

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, welcome back to our Summer Term. We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and feel ready and revitalised to take on this term – we can't wait to get going! The first week back with the children was a joy. They were so positive and happy, all helped by the beautiful sunshine we've had this week.

So, down to business. I wanted to make it clear what you could expect from our newsletters going forward. As regards distribution, there will be two every half term (so roughly every 3-4 weeks), this will mean they're rather meaty but will hopefully be a good round up of what's been happening and some of what there is to look forward to. We will of course continue to update you on a regular basis and send reminders for events via Dojo. I will be making clear the priorities on our School Improvement Plan and areas that will have a key focus in school each term. Regular items on the newsletter will also include attendance updates.

Ideally, I hope our newsletter will be a blend of celebrating our achievements in school and the community whilst keeping you abreast of what's important and how you can help your child and their school be even more successful.

Any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch or come in and speak with us.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Katie Durant- Good (Headteacher)

Attendance Sept – March 22			
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Whole School
90.78%	95.78%	94.9%	94.37%

As a school, we have a responsibility to promote and encourage good attendance and report where levels drop below that of expected standards outlined by the Government. The expected standard for attendance in a primary school is **96%** which means that around 8 days of absence (authorised or unauthorised) over the course of the year will meet this attendance figure.

Covid-19, as we are all too aware, has still continued to play havoc with our attendance levels but it is vital we get back on track with this.

Absence from school is a potential safeguarding risk and monitoring this is part of our role in keeping children safe. It affects attainment, wellbeing and wider outcomes and as a school we want to make sure all our children have the best possible chances at being as successful as possible. Please look out for a copy of our attendance policy.

It is available on the website but we will also be sending this out via Parentmail in the coming days.

Friends of North Scarle Dates



Sat 21st May – Our annual Duck Race is back. Join us @ The White Hart from 12 noon onwards.

Tues 26th April – Ice Creams being sold after school with support of School Council.

Wed 27th April – Next meeting, 8pm @ The White Hart. Please come and join us and bring your support and expertise to the table.

Vision and Values



At North Scarle Primary School, we feel we are moving into a new chapter and it is our aim for our pupils, families and community that as a staff and governing body, we share a clear vision and intention to provide the very best opportunities for everyone.

We are therefore making it our mission from here on, for our children to see their time with us as their time for **'Choosing to be Successful'**. Our values will underpin this with our curriculum, teaching, learning, policies and procedures all focussed around what we will call and our children know as: **Secrets to Success**. These are:

- Try new things
- Work hard
- Concentrate
- Push yourself
- Imagine
- Improve
- Don't give up
- Understand others

We are excited that our assemblies on a Monday will now be **'Celebrating Success' Assemblies**, plus you will be able to join us, by invitation, if your child is the weeks Pride Cup winner.

We have also introduced **'Walls of Success'**. Each class will display learning that our pupils can be really proud of but displays will also be up in the corridors between class 1 and 3 and class 2 and 3, and up in the headteacher's office!

Additionally, any child sent to the headteacher to share their learning will receive two **Headteacher Success Stickers**. One to go on their learning and one to go on them of course!

Priorities



Starting out this term in my new role as Headteacher it feels very important to me that not only the staff and governors have the clarity around what we are striving to achieve and improve upon but that the children, parents and community are clear on these areas to.

Firstly, Mrs Okrafo-Smart, will continue to support school through working with me in my new leadership role. A priority for us is to create an interim **School Improvement Plan** to see us through the summer term and the rest of the academic year. This will build upon the work that's been done in school so far already but will aim to add short term targets that will support the rapid progress of our school. I look forward to sharing our key priorities with you and the work we've done so far towards them in our next newsletter.

As shared with the children and staff already, there are some priorities that we have chosen to focus on this term. These are: **Safeguarding, Our Curriculum, Learning and the learning environment and Behaviour**. A variety of monitoring and evaluation activities will review policy, practice, procedures and protocol whilst staff expertise is enhanced through weekly Staff Development Meetings and Breakfast Briefings.

You of course, will be kept up to date on the findings and our progress in these areas through our Newsletter.



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone! If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log the details you wish to share.

All staff in school have Safeguarding training and we are here to listen, help and support our children and their families.

Our Curriculum

This is an area all staff are excited about getting our teeth really stuck into. We've learnt a lot over the past few years and having completed this current cycle and agreed our class structures for the next few years at least, it's our ambition this term to utilise all our learning of what's worked well, what hasn't and what's become vital to making us and our children successful. We want to include lots of exciting opportunities for the children, full of enrichment activities and look forward to updating you on our progress before we launch our revised curriculum in September.

Learning

This priority is focussing on what's happening in school currently. What are our children learning? How? What is the impact? Lessons will be observed and feedback given. We will also be looking at our learning environment throughout school and how we can improve this to further support the learning of our children.

Behaviour

We are currently reviewing and rewriting our Behaviour Policy to reflect our ethos and expectations in school. We believe the behaviour in our school is good but we want it to be outstanding! Our drive for improvement will be in creating a Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy and will focus on consistency in both rewards and consequences. We will share this with you in the coming weeks.



A very warm welcome to Mrs Nina Cook, who has joined our school for the summer term to teach Class 2. She has already made a positive impact on the children and staff, and I hope you can help us in making sure her time at North Scarle is successful and enjoyable. Mrs Cook is a newly qualified teacher bringing with her lots of previous primary school experience, plenty of enthusiasm and a drive to do and be her very best!

Easter Enterprise



At the end of last term all classes enjoyed organising their own Easter Enterprise activities. In total they raised: £171.45, which will go towards curriculum enrichment.

At the start of this term we had a fantastic Easter Bonnet parade with Mrs Middleton awarding prizes for 1st and 2nd place in each class.

Congratulations to: Joseph, Matthew, Emily, James W, Lewis and Poppy who all won a delicious egg from Thorntons.

Celebrating Success



Celebrating Success Assembly

Congratulations to all our children who were selected to share their learning in today's assembly with special honours going to our:

PRIDE CUP WINNERS



Class 1 - Alexander L

Class 2 – Charlie R

Class 3 - Harry

We were also proud to award our **Read to Succeed Certificates** in the following categories:

Bronze – Freddie F (2nd time around that's 200 reads!)

Silver – Hugh K

Gold – Zephyr W

Platinum – James W, Emily M, Keeton S, Charlie W, Lewis H

VIP – Benjamin G and Jack C

Success out of school and in the Swimming Pool



We are always hoping to inspire our pupils and what better way than by inspiring each other.

Swimming is our PE focus this term and we are so thrilled and proud to share the success of one of our Y6 girls – Amy. This year she surpassed the County times which means she is was able to compete at County level, winning 3 bronze and 4 silver medals. But this wasn't enough for our Amy, she's since gone on to smash regional times and this weekend competed in Corby for a Regional competition which she excelled in. We are so proud of her. Amy's aim is to compete at Nationals in a few years' time. Who knows maybe one day we'll be watching one of our own compete at The Olympics!

Key Dates

Every **first Tuesday of the month** is our 'Stay and Play' session for children aged 4 and under. 9.15 – 10.30am

Mon 2nd May – Bank Holiday – School will be closed

W/C 9th May – **Y6 SATs Week**. All children are invited to their very own breakfast club. NO absences please!

W/C 16th May – **am Y2 SATs** (a much more relaxed and gentler version for our younger pupils, don't panic).

pm Health and Wellbeing Week – afternoons full of physical, mental and emotional wellbeing activities.

Fri 27th May – Last Day of Term

Sunday 5th June – **Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in the village** – we will let you know school's involvement in our next Newsletter.

Mon 6th June – Return to School for Term 6. This first week back will also be our **Multicultural Creative Arts Week**

And finally, Parking! Our friendly PCSO Sarah has asked me to remind everyone of the need to park safely and responsibly around school at drop off and pick up times. In response to concerns raised by a local resident, she would ask that any concerns regarding irresponsible parking (especially if on the yellow zig zag lines at the front of school) are reported to her via the school office using the license plate of the car. She will then speak to the driver of the car directly.

Thank you.

Headteacher: Mrs Katie Durant Good

Chair of Governors: Mr James Money