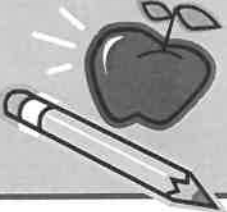


TERM 3 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful time over the festive period whatever you were doing.

My newsletter this term is to give you more information on what is happening within school this coming term. Please keep a look out for additional letters for things that arise unexpectedly.

Family Support Update

Just a reminder that our Family Liaison Support Worker has now begun and can be contacted through her email. She will be introducing herself to parents in the coming weeks, so please do not be alarmed if she knocks on your car window to say hello. If you need to contact her, please either use her email or call the school office to make an appointment to see her.

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GOOD LUCK Lego Team

Good luck to the school Lego team in the upcoming regional First Lego League competition. I know they will do themselves and all of us proud. They will be competing in Peterborough on Saturday 1st February in the hopes of making it through to the National Finals.

School Development Update

We are making good progress towards our priorities this year:

Improvement priority 24-25	Progress against priorities
To further develop pupils' use and understanding of year group specific mathematical vocabulary to allow for better outcomes in reasoning and problem-solving questions. (key driver 2)	All staff have completed additional training on using the new Maths pathway we have adopted. All classrooms have the appropriate and relevant vocabulary displayed in the classroom and it is being used through the school. We have been selected to work with the maths hub, which we are really excited about as this will help develop our teaching and the children's learning even further. This will begin shortly.
To reduce persistent absenteeism to be in line or lower than National average – target of 10% (key driver 5)	We have now appointed a Family Liaison support worker who will be focusing on improving attendance, particularly for those who are persistently late to school. School is still robustly monitoring all children's attendance.
To further improve children's retention of knowledge over time in foundation subjects.	We have developed and are using different ways for the children to demonstrate their retention of knowledge in the variety of subjects they learn. The children are growing in confidence with explaining what they have retained.

Attendance at school –

Term 2 attendance overall= 93.6%



Again, a reminder that the school day starts at **8.45am** and any child arriving after 8.50am when the side gate is locked will be marked as late. In Term 2 we still had too many children arriving at school late. **All our lessons begin promptly at 8.50am and so those that are arriving after that are missing vital learning.**

PE and swimming

Swimming will begin for Maple class on **Wednesday 15th January**.

This will be in Spalding.

Please ensure your child wears their kit under their PE kit on that day (costume/trunks, towel (and goggles if worn). ALL children **MUST** wear a swimming hat (Castle sport centre rules). Please don't forget to pack underwear in their swim bag.

NO BIKINIS / LOOSE FITTING SHORTS.

Earrings to be removed, this cannot be done by staff.

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



Playtime snacks reminder



Children in Reception & KS1 are provided with a healthy snack through the government scheme. KS2 children are only permitted to bring **fruit or vegetables** for their snack, and this should be provided by home. If you are sending your child's snack in a tub, please ensure the tub is named.

Term 3&4 clubs

A club letter is being sent to you today so please check book bags or with your child for this to be returned to school for club commencement next week.

Monday – Film club (Y5&6) – TT Rockstars (Y3&4) - Gymnastics (Y1 only)

Tuesday – Tae Kwon Do – KS2 only

Wednesday – Multi Sports – KS2 only (20 max)

Thursday – Snuggle with a book Y1-Y6 (15 max)

Any child wishing to join any of these clubs needs to return their slips to the school office. Please be aware of what time your child's club finishes as these vary depending on the club.

New Year – New Topics

We will be sending to you tomorrow the new topic overviews for this term which will give you an insight into the things your child is going to be learning over the coming weeks. Please read them carefully to find out if important things within your child's class are changing.

Maple – Pirates

Monkey Puzzle – Minibeasts

Oak – Who do you think you are? Stone Age – Iron Age



Oak class mobile phones

If your child is in Oak class and they walk home, they are permitted to bring a mobile phone into school which **MUST** be handed into the office.

Your child should not be bringing their phone into school if they are collected by car from outside of the building.



Reminders for Parents

- ✓ Hot Meals **MUST** be ordered by 9am on the Tuesday of the week before meals are required.
- ✓ You **MUST** let us know if there is any change to who is collecting your child from school.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Make sure school has been given any changes to contact numbers / addresses for your child's records.
- ✓ Please be mindful when standing outside the school gates in both the morning and afternoon that children are not having to walk through clouds of smoke from cigarettes or vapes – secondary smoke is incredibly harmful.

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- **Monday 13th January** – FOS mtg @ 3.15pm
- **Wednesday 15th January** – KS1 swimming begins.
- **Saturday 1st February** – Lego competition
- **Wednesday 12th February** – KS2 Tchoukball competition
- **Friday 14th February** – End of term 3
- **Monday 24th February** – Term 4 begins.
- **Monday 10th March** – Science Week
- **Friday 21st March** – Comic Relief Day.
- **Wednesday 26th March** – KS2 Golf competition.
- **Wednesday 2nd April** – KS1 final swim
- **Friday 4th April** – Parent assembly @ 9am / End of term 4
- **Wednesday 23rd April** – Term 5 begins
- **Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May** – KS2 SATS

School website:

www.moultonchapel.lincs.sch.uk

I thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

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.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

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.



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, 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 lice comb, we can try our best to be head lice 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 must 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 regarding the absence.

Mrs Sexton