



Newsletter - Friday 26th March

Staffing update

Our Governors are committed to recruiting the best possible candidate to the substantive role of Headteacher for our school family. With the disruption caused by the pandemic the Governors have decided to extend the interim roles of our current leadership team; Miss Mottram, Mr Hoodless, Mrs McCabe-Reeson and myself until August 2022. This will enable the Governors to undertake the complete recruitment process in the future without hopefully, the restrictions caused by the pandemic, enabling us to welcome prospective candidates into school, organise face to face interviews and invite candidates to meet our wonderful children and staff.

Our current leadership team our committed to working with you, the staff and governors for the benefit of all of our children. All our staff will continue to provide your children with the teaching and learning, care and kindness they need to reconnect and build for their futures.

On a sad note we will be saying goodbye to Mr Frost at the end of this Spring term as he is moving house and has gained a new teaching post in Nottinghamshire. He has been a valued member of our staff team for over 8 years and will be sadly missed. We wish him well in the future and thank him for everything he has done to make a positive difference to our children. Miss Jo Addison will be joining our team after Easter, to teach our Year 6 children and continue to help them prepare for their transition to secondary school during the Summer term. I am sure you will all join us in welcoming her to Tattershall Primary School.

Comic Relief

A huge thank you to all of our school family who contributed donations to Comic relief on our non-uniform day. You continue to go above and beyond in the toughest of times and we raised **£138.76** which is an amazing amount of money which we have been able to forward to Comic Relief. Your kindness will be much appreciated from those who will benefit from the money raised.



Swimming

KS2 parents should have received a letter about our return to swimming lessons at Jubilee Park in Woodhall Spa. Please make sure your child has everything they require for these lessons before the start of the summer term, including named towels. School Money reminders and visit consent forms will also have been sent home where we require up to date information.



RAF STEM event

During British Science week our Year 6 children took part in a virtual STEM event run by the STEM event team at RAF Coningsby. Our children were split into groups as companies who had to design their own aircraft to win an RAF contract.

A mandatory list of features were provided alongside options for each component such as cockpit designs and engines with their corresponding costs. At the end of the afternoon the teams had to present their persuasive Dragon's Den presentations to the STEM team consisting of engineers and a Typhoon pilot in a competition to have their aircraft design selected as the winner according to the best considered, presented and costed.

The children had an amazing day and despite only having been back into school as a whole class for 3 days prior to the event they worked successfully in their company teams.



Discover Arts Awards

Our Year 1 and 2 children, who created a Stanley dog puppet in November, when we were learning about Remembrance Day and the animals who received the Dickin Medal for their bravery, have received their Discover Arts Awards certificates this week. They have patiently waited for their delivery but we are very proud that some of our youngest children have successfully achieved this Arts Award for their learning, writing and art work.

Our Year 6 children worked virtually alongside poet Ash Dickinson to create some powerful poems also inspired by Remembrance. Ash was most impressed by vocabulary choices and emotional storytelling and Discover Arts Awards have also been received by those children in Year 6 who took part in the learning.



Congratulations to each child and a big thank you to Lincolnshire Investigate Learning for supporting us with this project. Once again, our children are celebrated and recognised for their creative skills. Many thanks to staff who supported these activities in the Autumn term.

Contact Tracing over the Easter holidays

We are going to continue with contact tracing over Easter, similar to the arrangements over Christmas. Parents and carers only need to inform the school by email to enquiries@tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk of a positive case where a child develops symptoms within 48 hours of being at school.

We will need to know close contacts and advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their 'bubble'. After the first 6 days of the Easter holidays we will no longer be responsible for contract tracing at which point all positive cases in any children should be dealt with through NHS Test and Trace.

Please contact school on the first day of the summer term if your child is self-isolating and not able to return to school on Monday 12th April.



Parent Consultations

Teachers have been making calls this week to parents to discuss how your child has reconnected with learning now we are all back in school, alongside their progress and some targets for the future. Over the Easter holiday please encourage your child to continue reading their sounds or books as well as sitting down with you to hear some stories.



Many thanks for the Parent Survey responses. Overwhelmingly, the responses were extremely positive and the results have been added to our website. Staff have felt supported and appreciated by kind words from parents and by continuing to work together we will continue to work with you to build your child's skills and knowledge.

Keeping in touch



If you change any of your contact details please remember to let the school office know. This is vital should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Also please make sure you are receiving our emails - we regularly send out information and news via email so if we don't have your correct email address you may miss something important! If you think you have missed something you can also find information, dates and letters on our noticeboards and also on our website.

www.tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk

National Tutoring Programme

We have welcomed Mrs Morris to our school to deliver face to face additional tutoring to some of our children, paid for through the National Tutoring Programme. She is currently working with 3 groups of children each day, for a hour each, focusing on building children's skills and knowledge in either reading, writing or maths.

This does not include our children in Class 1 but both Mrs Brandrick and Mrs Warburton have received training since the Autumn term in delivering the new Neli programme, which is targeted at Reception aged children.

This has now been started with some of our youngest children to support their language development. We plan to offer these additional interventions to as many children as possible until the end of the Summer term.



End of term assembly

Having our children all settling back into school successfully and reconnecting with their friends and teachers in their bubbles as well as with their learning has been really heart-warming and we have so much to be grateful for including your support.

We are going to end our term with our traditional Celebration assembly where we will present our Headteachers' Awards, other certificates and our Values award winner prize. We are continuing to bring our school family together via Zoom and invite parents and carers to join us. We will send out a link towards the end of next week. It would be lovely to welcome as many of you as possible to join us on Thursday 1st April at 9am.

Farm Kitchen reminder

Just a quick reminder that the deadline for ordering school meals is 3pm on Tuesdays for the following week. To order go to www.thefarmkitchen.com or contact school if you wish to have any further information.



Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals you will be receiving, via email, a shopping voucher to the value of £35 before the end of term. These have been funded by Lincolnshire County Council through the Covid Winter Grant scheme.

Many thanks once again for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Catherine Richardson

Headteacher

