

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back

Welcome back after what seems to have been a very quick half term. It was lovely to see so many children coming through the gates this morning looking pleased to be back. They have already settled back into work, and we look forward to seeing their achievements this term.

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.

School Development Update

We are continuing to make 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 continue to adjust 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. Children's core skills are beginning to improve, and they are beginning to use them better in more complex ways.
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	The Maths action plan has been developed after close monitoring of the teaching and learning in Maths lessons. This has also dovetailed into the adjustments made in the whole school overview for Maths learning.
To maintain an effective and purposeful assessment system for the foundation subjects	Staff will be sharing the assessment booklets with parents as the end of year report format so that you are able to see more clearly where areas have been studied and how your child has achieved within these subjects.

Attendance at school –

Term 3 attendance overall= 95.2%



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 3 we had a positive decrease to **9.7%** of children arriving after school had begun and whilst this is an improvement the national average is still less than 5% and this is what we are aiming for to ensure those children who were late don't become persistent absentee children and reduce their academic chances in life. **All our lessons begin at 8.50am and so those that are arriving after that are missing vital learning.**



PE and swimming

Swimming will continue for Maple class on **Wednesday 21st February**.

This will be in Spalding.

Please ensure your child brings their kit with them on that day (costume/trunks, towel)

NO BIKINIS / LOOSE FITTING SHORTS.

Earrings must 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**.

School website:

www.moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk



Lego Team



A huge well done to our Lego team. They had a great day competing against other schools and represented our school brilliantly. They won the innovation trophy, and they also reached the finals of the table competition.

Term 3&4 clubs

Clubs remain the same for Term 4 and if your child wishes to join one of the clubs you need to email Miss Redford to secure their place.

Monday – TT Rockstars Y3/4 - Gymnastics Y1/2

Tuesday – Tae Kwon Do – KS2 only

Wednesday – Multi Sports – KS2 only

Thursday – Snuggle with a book Y1-Y6 (16 max)

Topics - Take home tasks

We have set the date for take home tasks to be brought to school for judging. This will be **Monday 25th March 2024**.

Maple – Make a futuristic vehicle.

Monkey Puzzle – Make a model of the world.

Oak – Create an artefact that was found in Tutankhamun's tomb.

Oak class mobile phones



Following the issuing of guidance from the DfE regarding mobile phones, we do not feel we need to adjust our arrangements for Oak class children bringing in mobile phones. These should only be brought in if your child is walking home or to meet you in the village. They should not be brought in if they are collected by car outside school. The phones are to be left in the office and collected at the end of the day. Any child who is found to have a mobile phone in their locker, will have the phone confiscated and parents will be expected to collect the phone from Mrs Sexton personally.



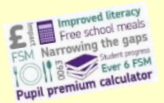
Reminders for Parents

- ✓ Parents **should not** be using next door's driveway as a turning point, they have informed us that several parents are doing this.
- ✓ 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

- **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.
- **Monday 18th March** – FOS meeting.
- **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
- **Thursday 28th March** – FOS Bunny Drive
- **Tuesday 16th April** – Term 5 begins
- **Thursday 9th May** – KS2 Kho Kho enrichment session
- **Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May** – KS2 SATs
- **Monday 13th May – Friday 24th May** – KS1 SATs
- **Friday 24th May** – End of term 4

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.

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

Mrs Sexton