



Newsletter Thursday 21st October

Dear parent and carers,

We have successfully reached the end of this half term and although we have had several positive Covid cases amongst our school family we have been able to continue to deliver lessons in school for the majority of children. We have had the pleasure of children coming together for whole school assemblies, for lunch and joining in with fundraising activities that make a difference to others.

Our children really are amazing, and we could not be prouder of them. Behaviour is outstanding in classrooms and on the playground and attitudes to learning are exemplary. Everyone has earned a well-deserved break over the half term holiday, and I know staff will welcome a few days to hopefully 'switch off' from schoolwork too. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and the children to make this term enjoyable, fun and full of positive learning and progress.

Today we have chosen this terms Attendance Prize winner out of all the children who have achieved 97% attendance or above this term. A £30 Argos voucher was won by Joshua.

We also chose our Values Winner who was nominated by a friend for showing respect and forgiveness, congratulations to Lily.



We had Headteacher Award winners in every class who received certificates, as well as lunchtime award winners and Bronze award winners who have achieved at least 25 success starts this term. Photos of our winners are on our school website. Take a look each week to see if your child is on our 'Wall of Fame'. Certificates should be heading home with your child today if they have received one this morning in our Celebration Assembly.

Castle Visit

A visit to Tattershall Castle was enjoyed by Class 3 children yesterday. Thank you to Mrs McCabe-Reeson for organising this with the volunteers at the castle. We want our children to be aware of local history and with such a magnificent building in the village is it great that our children get to experience its history through their learning.

Open Day

We have lots of bookings for our Open Day tour on November 9th. If you know someone who has a child who will start school next September, please let them know that they are welcome to see our curriculum in action if they please give us a ring beforehand on 01526 342045.



School Council

Our newly elected School Council members have started to make plans for next term. They were presented with their much-anticipated badges in our Celebration Assembly this morning.

Online Safety

This week we have had some children playing games related to the Squid Game television show on Netflix. This series has an age restriction of 15 and is therefore not appropriate for children of primary age. We know no parent would want their child watching this but it is important to be aware how easily children can be subjected to this content through it appearing on other platforms such as Tik Tok and Instagram.



We would encourage anyone with a Netflix subscription to ensure their parental controls are set up and that their child account is actively used. If you require any help with this, we will be happy to help.

<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

After half-term we will be delivering some e-safety lessons to our KS2 children to support them in remaining safe online.

Toys and mobile phones reminder

Just a reminder that children are not to bring toys into school or mobile phones. Our Covid risk assessment limits what children bring into school from home so that we are reducing the risk of spreading infection. We do have games for the children to play with during Golden Time and wet breaks and we do not have the facilities to clean toys from home.

Mobile phones must not be brought into school as we can't guarantee their safety and children do not need access to them throughout the school day. If we need to contact you we will always ring you from the office. Children are not allowed to make use of a mobile phone during school hours from the school premises to ensure everyone's safety.

Academic Mentor

After half-term we will be welcoming Ms Anderson to our school team. She is being employed as an Academic Mentor to target small groups of children and individuals with learning to help them reach age-expected levels. We are able to fund this role through the support of the Government's tutoring programme. She will be with



us right through to the end of July. Last year Mr Bunn provided effective additional support to children which helped accelerate progress. Ms Anderson's role will be similar, and she will be able to focus on even more children this year starting with targeting phonics and early reading skills.

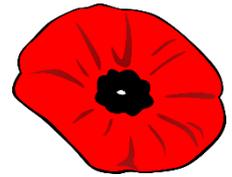
Parents' workshops



Our phonics and reading workshop was well attended and parents were enthusiastic about our new Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme. Mr Roark also had a really positive turn out for his Microsoft Teams workshop on Wednesday evening. We plan to run similar workshops in the future as we grow a stronger partnership with parents.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal this year by selling poppies and other products to raise funds to support the British Legion. An email was sent home yesterday to provide you with more information. Please send any money into school in a named envelope or purse.



Children in Need

Our School Council are making plans for our Children in Need fundraising day. If you want to put plans in place ahead of 19th November, I have been let into the secret that everyone will be invited to wear something spotty for the day. Further plans will be shared after half-term.

11+ results and Secondary School applications

It is not for every child to sit the 11+ verbal and non-verbal tests that the Grammar school offers our Year 6 children each Autumn term. However, I would like to congratulate our children who took the test this year on their mature attitude and resilience. 6 of our children reached the standard required and I am delighted that despite all the challenges that Covid has thrown at this particular group of Year 6 children, 27% of Class 6 have the opportunity to apply for a Grammar School place.

Applications for all secondary school places must be completed by 31st

October. Please apply online if your child will start Y7 in September 2022. Pupils with an EHCP do not need to apply through this process. Apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on **01522 782030**.



Marathon Success

I cannot let this term end without a 'shout out' for Mrs Renshaw who successfully completed the Virtual London Marathon raising **over £700** for The Dog's Trust. A keen runner, this was Mrs Renshaw's first (and possibly last) marathon, and we celebrated her huge achievement with the children who were offered an insight into her experience during an assembly. Mrs Renshaw may be our first staff marathon runner but we never know which of our children she may have inspired to have a go in the future. Well done Mrs Renshaw- you deserve to put your feet up now for a rest!



Sports Crew and Handball Tournament

Our Year 5 Sports Crew visited St Michael's in Coningsby for a morning's training for their new roles before being presented with badges, hats and tabards in our Celebration assembly. They have already re-organised the play equipment and started running games at breaks and lunchtimes. Our Handball team used all their skills and determination to finish a very respectable 2nd in a tournament held on our playing field last Friday. Sporting competitions are now being put in the diary and it is wonderful to have our children active and engaged in lots of different sports.



Denim Day

Thank you to everyone for taking part and donating to the PTA Non-Uniform Denim Day , we managed to raise an amazing **£102** towards school initiatives.

Food Shopping vouchers

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals you should have received a £15 shopping voucher from the new Household Support Fund grant by the end of this week. Each child will also receive £30 of shopping vouchers for the Christmas holiday period. If you receive benefit payments your child may be eligible for these shopping vouchers. Please check here: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/ or contact Lincolnshire County Council Free School Meals Team on 01522 782030

Hot school meals

Hot dinner menus can be ordered on the website www.thefarmkitchen.com

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 bottles into school for their lunchtime drink due to the hygiene restrictions on using the water dispensers.



Christmas Lunch from the Farm Kitchen

Our Christmas Lunch date is Wednesday 15th December. The menus are online now at www.thefarmkitchen.com

DIARY DATES

21 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Term
1 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term 2 begins
9 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Day (For Reception places 2022 please call for an appointment time)
11 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RAF Coningsby Remembrance Service (Representatives from school attend and lay a wreath)
19 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children in Need Day

Please return any remaining reply slips for photo permissions or educational visits.

Enjoy the half-term break. School finishes at the end of today, Thursday 21st October and we look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 1st November.

Take care, be kind and thank you all for your continuing support.

Catherine Richardson

Headteacher

