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Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas.

Welcome to all our new families and we hope that you settle quickly. The school has an open door policy therefore, please come and see us via the new front office if you have any concerns or queries.

Reminder of School Times

School starts for all children at 8:55am. School finishes at 3:05pm for the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and 3:15pm for Key Stage 2.

Please note: these are times when class lessons finish. Please allow 5 to 10 minutes for your child to pack his/her school bag and put on their coat.

Please do not send your child before 8:45am when staff become responsible for children on the playgrounds. Children arriving before 8:45am are not allowed onto the school premises and must wait outside the gates.

Late

Please can parents ensure that their children arrive at school before 8:55am.

The gates close at this time, and any child arriving after this point is late. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school on time.

Lateness has a negative impact on everybody at school. Being late can:

- Disrupt lessons It is unfair on the teachers and other children in the class if another child enters the classroom once lessons have started.
- Affect the achievement your child and others
- Embarrass/upset your child when the class have already started their work

Being late adds up to loss of learning:

5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year,

10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year,

15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year,

20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year,

30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year.

Being on time means not missing out!

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Term-time Absence

Due to Government legislation, head teachers **may not grant any leave** of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. Applications due to work commitments must include evidence provided from the parent's employer.

Forms to apply for term-time absence are available from the school office. If you have any queries concerning this issue, please speak to the office staff who will be pleased to help!

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school please contact the school by leaving a message on the answerphone on each day of the absence. When your child returns to school, please follow this up by a letter explaining the reasons for absence.







Grandparents' Day

The annual Grandparents' Day has been arranged for Friday 24th May 2019, which is the last day of term 5. Further details will be sent out later this term, however, knowing the date gives families the opportunity to begin arrangements.

If It Snows...

If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows, please listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM, their respective websites and Parentmail which will all provide relevant information as to whether we are open or not. A decision will not be made until 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when these establishments are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading.

Toast

Toast will be available on Tuesday break times. Please send any money in a purse or named and sealed envelope to avoid any confusion. 20p a slice

Ordering School Meals

Remember to order your child's school meals online http://www.schoolmealsonline.co.uk/

If you experience any difficulty when ordering, please contact our school meal provider on 01522 246424 or email admin@schoolmealsonline.co.uk

Lunchboxes

If you want ideas on how to make a healthy packed lunch: www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx ...have got some great ideas for you, and in no time you'll have delicious lunchbox ideas for all the family.

Take the lunchbox list with you when you shop - it will help you avoid reaching for tempting, less healthy foods, and it could save you time and money too!

Healthy Snacks at Playtime

Just a gentle reminder that your child needs a healthy snack for break time and a water bottle to take into their class. Whilst some of the cereal bars do offer health benefits, they also contain a high level of sugar which is detrimental to your child's teeth, leading to tooth decay. Fresh fruit and vegetables, raisins or cheese for their morning snack are the best choices and we would ask children to save their other snacks for lunchtime. If your child has access to fresh water throughout the day, then they are able to remain hydrated and concentration levels are improved, aiding good progression. Many thanks for your support and understanding in this area.

Mrs Birchenall - Healthy School Coordinator









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Starting School in 2019?

Is your child starting school in September 2019? Visit https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/ to apply for a place.

The online admissions system is available for parents and carers who would like to apply for a Reception/Foundation Stage place. Children who are born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 are due to start Reception in September 2019.

Assessment Time

SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the week beginning 13th May 2019. All Year 6 children will be participating in the tests.

Year Two SATs testing will take place throughout May, and therefore children need to be in school during this time.

Combining top quality games design with essential learning

Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 10th June 2019 and is a Government requirement. Therefore, please ensure your child is in school during this period. Absences during this time may be classified as unauthorised.

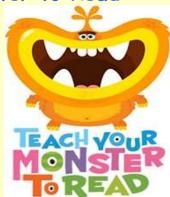
Dogs

Please note, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds, including the parent waiting area.

Teach Your Monster to Read'

Is your child starting to read? Looking for an easy way to help them? Try the free website: www.teachyourmonstertoread.co

Teach your Monster to Read:
First Steps is a new, free game to practise the first steps of reading. Combining top quality games design with essential learning, the game is built on the principles of synthetic phonics and follows the teaching sequence of the Letters and Sounds programme.



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You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk.

Nut & Mollusc Allergies

We currently have children in school who have severe nut and mollusc allergies. Please can I ask parents to ensure that no packed lunches or snacks include nuts/peanut butter/chocolate spread containing nuts, etc nor crustaceans such as crabs, shrimp and lobsters, and molluscs such as oysters and snails. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Upcoming Events

Academic Year 2018-2019

Term 3 ends: Fri 15th Feb 2019
Term 4: Mon 25th Feb – Fri 5th Apr 2019
Term 5: Tuesday 23rd Apr – Friday 24th May 2019
Term 6: Mon 3rd Jun – Friday 19th July 2019

Academic Year 2019-2020

Term 1: Wednesday 4th Sept – Friday 18th Oct 2019 Term 2: Tuesday 29th Oct – Thursday 19th Dec 2019 Term 3: Monday 6th January – Friday 14th Feb 2020 Term 4: Monday 24th Feb – Thursday 2nd Apr 2020 Term 5: Monday 20th Apr – Friday 22nd May 2020 Term 6: Tues 2nd Jun – Tues 21st July 2020



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