Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back

Looking in the diary, there are just 7 more Fridays till Christmas (Don't tell the children!!) and the talk of Christmas plays has begun. KS2 children have already been given their parts for the play, although they do not need to bring costumes in just yet – Christmas plans are beginning to take shape.

We want to say a huge congratulations to Jaxon in Oak class. Over half term he travelled to Cadiz and became the WKC World Champion in his division. Not only did he return triumphant but also picked up a silver and 2 bronze medals as well – Well done Jaxon.



Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend Parents Evening before we broke up, we had 86.2% of parents attend.

Cashless

Thank you to those parents who have been using Arbor to support our drive to become cashless – it is really appreciated. If you have any issues with the new system, then please do get in touch. Also, Miss Redford has a SumUp machine that can be used if it is easier for you to make card payments if this is helpful to anyone.

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.
- ✓ **It is vital that we have the most up to date information in order to contact you swiftly if you are needed, so please update Arbor with any changes.**

School Priorities 26-27

Governors met last term and approved the school priorities for this coming year:

1. *To improve attainment, so that more pupils, particularly those who are disadvantaged, achieve the expected standard in all areas.*
2. *To continue to improve the consistency of curriculum design and implementation across all subjects so that pupils securely acquire the intended knowledge and skills.*
3. *For staff to consistently identify and address gaps and misconceptions in pupils' knowledge across the curriculum, including foundational knowledge, so that pupils build secure understanding and are able to successfully access new learning.*

These all link into our most recent Ofsted visit.

Attendance at school



Term 1 attendance overall= 96.2%

Attendance last term

Just 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 1 we did see a decline in children arriving late to school on more than 1 occasion – which is positive. All our lessons begin at 8.50am and so those that do arrive after that time are missing vital learning.

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.***

ALL KS1 children MUST 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.

PE and swimming changes



Swimming this term – Monkey Puzzle class

Swimming sessions begin on ***Tuesday 3rd November (tomorrow)****. This will continue to be at Billie Finns pool in Pinchbeck.*

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

NO BIKINIS / LOOSE FITTING SHORTS

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

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

Mrs Hyde has asked that children wear appropriate trainers for PE days in KS2, some children have begun wearing 'fashion' trainers and hi-tops for PE and these are not suitable as they do not have the proper grip on the sole and make accidents more likely.

Website

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



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 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 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 if 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.



Food in School

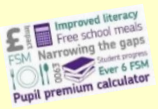
Children in Maple class do not need to bring a snack to school for playtime as this is provided for them by the Government fruit and Veg scheme. We provide a fruit snack for children in KS2 if they require it.

Please ensure if your child is having a packed lunch then this is a balanced healthy lunch for them.

Upcoming Events

- ***Monday 2nd November –*** *Start of term 2*
- ***Tuesday 3rdNovember –*** *MP class 1st swim*
- ***Thursday 5th November –*** *FOS mtg@ 3.15pm*
- ***Friday 13th November -*** *Children in Need Day*
- ***Friday 13th November –*** *Flu Vaccines*
- ***Wednesday 2nd December –*** *Oak class trip*
- ***Monday 7th December -*** *Secret room begins -Oak*
- ***Tuesday 8th December –*** *Secret room – MP*
- ***Wednesday 9th December –*** *Secret room - Maple*
- ***Thursday 10th December –*** *Xmas productions at Community Centre*
- ***Friday 11th December –*** *Secret room – 'mop up'*
- ***Friday 11th December –*** *Take home tasks into school*
- ***Tuesday 15th December –*** *School Panto visit*
- ***Wednesday 16th December –*** Xmas party day @ Sessions House – Spalding
- ***Thursday 17th December –*** Pyjamas and slipper day
- ***Friday 18th December –***Celebration assembly – 9am (Parents welcome)
- ***Friday 18th December –*** *End of term 2*
- ***Tuesday 5th January 2027 – Beginning of term 2***

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals



How this is allocated has changed and so I would urge anyone that feels they may be entitled to either Free School Meals for their child or Pupil Premium to re-apply. Please see letter attached in the email distribution of this newsletter.

Apply using Lincolnshire's Parent Portal.

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals

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.

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.*

Friends Of the School - next meeting Thursday 5th November 3.15pm

All the children seemed to enjoy the film night put on by the Friends of the School before the half term break. We are always very grateful for the additional opportunities and experiences that they provide the children with. They continue to need more members/helpers in order to ensure that they can continue to provide these for the children.

Points for discussion: Events for the spring term, next year's Summer fete

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

