



Newsletter September 2018

Welcome back everyone; I hope you have all had a nice summer.

Staffing

We wish to welcome Miss Johnson to the school who teaches Class M supported by Mrs Hughes.

Entering School

Thank you again for leaving children at the gate and back door as requested. This seems to be working very well, children are becoming independent and there is less congestion in the cloakrooms. Please can we ask you not to give messages about children to the staff on gate duty, they are there to monitor and supervise children. Please inform the office who will pass any messages on to the relevant teacher.

Attendance

This has once again become an issue across school. We are now going to hold regular attendance panel meetings which parents of children with poor attendance will be asked to attend, along with the Education Welfare Officer. An action plan will be produced and the situation monitored moving forward. Please remember – regularly arriving late to school is classed as an unauthorised absence and contributes to attendance percentages.

Star Value Collective Worship

Every Friday we have a School Value Collective Worship where children are awarded for their achievements during school time. We would like to invite parents of children receiving a star value award to join us in this special school celebration. You will be contacted by text on the Thursday afternoon. Although this is short notice, you are very welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Our Collective Worship starts at 9am and usually lasts about 20 minutes.

Flu Immunisation

Children from Reception to Year 5 are entitled to the flu vaccine at school. Letters were emailed or a paper copy sent on 11th September. Please read it carefully. You need to go online, complete a form and enter a code if you wish your child to receive it. There is a phone number if you have any questions. Please note – it is not an injection and parents are not required to be in school when it is administered. The majority of children will not be entitled to this from their doctor's surgery.

Parents Evening

The first one of the year will be 1st and 3rd October. They will be set up on Parentmail and you will be able to book from 6pm on Sunday 16th September. Parents are responsible for booking their own. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long for parents to see how their child has settled back into school. If, during this appointment, you would like to discuss something further, another appointment will need to be made at a later date. If you have not already downloaded the parentmail app, please do so. It makes appointment booking much easier.

School Photos

The photographer is coming on Friday 5th October am. All children will be individually photographed and all siblings in school will be photographed together. If you have younger children and would like

them photographing, please let the office know by 1st October. They will need to be here around 8.30 - 9am. Please note we only photograph children and their younger siblings, not any other family members, thank you.

Earrings

These cannot be worn for swimming or PE and staff are not allowed to remove them. Please ensure that if your child has their ears pierced they can remove them themselves, or they are taken out before they come to school. It is much appreciated if ears are pierced at the beginning of the long summer holiday and they practise taking them out before they come back to school.

PE

Please be aware that **all** children need trainers in their PE kit. As the weather is already quite cool they also need a pair of joggers/ leggings and sweatshirt to do PE in. Children do PE outside as much as possible. They will get changed after all clubs to try and prevent kit going home and not returning for the lessons.

School Fruit

KS1 children are provided with free fruit for snack time as part of a government initiative. The school pays for fruit for KS2 so every child has a piece.

School Milk

Our school provides milk free of charge to children in Reception, for the whole of their Reception year. Parents can purchase a carton of milk for older children through the Cool Milk website:

www.coolmilk.com

Head Lice

We appear to have head lice in school already. PLEASE check your child's hair on a regular basis when they are at school. If everyone combs conditioner through with a nit comb each time you wash your child's hair, this will help prevent a lot of outbreaks.

School Meals

If your child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) but you do not wish to have the meals all the time, please login and cancel the ones you do not require. These meals are not fully funded by the government and there is a cost implication to the school which can be reduced if any meals not required are cancelled. Thankyou.

Free School Meals

Once again the Government has changed the way parents apply for free school meals if they are on low incomes. It is no longer something school does on your behalf. If you think you may qualify for them due to being on a low income or you receive benefits, please apply through the new parent portal: <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>. If you require assistance with the application, please speak to Mrs Walker in the office. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and already receives FSM, you do not need to do anything.

Parentmail

New parents should have received a link to activate their parentmail account by now. If you have not already registered your online account and downloaded our app – please do so. It will make paying for trips, booking parents evening appointments and reporting absences much easier for you. A new activation link will have been sent to your email account today, if we have your email on record.

Text/Emails

We aim to communicate as much as possible via text and email. If your mobile number or email address has changed recently, please contact the office. This newsletter is going out via email and paper copies but in future it will be emailed if we have your address.

Swimming

Please remember swimming is £2 per week if you have not already paid up to half term.

PTFA

The school has a very active and committed PTFA who raise much appreciated funds for the school. New members are needed! Please come along to the next meeting to see what they do.

School Uniform

Our supplier is Nationwide Uniform based at Spilsby. You will be able to go and purchase uniform from their shop or order it online and have free delivery to school.

Mrs Moore
Headteacher

Diary Dates

September

14th Friday: 11+ Verbal reasoning

16th Sunday: Parents evening appointments can be booked from 6pm

21st Friday: 11+ Non verbal

25th Tuesday: Harvest Festival 9.10am in church. Everyone welcome.

October

1st Monday: Parents evening 3.30 – 6pm

3rd Wednesday: 3.30pm to 5pm

5th Friday: Individual school photos. Every child will be photographed individually and with any siblings who are in school. If you wish to bring younger siblings please contact the office by 1st October.

16th Tuesday: Collective Worship in Church 9.10am– Everyone welcome

19th Friday: Last day of term. Please note: we return on **TUESDAY 30th October**

November

12th Monday: Bikeability for Year 5's

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16th Friday: Children in Need – more details to follow nearer the time

27th Tuesday: Collective Worship in church, everyone welcome 9.10am

December

12th Wednesday: Christmas Performance in the church. 1.30pm and 6pm. Children do not need to be at the evening one until 5.55pm in their costumes. All children are in both performances.

20th Thursday: Last day of term. We return Monday 7th January

March

7th: World Book Day – children can come to school as their favourite story book character and bring their book with them. Please name their books.

15th Friday: Comic Relief more details to follow.

June

25th Tuesday: Sports Day am

Term dates for 2018/2019 are on the school website.