



# TERM 5 NEWSLETTER



## Welcome back

Welcome back we are moving swiftly into the last big term of the year. The children have settled straight back into work, and we look forward to seeing their achievements this term.

You should have also today received a copy of what your child will be learning about in their class, as topics have now changed from last term.

Whilst my newsletter covers most of what we already know will be happening this term, schools change at a dynamic pace so please keep a look out for additional letters and emails.

### Safeguarding Update

Recently, I have seen an increase in parents asking for support with issues relating to online gaming and safe use of social media platforms whilst their child uses devices at home. I wanted to share with you all a LCC recommended website that can support with this – [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org). It has up to date information and easy to follow guides to support parents with keeping their children safe online. Whilst we do teach safe online use through our curriculum, most of your child's wider online access to these sites is at home and so it is imperative that all parents know how to keep their child safe whilst playing online games and using social media platforms and what can be done if things happen. I hope you will take the time to have a look at the site and that it is helpful for you in working with us to keep your child/ren safe online.

### School Development Update

Improvement priority 24–25	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.	Children's outcomes in teacher's assessments show that children are making steady progress in using and applying their mathematical skills being taught to them. We hope that the new introduction with supporting Mathematical mindset will also feed into further improvement in this too.
To reduce persistent absenteeism (<90%) to be in line or lower than National average – school target of 10%	We are still not below the national average of persistent absenteeism, with this term rising to 12.9%. The Family Liaison Support Worker will be contacting the families of those pupils who are concerning us. The picture does look better when we take into account the whole year so far, as that is showing at 11.3%
To induct a new Maths Subject lead with a focus on monitoring, target setting and reviewing that will improve and develop standards	The subject lead has begun the work with the Maths Hub on Readiness for Mastery programme. This will provide staff with approaches to continue to improve our teaching and learning of Maths throughout the school.
To maintain an effective and purposeful assessment system for the foundation subjects	Staff continue to work well in using their assessments in foundation subjects to develop a whole picture of a child's achievements and their areas for development. The assessments are being made on every subject taught. We are looking, this term, at ways of incorporating this into your child's end of year report for you as well.

### Attendance at school –

**Term 4 attendance overall= 95.1%**



In Term 4 we had an increase in persistent absenteeism to **12.9%**. I have investigated this increase and found this to primarily be made up of children who are arriving late to school. 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. Studies have shown that children who become persistent absentee children have their academic chances in life reduced.

**All our lessons begin at 8.50am and so those that are arriving after that are missing vital learning – even if it is just 5 minutes, they can take up to a further 10 minutes to be ready to learn. A child who misses 15mins a day misses 48hrs and 45mins over the course of an academic year.**

### Breakfast club

Just a reminder that the school will be running a breakfast club from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. Children must be booked in and paid for in advance. If you are interested in your child/ren attending this but can't find the letter sent last term with the details – please get in touch with the office.

### Term 5 & 6 clubs

Clubs have changed for the summer term, if your child wishes to join one of the clubs, please complete the form being sent home and return to school. We will again be having a float in the Moulton Chapel Parade our theme is

**Monday** – Gymnastics Y1, TT Rockstars Y3/4, Film Club

**Tuesday** – Tae Kwon Do – KS2 only

**Wednesday** – Multi Sports – KS2 only

**Thursday** – Fun with Food – Y1 & 2

### School website:

[www.moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk)

### SATS week

Y6 begins Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Y2 begins Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

All children **MUST** be in attendance for these assessments – they begin at 9am each morning.



### PE & Sport

Well done to our KS2 children who won Tchoukball Gold in both LKS2 and UKS2 in recent competition against other local schools.

The Year 5/6 team also took home gold in the Archery competition, scoring more bullseyes than any other school.



Well done to Jaxon (Y4) who is now a Kickboxing GB National British Champion. He has been selected to compete in Portugal representing GB as part of the WAKO Great British Team. I am sure you will all, with me, wish him well in this and I look forward to hearing all about it.

There is no swimming session in Term 5 and 6 – all children will continue to have PE sessions.

KS1 – Wednesday

KS2 – Thursday

All children need to be school PE kit with earrings removed.

We will be hoping to have as many PE sessions outside as possible.

**Advance diary date –  
SPORTS DAY –  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Picnic lunch with family on the school field at 12pm



### Moulton Chapel Parade

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Our children will once again be singing and playing at the Moulton Chapel Parade (Key Stage 2 only)

More details to follow next week.

## Samba Carnival

Children can dress in bright colours and have a head dress/face paint / mask. KS2 will be playing their samba instruments in the parade.



## Reminders for Parents

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Parents **should not** be using next door's driveway as a turning point, or our school driveway, our neighbours have informed us that several parents are still 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 all of 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 across the playground, 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.
- ✓ All KS1 children **MUST** be collected by an adult from the playground.

## Upcoming Calendar Dates –

This is what is in the diary already – we will endeavour to keep you updated of any changes or additions as we go through the term.

- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Term 5 begins.
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Non uniform day (break the rules day theme).
- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Moulton Chapel Parade Day
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – BANK HOLIDAY – no school
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Spalding Flower Parade.
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATS week begins
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Y2 SATS begins
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – FOS meeting@ 3.15pm
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – KS1Mini Olympics competition
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – End of term 5
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Start of term 6
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Bikeability begins for Y5 & 6 (2 days)
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Photographer in – class and whole school
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Y5 & 6 Hilltop residential
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Roots to Food Day and gala dinner
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – FOS Non-uniform day
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – whole school trip day – details to follow
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – School Summer fete
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports day
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – KS2 Longball competition
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Den building day
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – End of term 6 / Parent assembly – 2pm

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.

## Friends Of the School

**Next meeting:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 3.15pm in mobile  
**Summer Fete – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 11am-2pm**

We need volunteers to man stalls / help set up.

Please let either Nicky Boxall, Becky Bradley or the school office know if you are able to help on the day.

Non-uniform days – **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - bottle donation 'Break the rules' theme (football strips/ nail policy / make up/ coloured hair etc)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – gift donation – no theme

## Sun Safety



As I write this, I am currently looking out the window thinking – finally the summer may have begun!!

Please can you ensure that your child has sunscreen applied to them before they come to school (even if it looks overcast outside) and if appropriate has sun cream to top up with through the day – under safeguarding rules staff are not permitted to apply sun cream to any child, under any circumstance. School provides every child with a legionnaire (neck covering) hat and so they are not permitted to wear their own caps.

I remain optimistic for the continuation of the good weather.

## 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**.

### 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.

**Mrs Sexton**