

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, the cold snap we are experiencing hopefully won't last too long – but the children seemed very happy playing in the last of the snow today.

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 closure – just in case!



In the very rare circumstances that I may have to take the decision to close the school, we will try very hard to ensure you get the information about this as soon as is possible.

You will receive an email notification and a text message informing you of my decision. It will also be published on our school website.

Our closure will also be published on LCC's school closure website, and we will notify local radio stations.

If in doubt, please keep checking your emails and mobile phone, you may not be able to speak to anyone at school if you telephone.

Attendance at school –

Term 2 attendance overall= 96.5%



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 still had too many children arriving at school late, with 14.3% of the school being late to school at least once. **All our lessons begin promptly 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 **Tuesday 13th January**.



This will be at Billy Finns in Pinchbeck.

Please ensure your child brings their kit with them in a named swimming bag (costume/trunks, towel (and goggles if worn). **ALL** children **MUST** wear a swimming hat.

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 by Arbor.

New Year – New Topics

We will be sending to you 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 – People who help me

Monkey Puzzle – The World

Oak – Ancient Egypt



School Development Update

We continue to make good progress towards our priorities this year:

Improvement priority 25-26	Progress against priorities
To embed the use of manipulatives across all year groups that supports progression towards abstract representations to allow for improved outcomes for all children.	Children have access to high quality manipulatives and are using these to support their learning and understanding well. Access to targeted support is quicker and addressing misconceptions, the impact of this has been the children are showing more understanding of mathematical concepts.
To further develop the assessments in foundation subjects so that clearly articulate the knowledge and skills learnt and there is an evidence bank to support teacher judgement.	Book looks have shown that there is some evidence of retained knowledge within the topic books, we are working on consistency across the school and that we have strong evidence to support our judgements.
To build a professional development pathway for staff to deepen their expertise in adaptive teaching and SEND.	The training completed so far this year, has not only refreshed and upskilled our staff but enhanced the quality of the support given to children throughout the school, not just those with SEND. Additional resources have been introduced within classrooms to support this training.

Lego Team



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 31st January** in the hopes of making it through to the National Finals.

Term 3&4 clubs

A club letter has been 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.

Please be aware of what time your child's club finishes at, as these vary depending on the club.

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 can be provided by home, we also have fruit boxes in each KS2 class for anyone wishing to take fruit. If you are sending your child's snack into school in a tub, please ensure the tub is named.

Friends Of the School - next meeting Monday 12th January @ 3.15pm

All welcome – Oak classroom



Reminders for Parents

- ✓ **Children are still at times having to walk through clouds of smoke from cigarettes or vapes – secondary smoke is incredibly harmful, please move away from the school gates if you need to smoke or vape.**
- ✓ Hot Meals **MUST** be ordered by 9am on the Tuesday of the week before meals are required.
- ✓ You **MUST** let us know if there is any change to who is collecting your child from school.
- ☞ 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.
- ✓ All KS1 children **MUST** be collected by an adult from the playground.

Upcoming Calendar Dates - so far...

- **Monday 12th January** – FOS mtg@ 3.15pm
- **Tuesday 13th January** – KS1 first swim
- **Saturday 31st January** – Lego competition
- **Thursday 12th February** – FOS Valentine disco – 5pm-7pm
- **Friday 13th February** – End of term 3
- **Monday 23rd February** – Term 4 begins.
- **Monday 9th March** – Science Week begins
- **Friday 20th March** – Comic Relief Day.
- **Thursday 26th March** – FOS Movie night
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Parent assembly @ 9am / **End of term 4**
- **Tuesday 21st April** – Term 5 begins
- **Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May** – KS2 SATS (Year 6)

We will keep you updated with any further dates through email and letter.

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



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.

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

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/>



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 Arbor. 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.

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

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