

# 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. We welcome Teddie who has joined us in Year 5.

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 24-25	Progress against priorities
<b>Priority 1</b> - To further develop pupils' use and understanding of year group specific mathematical vocabulary to allow for better outcomes in reasoning and problem-solving questions. (key driver 2)	All staff completed additional training and have been adjusting the lessons taught to meet needs of class. We are continuing to track all children's progress and provide targeted intervention for support. Live marking of books has helped the instant assessment for both staff and children. Children have been exposed to a widening range of vocabulary which is displayed in classrooms for them to use during lessons. We have begun working with the Maths hub.
<b>Priority 2</b> - To reduce persistent absenteeism to be in line or lower than National average.	Persistent absenteeism is coming down and those children who are persistently late is decreasing too. School continues to track and take action with those families whose children are persistently late or arrive after the register closes.
<b>Priority 3</b> - To further improve children's retention of knowledge over time in foundation subjects.	Staff have been devising different ways of demonstrating what knowledge has been retained by children. Assessment records are regularly updated. All staff have been completing the non-core subject assessments regularly and Governors have been looking at these as part of their monitoring visits.

## Attendance at school -

### Term 3 attendance overall= 94.4%



Again, a reminder that the school day starts at **8.45am** and any child arriving after 8.50am when the side gate has been locked will be marked as late. In Term 3 we had a positive decrease again to **8.2%** of children arriving on more than 1 occasion 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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

Please ensure your child arrives at school wearing their swim kit and that hats, towels and underwear are in their bag. It would help greatly if your child knew where their underwear has been put in their bag as well.

**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](http://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 breakthrough trophy and had a wonderful day.

## 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** – Film club (Y5&6) – TT Rockstars (Y3&4) - Gymnastics (Y1 only)

**Tuesday** – Tae Kwon Do – KS2 only

**Wednesday** – Multi Sports – KS2 only (20 max)

**Thursday** – Snuggle with a book Y1-Y6 (15 max)

## Topics - Take home tasks

We have set the date for take home tasks to be brought to school for judging. This will be **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

**Maple** – Create a 3D pirate island with an X marks the spot

**Monkey Puzzle** – To create a minibeast model

**Oak** – Ideas sheet has been sent home

## 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.

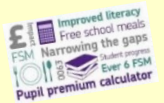
## Upcoming Calendar Dates

- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Term 4 begins.**
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Indian Experience Day – Sunita Patel to work with whole school.**
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week begins**
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – FOS meeting.**
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Parents consultations**
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents consultations**
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March –Red Nose Day.**
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Golf competition**
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Parent assembly @ 9am / End of term 4**
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Term 5 begins**
- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Moulton Chapel Tulip Parade**
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs**
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 2 SATs**
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – KS1 Mini Olympics competition**
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – End of term 5**

Don't forget to get in touch with our Family Liaison Support Worker if you think there is something she can help with:  
[charlotte.palgrave@moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:charlotte.palgrave@moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk)

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**