



# Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful week we have had at the start of our new academic year. We have enjoyed some lovely sunshine and the children have been a delight. Those smiles have been with us all week. We have welcomed new children to our school family in all classes and our team and existing children on roll have helped them settle into the new routines and environment. It has been exciting to see new relationships develop and the children adjust so successfully to the changes we have made away from 'bubbles'. What resilient young girls and boys we have.

I would also like to formally welcome our new members of staff to our team: Mr Law, Mr Roark and Miss Addison alongside other new adults working alongside our children: Miss Sinden, Mr Phillips and Mrs Mitchell. We have an experiences team who will continue to work hard to ensure every child reaches their potential.

Mrs Brandrick, who has been a dedicated, highly skilled and valued teaching assistant at our school for many years has moved house during the holiday to Wiltshire. Sadly, the commute would be too far for her so we have had to say a very sad goodbye. We have thanked her for all her work with the many children she has taught and wished her and her family well in the future.

Sad news also reached us over the holiday that former PCSO Alison Evans, who had been one of our school Governors, died in August. She supported many of our families during her time working in the Tattershall area and she worked with many of our children in school supporting them with road safety learning and making use of speed cameras in the market place. Our condolences were passed on to her family, friends and colleagues.

## **Playground markings**

Money from our PE and Sports Premium has been spent on new netball court markings alongside target games on our playgrounds. New badminton court markings have been added to the hall floor too. These will support our offer of a variety of sporting games to our children.

## **Phonics and Reading**

The Government have withdrawn the Letters and Sounds Framework which we have previously used to deliver phonics teaching to our children to develop their reading skills. The DFE have validated a new 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' Phonics scheme which we have purchased and are excited to get to grips with through staff training.

There will be some changes to how we teach phonics and reading fluency to our youngest children as well as those children requiring phonics teaching throughout the school. We will provide parents with all the necessary information you need to support your child once we get started. We are currently awaiting delivery of the resources we ordered before the summer holiday. Please bear with us as we learn to work with the materials and resources too.



### Microsoft Teams

Letters have been sent out to update you on our transition to Microsoft Teams for our home learning platform. Please sign the guidelines document and return to school to acknowledge receipt of the information. Again, staff are getting to grips with this and will be on a learning journey alongside many of you as we make use of this technology to support the children's learning.



Class 1 will still be making use of Tapestry for their Learning Journeys and homework which has proved to be a successful online tool where we are able to work with parents to collect information about each child's development and progress.

If we did have to return to remote learning all live lessons would be delivered using Microsoft Teams. If you need any support please get in touch.

### After-school clubs



Letters will be on their way to you today. We will do our best to offer as many children as possible an opportunity to take part in an after school club. Class 1 will be offered a club later in the school year. Please return your club letter as soon as possible as Clubs will have limited spaces.

### Hot school meals

With the removal of 'bubbles' we are now able to make use of the school hall for assemblies, PE lessons and lunches. As a result, we are going to return to offering hot school meals to our children in the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September.



The Farm Kitchen will be placing hot dinner menus on their website [www.thefarmkitchen.com](http://www.thefarmkitchen.com) for orders to be placed by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September for the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September. If you need a log in or have any queries please contact the farm kitchen on [enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com](mailto:enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com) or the school office. Menus can also be viewed on the school website.

ALL children in Classes 1, 2 and 3 are entitled to universal free school meals and these can be ordered each week, on the Tuesday prior to the week they will be served. You must order a meal to make sure one is delivered to school. If meals have not been ordered we will contact a parent who must then bring lunch into school.

Your child will still need to bring their own filled water bottle into school for their lunchtime drink due to the hygiene restrictions on using the water dispensers.

If 'bubbles' are put back in place following any outbreak of Covid 19 we may have to return to packed lunches.

### **Free School Meals and how to apply**

You can find out if your child is eligible for free school meals if you claim any benefits, 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/](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/) or contact Lincolnshire County Council Free School Meals Team on 01522 782030



During the pandemic, those children who have been eligible for free school meals have been provided with shopping vouchers or food parcels during the school holidays so it is beneficial to apply to ensure no child goes hungry. If your child is eligible for free school meals they will remain eligible until the end of their primary school phase.

### **Brass Instruments**

Mr Chambers is back with us and all set for an exciting term of music making. Year 5 and 6 children need to wash their instruments (instructions provided via email) and return them for next week's lesson. It is exciting to see our new brass players enthusiastic to learn.



### **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. A form has been sent home this week for parents to update any details.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you change address or contact details. We are aware that some forms have not printed from our system with the correct surgery details so please check and return to let us know any corrections or changes.

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](http://www.tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk)

## Flu Vaccinations

This week we sent out an email reminder for Flu vaccinations. The nurses are coming into school on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** for all Year groups. Please fill in the NHS form we sent you online to give your permission if you wish your child to be vaccinated in school. The vaccination is free and a simple spray up the nose. All vaccinated children will also be given a sticker. If you have any queries you can contact the immunisation team on 01522 572950.



## Relief Midday Supervisor vacancy

We have a fantastic opportunity available 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>

We would welcome applications as soon as possible.

## DIARY DATES

17 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11 plus Reasoning Test</li></ul>
20 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Clubs start. Letters going out this week</li></ul>
24 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11 plus Verbal Reasoning</li></ul>
1 <sup>st</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Silly Hat fundraiser PTA</li></ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 Bikeability</li></ul>
14 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wrates Photography individual photos</li></ul>
19 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flu Vaccines for whole school (with permission)</li></ul>
21 <sup>st</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End of Term</li></ul>

**Thank you all for your continued support**

*Catherine Richardson*

Headteacher

