusted the whole school overview for Maths to meet the needs and analysis of assessments accurately. This has ensured that the children have the core skills needed before each unit of learning. Staff have planned in more opportunities for children to demonstrate use of their core skills when learning a new aspect of Maths.
To reduce persistent absenteeism (<90%) to be in line or lower than National average – school target of 10%	Attendance for Term 1 and 2 is at 94%. Too many children are still arriving at school late in the morning and this puts them at higher risk of being classified as persistent absentee children.
To induct a new Maths Subject lead with a focus on monitoring, target setting and reviewing that will improve and develop standards	Monitoring activities of teaching and learning have been conducted to ensure the new Subject Lead has a clear picture of what Maths looks like across the school to aid improvement and development of standards.
To maintain an effective and purposeful assessment system for the foundation subjects	Staff have continued to be able to quickly identify the gaps children have in their knowledge and use this to inform their future planning. The staff have also reviewed how to best display and revisit the sticky knowledge needed for topics – through display boards for subjects.

School website:
www.moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk



Good luck to the school Lego team in the upcoming regional First Lego League competition. I know they will do themselves and all of us proud. They will be competing in Peterborough on Saturday 27th January in the hopes of making it through to the National Finals.

Attendance at school –

Term 2 attendance overall= 95%



Again, 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 2 we had an increase to **13.9%** of children arriving after school had begun on more than one occasion– this needs to significantly improve as those children are at risk of becoming persistent absentee children. **All our lessons begin at 8.50am and so those that are arriving after that are missing vital learning.**



PE and swimming

Swimming will begin for Maple class on **Wednesday 10th January**. 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.

Earrings to be removed, this cannot be done by staff.

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

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.

Term 3&4 clubs

A club letter is being sent to you today so please check book bags or with your child for this to be returned to school for club commencement next week.

- Monday** – TT Rockstars Y3/4 - Lego Y5/6 (time change) - Gymnastics Y1/2
- Tuesday** – Tae Kwon Do – KS2 only
- Wednesday** – Multi Sports – KS2 only
- Thursday** – Snuggle with a book Y1-Y6 (16 max)

Any child wishing to join any of these clubs needs to return their slips to the school office.

New Year – New Topics

We have sent to you today the new topic overviews for this term which will give you an insight into the things your child is going to be learning over the coming weeks. Please read them carefully to find out if important things within your child's class are changing.

Maple – Transport

Monkey Puzzle – The World

Oak – Ancient Egypt



Oak class mobile phones

If your child is in Oak class and they walk home, they are permitted to bring a mobile phone into school which **MUST** be handed into the office.

Any mobile phones found in children's lockers will be given to Mrs Sexton for the parent to collect at the end of the day.

Your child should not be bringing their phone into school if they are collected by car from outside of the building.



Reminders for Parents

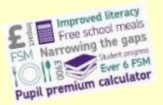
- ✓ You **MUST** let us know if there is any change to who is collecting your child from school.
- ✓ You should contact the school if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason on the first day of absence.
- ✓ Please ensure your children's clothing is named including coats.
- ✓ KS1 reading 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

- **Wednesday 10th January** – KS1 swimming begins.
- **Wednesday 17th January** – FOS mtg@ 3.15pm
- **Thursday 18th January** – KS2 Volleyball enrichment day.
- **Saturday 27th January** – Lego competition
- **Tuesday 6th February** – Chinese Dance workshop day.
- **Wednesday 7th February** – KS2 Volleyball competition
- **Friday 9th February** – End of term 3
- **Monday 19th February** – Term 4 begins.
- **Thursday 29th February** – KS2 Ultimate frisbee enrichment day.
- **Monday 11th March** – Science Week
- **Friday 15th March** – Red Nose Day.
- **Friday 22nd March** – Oak class visit Houses of Parliament trip.
- **Wednesday 27th March** – KS1 final swim
- **Wednesday 27th March** – KS2 Ultimate frisbee competition.
- **Thursday 28th March** – Parent assembly @ 9am / End of term 4

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