



TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back

I hope you all have had a lovely summer break. We welcome to the school this term 7 new Reception children into Maple class and we also welcome Madison into Year 4 and Barney, Henry and Theo into Years 3, 4 & 6 - I am sure they will enjoy what we have planned.

I hope your children have been looking forward to returning to school and the teachers have been working hard through the summer break to ensure they have some wonderful learning experiences for them. They all looked incredibly smart this morning in their uniform.

Within the staffing we welcome Miss Haley to the team as an additional teaching assistant in KS1.

Attendance at school



Just a reminder that the school day starts at **8.45am** and the side gate is locked at 8.50am and children arriving after that need to access school through the office. Any child arriving after 9.00am will be recorded as arriving after the registers closes. Please ensure you have read the school's attendance policy which can be found on the website if you did not receive a copy last term. Persistent lateness may lead to a LCC penalty notice fine, details of which are in the school's policy.

Every school in the country has been asked to work on improving their attendance to ensure that children miss as little education as possible.

A term time holiday should not be taken unless it has exceptional circumstances (this does not include the cost) and will not be authorised by the school.

KS2 children are still allowed to leave the site unaccompanied to meet parents at the car, if we have written consent from parent/s. **Please email the school office with this consent even if you did this last year.**

ALL KS1 children **MUST** be collected by a parent/carer from the playground. Please ensure you notify the school by telephone or email of any changes to the identity of the adult collecting on a particular day.

Reminders for Parents

- ✓ You should contact the school if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason on the first day of absence.
- ✓ Please ensure your children's clothing is named including coats.
- ✓ KS1 reading packets should be brought to school every day.
- ✓ Children should not be riding bicycles or scooters down the side pathway before school or after school please.
- ✓ Annual update forms are coming home to you – please check the information we hold for you, your child/ren and family and return to school as accurate and no changes needed or with the changes clearly written on.

It is vital that we have the most up to date information in order to contact you swiftly if you are needed.

Playtime snacks

Children in Maple class do not need to bring a snack to school for playtime as this is provided for them by the Government fruit and Veg scheme. In Key Stage 2 we encourage the children that if they are going to bring a snack it should be a healthy option.

Here is a list of what we deem to be an acceptable snack:

| Very Good | OK – not every day | Not allowed |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Fruit | Cereal bar | Bun/cake |
| Squeezy yoghurt | Fruit winder | Doughnut |
| Rice cakes | Baked crisps | Chocolate |
| Crackers | Flapjack | Crisps |
| Cheese | Plain biscuit | Chocolate biscuit |
| Vegetable | Fruit loaf | Sausage roll |
| Dried fruit | (unbuttered) | Please don't send |
| Bread stick | Dippers | yoghurt that needs a |
| Salad | Slice of quiche | spoon to eat. |
| | Savoury egg | |

Health

Sickness/diarrhoea

If your child does have a bout of either (or both!) please ensure that he/she is kept at home **until 48 hours after the last occurrence**. We appreciate that this can be very inconvenient, in particular if you are a working parent, but it is essential to ensure we reduce the spread of infections.

Head lice

We will probably never be free of these little irritating creatures but if everyone checks the heads of **all** family members regularly and treats with a commercial product or by regular combing through with a nit comb, we can try our best to be nit free.

We will continue our practice of contacting the parents of any child who is seen by staff to have head lice to ask that the child be collected from school and treated. Please don't be embarrassed if you get the phone call – head lice are a problem everyone has had to deal with at some time or another.

Absence from school

If your child is unwell and has to be absent, please telephone us as early as possible. You may leave a message on the answering machine, send an email or report via ParentMail. Under safeguarding we have a duty to call you to find out why your child is not in school if we have received no indication from you.

PE

Earrings for children should be **removed** for swimming and PE sessions – this is for health and safety reasons. Staff are not permitted to remove these for the children under safeguarding rules.

PE and swimming



Children should continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.

Maple – Wednesday

Both KS2 classes – Thursday

Both KS2 classes will also have swimming on Wednesdays, beginning on **Wednesday 11th September**. This will be in Castle complex in Spalding.

Please ensure your child brings their kit with them on that day (costume/trunks, towel (and goggles if worn).

NO BIKINIS / LOOSE FITTING SHORTS

We will continue to request a £1.00 parental contribution towards the cost of transport to the pool which can be paid in cash, cheque or ParentMail.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

It is important that everyone who is in receipt of any State benefits makes an application for Free School Meals, even if their child already receives a free meal as they are an Infant child.

Apply using Lincolnshire's Parent Portal.

[Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

The system is the one used to identify to the Department for Education children who may be in need of additional educational support.

School receives additional funding from the Pupil Premium Fund in the school budget which means we can ensure all children fulfil their potential.

As a school we are also able to support the families of children who qualify for Free School Meals benefit by provision of free uniform items, reduced contributions to trips and free-swimming transport, etc.



Car Parking and turning

The road outside school is always very busy at the beginning and end of the school day.

- Please keep the zig zag area in front of the school clear.
- Please do not use the entrance to the car park to turn your car.
- Please do not use our neighbours' driveways or forecourt to turn your car.
- Please do not do 3 point turns on Eaugate Road.
- Please keep alert to avoid injury to unpredictable young children.
- Please keep to the **30-mph** speed limit on Eaugate Road, Roman Road and Fengate.



Communication with school

We continue to use paper, email and **ParentHub** to attempt to keep you up to date with what is going on. If you change your email address, please let us know so that we can update our records. If you have any difficulty setting yourself up on the ParentHub app let us know please.

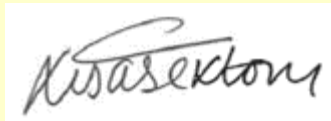
Friends Of the School

We are always very grateful for the additional opportunities and experiences that our friends of the school provide the children with. – but they need more members in order to ensure that they can continue to provide these for the children. If you think that you can commit to helping at events, please contact the school and we can pass you details on or please feel free to attend the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 11th September** - Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) first swim.
- **Friday 20th September** - Jeans for Genes Day - £1.00 to come to school in your jeans
- **Tuesday 1st October** – School photographer in – family and individuals
- **Tuesday 15th October & Wednesday 16th October** – Parent consultations
- **Friday 18th October** – Harvest Festival– Key Stage 2 Only – 9am TBC
- **Friday 18th October** – Last day of term 1
- **Tuesday 29th October** – Start of term 2
- **Friday 15th November** – Flu Vaccines
- **Thursday 12th December** – Xmas productions TBC
- **Tuesday 17th December** – School Panto visit
- **Thursday 19th December** – Parent celebration assembly – 9am
- **Thursday 19th December** – Xmas party day
- **Thursday 19th December** – End of term 2
- **Monday 6th January 2025** – Beginning of term 2

I thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to working with you again this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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