



Newsletter Friday 11th February

Dear parents and carers,

I hope everyone is looking forward to half-term and some fine weather next week to get outdoors.

I would once again like to thank our whole school family who have continued to support each other during what has been the most challenging of terms in relation to the numbers of children and staff whose attendance in school has been impacted by Covid-19. Our staff have gone above and beyond once again, planning and delivering learning to help children make accelerated progress. Our children have been a delight to teach and despite many having their learning disrupted by having to self-isolate or missing members of staff they have continued to focus on what they have been asked to do to support their progress. Thank you too for your continued support including meeting with teachers to update you on your child's progress. We have managed to keep the school open and all classes learning in school.

We have made a few changes to our lunchtime routines. The children are now more independent when collecting their hot meals and know what meal they are going to be served. We are working on their tidying up skills once they have finished their meals and also encouraging everyone to eat as much as they can to avoid food going to waste. Lots of children are now more confident using a knife and fork to cut up their food. We love to help but want our children to become more independent. Raffle tickets are awarded for children who clear their plates, bowls or finish all their packed lunch and also for tidying away and cleaning their table. Extra playtime will be awarded to the winning table.

Thank you to Miss Cook who supported a group of Year 1 children who took part in a Sleaford Area All Stars Cricket Festival recently. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were super sporting ambassadors for our school. I know Miss Cook was super proud of their sporting values.

Values Champion

Our Values Champion for this half term was nominated by Joshua for showing our value of honesty. Congratulations to Lily who chose a colouring book for her prize.



Tree planting

Three trees have been donated by the Parish Council as part of the Lincolnshire County Council tree planting scheme. As a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, all children have helped with the planting. It was great fun and we have lots of children keen to water them in to help them establish.



PTA Valentines non Uniform Day



Our Valentines non-uniform day was a lovely array of red and pink today. Thank you to everyone for the donations. We managed to raise £114.42 All proceeds go to school initiatives.

Free School Meal Entitled children: Half Term holiday food vouchers

If your child is entitled to free school meals, £15 worth of supermarket vouchers have been emailed to parents for half-term in the usual way. Please see details below if you wish to check to see if your child may be entitled to free school meals.

Free School Meals and how to apply

If you claim any benefits, you can find out if your child is eligible for free school meals, whatever their age, by completing a simple check. As school budgets are becoming increasingly stretched the additional funding we receive related to the number of children who qualify for free school meals, helps support all our children with their learning through the Pupil Premium (Please note this is separate to Universal Free School meals that all KS1 children are entitled to because of their age). To apply for free school meals for your child simply go onto the following link online: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/ or contact Lincolnshire County Council Free School Meals Team on 01522 782030

Reminder: Order deadline for The Farm Kitchen

Just a reminder if you wish to order meals from The Farm Kitchen, the deadline is by 3pm on Tuesday 15th February for our return on the week beginning 21st February.

School Transport

If your child is starting primary or secondary school in September 2022 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020."For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.



Attendance Prize Winner

Our target is 97% for attendance and we celebrated all those children who have achieved that in our final assembly of the term with a certificate. Congratulations to George, our Attendance Prize Winner who received a £30 Argos voucher.

Colder Weather



Even though the weather is now decidedly colder, the children still love to play outside and are encouraged to do so. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing such as a warm winter coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Also, should the school need to close in the event of severe weather, we will send you a text message and contact the local radio stations. Please listen to Lincs FM or BBC Radio Lincolnshire or visit them online.

School Uniform

All our school uniform is available to order from MAPAC. They not only sell jackets, jumpers, cardigans and bags embroidered with our school logo but you can also buy trousers, skirts, summer dresses, shirts and even socks. All at very reasonable prices. Visit www.mapac.com



DIARY DATES

21 st February	Start of Term 4
w/b 21 st February	After School Clubs return for Term 4
25 th February	PTA Easter Chocolate non uniform day: Chocolate donations
3 rd March	World Book Day: Children can dress up as their favourite book character. (See letter sent via email today)
18 th March	Red Nose Day
19 th March	Music For Youth Festival, Boston (Details to follow once our performance time is confirmed)
31 st March	End of Term

Take care and thank you all for your continued support.

Catherine Richardson

Headteacher

