Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back

I hope you all have had a lovely summer break. We welcome to the school this term 5 new Reception children into Maple class and we also welcome Pyper in Year 3 - I am sure they will enjoy what we have planned. We also welcomed Miss Nikki Parker to our staff team and said goodbye to Miss Wooding who will not be returning following her maternity leave.

I hope your children have been looking forward to returning to school and the teachers have been working hard through the summer break to ensure they have some wonderful learning experiences for them in the coming year. They all looked incredibly keen and smart this morning and had lots to tell me about their summer break in assembly.

Attendance at school

All children arrived on time this morning, with no one being late.

Just a reminder that the school day starts at ***8.45am*** *and the side gate is locked at 8.50am and children arriving after that need to access school through the office. Any child arriving after 9.00am will be recorded as arriving after the registers closes. Please ensure you have read the school's attendance policy which has been sent with this newsletter but can also be found on the website. Persistent lateness can lead to an LCC penalty notice being issued, details of which are in the school's policy.*

A term time holiday should not be taken unless it has exceptional circumstances (this does not include the cost) and will not be authorised by the school and please remember that this works on a cumulative system over 3 years.

KS2 children are still allowed to leave the site unaccompanied to meet parents at the car, if we have written consent from parent/s. ***Please email the school office with this consent even if you did this last year.***

<u>ALL</u> KS1 children <u>MUST</u> be collected by a parent/carer from the playground. Please ensure you notify the school by telephone or email of any changes to the identity of the adult collecting on a particular day.

Reminders for Parents

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Annual update forms are coming home to you – please check the information we hold for you, your child/ren and family and return to school as accurate and no changes needed or with the changes clearly written on.

It is vital that we have the most up to date information in order to contact you swiftly if you are needed.

Food in School

With the introduction of Benedict's Law, staff have undertaken allergy training, and we would remind parents that there should be ***no Nut or nut-based products brought into school****. Please check any items in packed lunches to ensure that they adhere to this.*

Children throughout the school have access to fruit and vegetables at break time for their snack and so no additional snack needs to be sent in. If they do have a snack brought in this should be fruit or vegetable.

Due to changes in guidance over the summer, we are asking that all children who have a snack sit down to eat this before beginning their play.

Food standards in school are changing next year and throughout the year we will provide you with more information on this as we get it on how this will affect our school.

Please ensure your child's lunchbox is a balanced healthy lunchbox.

Cashless

Thank you for your support in moving us to a cashless system over last year. It had a few glitches but on the whole, we feel it was successful.

Parents should continue to use Arbor to make payments, if you encounter any problems please let Miss Redford, in the office, know and she will assist.

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, in particular if you are a working parent, but it is essential to ensure we reduce the spread of infection, especially as we have some immune suppressed children and staff in school.*

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 nit comb, we can try our best to be nit 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 has to be absent, please telephone us as early as possible and leave a voicemail if no one answers. You can 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.

PE and swimming

*Earrings for children should be **removed** for swimming and PE sessions – this is for health and safety reasons. Staff are not permitted to remove these for the children under safeguarding rules.*

Children should continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.

Maple – Wednesday

Both KS2 classes – Thursday

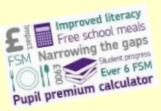
*Oak class only will have swimming sessions beginning on **Tuesday 8th September**. This will be in Billie Finns pool in Pinchbeck.*

*Please ensure your child brings their kit with them on that day (costume/trunks, towel and goggles if needed). **ALL** children who swim **MUST** wear a swim hat for their session.*

NO BIKINIS / LOOSE FITTING SHORTS

We will continue to ask a £1.00 parental contribution towards the cost of transport to the pool which can be paid through Arbor.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals



If you feel you are eligible and meet the criteria for Free School Meals and or Pupil Premium you continue to apply using Lincolnshire's Parent Portal on Lincolnshire County Council's website.

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 able to support the families of children who qualify for Pupil Premium by provision of free uniform items, reduced contributions to trips and free-swimming transport, etc.

Breakfast Club

Can we ask if you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, this is to be done before 5.30pm the night before, unless an emergency one-off attendance is needed. Please use the enquiries@moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk email.

This means staff will know how many children to expect and we can ensure we can accommodate them.

As you can appreciate, staff emails are not always accessed into the evening or before 8am.

Car Parking and turning

The road outside school is always very busy at the beginning and end of the school day.

- *Please keep the zig zag area in front of the school clear.*
- *Please do not use the entrance to the car park to turn your car.*
- *Please do not use our neighbours' driveways or forecourt to turn your car.*
- *Please do not do 3 point turns on Eaugate Road.*
- *Please keep alert to avoid injury to unpredictable young children.*
- *Please keep to the **30-mph** speed limit on Eaugate Road, Roman Road and Fengate.*

Communication with school

*We continue to use paper, email and **Arbor** to attempt to keep you up to date with what is going on. If you change your email address, please let us know so that we can update our records. If you have any difficulty setting yourself up on the Arbor app let us know please.*

Friends Of the School - next meeting Wednesday 16th September 3.15pm

We are always very grateful for the additional opportunities and experiences that our friends of the school provide the children with. – but they need more members in order to ensure that they can continue to provide these for the children. If you think that you can commit to helping at events, please contact the school and we can pass you details on or please feel free to attend the next meeting.

Clothing…

Just a reminder… I still have some boy's clothes remaining from Hilltop visit that have yet to be claimed – if your son lost any clothing, please come and see me and it may be in my bag!
Also, please don't forget if you have any old sweatshirts / cardigans with school emblem embroidered we will happily take them to repurpose them for leavers bunnies.

Upcoming Events

- ***Tuesday 8th September -*** *Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) first swim.*
- ***Wednesday 16th September –*** *FOS meeting @ 3.15pm in mobile.*
- ***Friday 18th September*** *- Jeans for Genes Day - £1.00 to come to school in your jeans*
- ***Tuesday 29th September*** *– School photographer in – family and individuals only*
- ***Monday 19th October & Tuesday 20th October –*** *Parent consultations*
- ***Friday 23rd October*** *– Harvest Festival– Key Stage 2 Only – 2pm @ St James' Church*
- ***Friday 23rd October*** *– Last day of term 1*
- ***Monday 2nd November –*** *Start of term 2*
- ***Tuesday 3rd November –*** *Monkey Puzzle start swimming sessions*
- ***Friday 13th November -*** *Children in Need day*
- ***Thursday 10th December –*** *Xmas productions*
- ***Tuesday 15th December –*** *School Panto visit*
- ***Friday 18th December –*** Parent celebration assembly – 9am
- ***Friday 18th December –*** *End of term 2*
- ***Tuesday 5th January 2027 – Beginning of term 3***

I thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to working with you again this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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