



## Newsletter Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Dear parents and carers,

The warm sunshine this week has meant that all playtimes have been spent on the field with games of football, challenges on the trim trail and children enjoying all the natural space to run around and play.

It has been a very hectic fortnight since my last newsletter to you. Covid has been an ever present issue that we have had to deal with. Numbers of children absent has increased since the start of term alongside staff which has had an impact on those in school who are covering more roles and also doing their best to set remote learning.

Thank you to the whole staffing team and our school family who have been supportive and understanding when things have not quite gone to plan. We are hoping that once we get to the Easter break we will hopefully reduce the spread of infections.

### Ukraine Refugee Collection

Donations were extremely generous towards the local Ukraine refugee collection which we contributed to last week. It was a tremendous effort by our school family and boxes and bags of donations are now on their way to help some of those people displaced by the war. Many thanks to the Lions for collecting our donations.



### Chocolate Hamper Treasure Hunt



Winning numbers will be drawn at the end of next week for our PTA Chocolate Hamper Treasure hunt. The chocolate prizes look very tempting and sales of numbers have been well supported. Don't forget to buy your ahead of next week's draw on Thursday.

### Music For Youth Festival

With 2 years lost to the pandemic it was great to be able to return with our choir and brass players to the Music For Youth Festival in Boston last weekend. Staff reported how amazing our children were, representing our school with excellent behaviour and more importantly, stunning performances. They received praise from all quarters and we are super proud of their singing and playing.

Being able to perform once again to an audience really was quite magical.



### Attendance and Values Award winner

Our attendance and values prize winners will be chosen on Friday. We have purchased some new stickers for those children who have achieved 97% attendance or higher this term, which we are sure children will be proud to have on their uniform.



### After School Clubs

Please note all after school clubs finish this week except Carres Sports Club which will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Seekers Club has been cancelled for next week. We will be sending home a new clubs list for next term today. Please return your forms as soon as possible in order for us to organise clubs in good time.

### End of term

Our Spring term will end on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Please note children will be back to school on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** as there is an extra bank holiday day for the Queen's Jubilee.

### Relief Midday Supervisor vacancy

We have a fantastic opportunity for an energetic and caring relief midday supervisor to join our friendly team to help us ensure that our school provides a safe, organised and friendly lunch time for all our children. If you think you could be that person further details can be found on our school website: <http://www.tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk>

### Year 6 SATS



Our Year 6 children will be doing their SATS assessment during the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Government are reintroducing them after 2 years of not asking children to complete them because of the effects of the pandemic.

Our children will do their very best and we will continue to ensure they are as ready as possible for secondary school before the end of the school year. Please ensure your child is in school

each day by avoiding making appointments during that week. Please keep you look out for a Tea and Toast letter too from Mr Roark!

### Warmer weather

At last warmer weather is here. Please ensure you send your child into school with 2 full water bottles for them to remain hydrated throughout the school day with secure lids to avoid spills. We would encourage you not to send in flavoured water or juice following Government guidance as the sugar content can damage their teeth.



### Red Nose Day

Comic Relief is now an annual fundraising event and our non-uniform day helped to raise **£80** to support the charity

## HAF Programme for free school meal entitled children

Bringing children and young people some Easter excitement! Children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a wide-range of exciting activities and a meal plus snacks for free this Easter.

"The HAF programme is designed to provide eligible children with a range of engaging activities, as well as free, healthy food. In addition, being with their friends will aid their emotional wellbeing and social development. "Hundreds of children have already taken part in our previous programmes, and the feedback from families has been fantastic. So, if your family is eligible for the programme, don't let your child miss out." You can find further details on how to book your child on to a club, including a list of participating venues, at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/holiday-activities-food-programme>.

## Free School Meal Entitled children: Easter Holiday Vouchers

If your child is entitled to free school meals, £40 worth of supermarket vouchers will be emailed to parents for the break next week. 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. (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/](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/) or contact Lincolnshire County Council Free School Meals Team on 01522 782030

## DIARY DATES

31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term (Easter Hamper Hunt Draw)
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
w/b 20 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2 Swimming lessons begin (letter with dates sent home today)
25 <sup>th</sup> April	w/b After School Clubs restart
9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS WEEK
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in School
27 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports afternoon (reserve date 23 <sup>rd</sup> June)

Take care and thank you all for your continued support.

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