

On Friday 15th March children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for Comic Relief, all we ask is for a donation of £1 towards the event.



#### World Book Day Success

Thank you to all of the families for joining us last Thursday to celebrate World Book Day. We raised £211 which will be put towards new reading books for the children. The Foundation Stage enjoyed the visit from Mrs Emma Pickles, the children's author who was inspired to write whilst living by the sea on the beautiful Isle of Anglesey. Emma's work to date forms her 'Coastal Series', which is made up of her debut work 'Sidney Seagull Starts The Stomp', her second title 'The Famous Fins Of Florence Fish' and her third title 'The Curious Case of Claudius Crab' which makes up the trilogy. The books celebrate diversity and difference, with each one delivering a subtle moral message for the reader. The books are charmingly illustrated and will appeal to children of all ages. Each book features a seashore creature that children will be familiar with, a plucky young seagull called Sidney, a shy little fish called Florence and a crab called Claudius who has a huge



The children enjoyed wearing their fantastic costumes throughout the day. A big thank you to parents for your efforts made to make the event such good fun.

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# **Road Safety**

Can we please all take a little more care driving in and around the school area. Parking in and around school is often congested at drop off and collection times, as are most schools around England. I plea to all parents of our school, that you always consider where you park when dropping off and collecting your child. Yes, you may think you are parked sensibly and your car is not in the way or 'not harming anyone' where it is, but can children cross safely where you have parked? Will your car make it difficult for other cars to get past? Can the buses get around the corners and down the drive?

Please spare a thought for all the local residents living around the school perimeter, especially in Cherry Tree Crescent, Baghdad Road, Delhi Square and the 'Costcutter' Car Park.

Please can we show full consideration and ensure we do not park on, or obstruct any driveways or paths.

School are aware of Lincolnshire Police's visits to these areas and are warning parents they are issuing tickets where appropriate. Many thanks for helping to respect our neighbours.









#### Literacy and Numeracy Information Evening

Wish to know more about what is expected from your child?

Unsure how to help your child at home?

Want to know more about what happens in a Maths/Literacy lesson?

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 Literacy and Numeracy Lead teachers will provide an insight into what you need to know as a parent to help your child.

They will be discussing:

- Expectations for the end of each Key Stage in Reading, Writing, Maths and SPAG
- SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
- The Year 1 phonics test The Year 4 Multiplication
- TestCurrent Assessment
- frameworks

Times: KS1 workshop will be from 17:00 – 18:30 and KS2 workshop will be from 18:30 – 20:00.

**Staff Car Park** Could we please request that children do not enter the staff car park at any time.

#### Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated. Armed Forces Competition

Armed Forces Competition An entry form for this year's Armed Forces Day design competition has been sent home via Parentmail. We would love to see some of our School children enter the competition. As it says on the form, this year's theme is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day Landings. The closing date is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and entries can be delivered by hand or by post to the NK offices in Sleaford.

Winning designs will be used to promote the 2019 event and Flag Raising Ceremony taking place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June.













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#### 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.

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.

#### 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!

## Starting Secondary School in 2019?

Please remember to collect your offer online for your child attending Secondary School.

https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/parents-reminded-to-preparefor-secondary-school-offers/128911.article

## St George's Day



Sleaford Town Council have put together their annual, popular St George's Day Children's Colouring Competition which is open to all Sleaford children and surrounding village children.

The forms and details can be found at:

**Town Council Competition** 

https://www.sleaford.gov.uk/PDF/St%20George's%20Day%20Colouring%20Co mpetition%20Poster.pdf

The Competition is very worthwhile – there are 3 age categories and the winners will each receive a £10 WHSmith voucher and a certificate. The runners up will each receive a £5 WHSmith voucher and a certificate. They will be invited to receive their prizes by the Mayor of Sleaford at the St George's Day Market on Saturday  $27^{th}$  April at Sleaford Town Hall.

The closing date for entries is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Entries must be sent directly to the Sleaford Town Council.

# **Experiences'** Day

This year's Experiences Day will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Our aim is to organise a day of activities for all Key Stage Two children. We

would like to give all children a taster of a particular activity that they are interested in, in the hope that this 'taster' will encourage the children to seek out further similar experiences. Additionally, we hope that some children may discover a particular ability that up to then they were unaware of.

This day will not be possible without the support of parents and that of the wider school community. We would like you to consider whether you have a hobby that would be of interest to the children or an occupation, which the children could experience within the school day and grounds.

All offers of help gratefully received, whether it be for only part of the day or all, to lead an activity or to support other activity leaders!

If you know anyone else that may be able to help us, please do let me know! Specific requests following feedback from the children after last year's event included: hockey, mountain bike riding, archery, judo, assault courses,

makeovers, Veterinary Science, decorating a t-shirt, dress-making, making fruit drinks, trampolining, lollypop making, plane flying simulator, baking biscuits, making donuts, wind chime making, candle making, making Chinese lanterns, archery, making frozen yoghurts, fencing, woodwork, skate boarding, Tae Kwon Do, Lego Technic construction & shoe design.

This list is by no means exhaustive – if you have a skill or interest which you are willing to share with the children, please let the office know and then I will get in touch with you. If you are interested in helping, please let me know by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Many thanks,

#### Miss Rebecca Hill

# Grandparents' Day

The annual Grandparents' Day has been arranged for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Parent's Afternoon

Parent's Afternoon will once again be held on Thursday 23rd May from 1.15pm. You will have the opportunity to tour the school with your child.

More details to follow.

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## **Upcoming Events**

Comic Relief Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Spring Bake Off

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (more info to follow)

Maths and Literacy Evening Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 Times to be confirmed

#### Spring Fling Disco

Wednesday 3rd April 2019 Foundation Stage / Key Stage 1 : 15:00 – 16:00 Key Stage 2 : 16:15 – 17:15

> Parents' Afternoon Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 from 1:15pm

> > Grandparents' Day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

PTA Indoor Table Top Sale Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June - time : TBC

Academic Year 2018-2019 Term 4 ends: Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 Term 5 : Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Term 6 : Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### Academic Year 2019-2020

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



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