



Newsletter 2 – 3rd October 2022

‘Choosing to be Successful’



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter this year - I can't believe this is week 5 of Term 1 already! Last week was a real success story for us in school. We were riding high off the back of a successful FOS Colour Run at the end of the previous week, had been back in the heart of the community at Church for our Harvest festival on Thursday and the week ended with me sharing so many Secrets to Success and Headteacher Stickers with the children on Friday. We have seen such a wonderful shift in behaviour and attitudes, especially towards learning. There is a real commitment to 'Choosing to be Successful' and I couldn't be prouder.

As always please come and see me if there are any matters you wish to discuss.

Mrs Katie Durant- Good (Headteacher)

Attendance: Sept - NOW			
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Whole School
91.5%	95%	89.6%	92%

Upon taking up my post as Headteacher I shared with you the school's expectations around attendance and processes we would be implementing to increase and support pupil attendance.

The DfE have now made Attendance an even larger priority, and have put a significant focus on school leaders taking action to ensure pupils attend as many days as possible.

We will therefore continue to update you through:

- the Headteacher newsletter of our current attendance levels in school;
- 3 letters per year informing you of your child's attendance level;
- Give certificates for those children attending 96+% termly;
- Send additional letters/invite for meetings if your child's attendance is raising a cause for concern;
- Support and work with you to understand reasons for absence so that this can be authorised where possible;
- NOT authorise holidays during school term time (unless there are exceptional circumstances);
- Update our policy and share this on the school website for your reference.

Attendance is something that many of us recognise as being vital to a child not only for the academic progress but also for their emotional and personal growth. This is also seen, where persistent absence is a concern, as a Safeguarding matter.

Please work with us to ensure your child is in school as many days at possible, giving them the best opportunity to be as successful as they can be!

We are aware that since returning this academic year the school has been hit by a number of illnesses including Covid, which is reflected in our current %.

Policy Updates

It is absolutely vital in ensuring the smooth running of the school, that we have policies, protocols and procedures in place. These give clarity, support and protection to all within our community.

As a Local Authority Maintained School we are provided with a range of policies that we must amend to our setting and adopt. These form a number of our statutory policies and documents but they do not cover them all.

We have been working to ensure our policies are up to date and where required, these have been added to our school website. Please visit to see our most update versions of:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- RSE and PSHE Policy
- Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy
- Charging and Remissions Policy
- SEND Policy
- SEND Information Report

Additional to these are a variety of policies held in school which focus on things such as: Teaching and Learning, Codes of Conduct, Feedback etc.

You are welcome to view these at any time and can request copies sent to you directly from the school office.

This week we will be sending out our new 'Home School Partnership Agreement' which I hope will provide additional clarity on all our roles and expectations. In addition to this, and after our Governing Body meeting in the last week of term we will also be sharing our 'Parent/Carer, Visitor Code of Conduct' so that we can continue to work together to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children and staff.

End of Key Stage 2 Attainment 2022

The past few years in school's have not been easy, especially for our past Y6 pupils who had a turbulent KS2 and were then the first to resit the National SATs.

The provisional National 2022 data has now been shared with all schools and I am delighted to share with you the cracking performance of our Y6 pupils from July 22, which shows the % achieving the expected standard and above.

	School	National
Reading	83%	74%
Writing	83%	69%
Maths	67%	71%
R,W,M Combined	50%	59%

This gives a raw measure of what our pupils achieved as an end result, however we are also able to share with you the **exceptional** progress all of the children made from KS1 to KS2. An average rate of progress would be actually be 0. Showing neither a decline or incline in the capabilities/progress. **Our children however smashed this!**

Reading	4.7
Writing	5.8
Maths	3.6

We are so proud of them, but most importantly ALL our children, many of whom are on track to, if not already exceeding expectations!! I'm sure you were impressed with your children's school reports but if there is any concern or if you would like to further understand what it all means for your child then please do come talk to us. **Parents Evenings are taking place next week (Tues 11th and Thurs 13th Oct)** and are a great opportunity to discuss attainment and progress.

Social Media – please help!



I, like many of you use social media. It, as we're all aware has its pros and cons.

It would be wonderful to see it being used as a supportive tool for the school. We are only small and have been honest with you about battling financial concerns that could put our school at risk if the numbers of pupils decrease.

It is certainly our intention to get better at using these platforms to share and shout about many of the wonderful things happening in our school but as parents and supporters we would love it if you could do the same too.

Other families moving to the village and in the surrounding areas do look to social media for views and opinions on where to send or move their children. Negative press, regardless of whether it was written 'in the moment' or was ill informed, once seen can't be retracted.

Help us spread the positivity! Post on pg -North Scarle and Spalford News and any other surrounding villages!

School Improvement Priorities

We are constantly aiming to improve our school and do so by:

- Reflecting on what we have done and learnt
- Listening to You and Your Children
- Working Together
- Staying up to date with staff development
- Responding to LA and Ofsted reports
- Welcoming other peers and colleagues to provide challenge and support.

Our School Improvement Plan – which is shared with and monitored by the LA and our governing body, has 3 Key Priorities for this year and they are:

- 1. To ensure our curriculum reflects our context and key drivers to ensure success and good outcomes for our pupils**
- 2. Improve the provision for SEND to ensure all pupils make good progress**
- 3. To provide middle leaders with the training, time and support needed to lead their areas effectively**

We will provide you with progress reports on these throughout the year and continue with other areas of improvement.

Safeguarding Updates

Useful numbers: Lincolnshire Children's Services Customer Service Centre – 01522 782111,
Childline – 0800 1111, NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 (help@nspcc.org.uk)

Online Safety

You should have received our first dedicated Online Safety newsletter. This will be issued on a monthly basis.

At North Scarle Primary School we are: Choosing to be Successful!



Celebrating Success Assembly

Congratulations to all our children who have been selected to share their learning in our assemblies.

Special honours go to our:

PRIDE CUP WINNERS



Class 1 – Erin

Class 2 – James W and Ben

Class 3 – Lewis H and Evie W

Parents of Pride Cup winners are invited to attend our assemblies on a Monday at 2.35pm. Notifications will be sent via Dojo.

Read to Succeed

Our reading programme continues to see lots of children achieving great success. Well done to everyone for the commitment shown to their reading already this term. We're off to a great start.

Success out of school



Well done to:

Dan for achieving a Gold medal in the 400m front crawl at his most recent swim competition.
Jack C for achieving the next stage in his swimming success
Emily for winning first place for her flower arranging and Lego build at Collingham Show.

Secrets to Success and HT Award

Congratulations and another big well done to:

Nash, Joey, Katie, Arwen, Erin, Frank, Isaac, Alexander, Bradley, Iona, Cassidy, Zac, Leo, Gray, Jack, Elsie, James W, Esme, Zephyr, Ben, Dan, George, Milo, Lewis G-S, Jake, Kieran, Freddie, Hugh and Jade – Wowsers!

Reminders (Dates originally shared in Key Dates for Term 1):

Please send any outstanding Colour Run money into school asap.

Monday 3rd October @ 3.05pm (today) – Phonics Parent Workshop: How your children learn to read and write – A masterclass and a great support for parents. All welcome.

Monday 10th October: Class 3 Trip to Lincolnshire Life Museum and Castle – can class 3 families please support this by paying a voluntary contribution to ensure this and other future trips can go ahead. We simply can't pay the full cost from our budget and rely on your help and support. Please do see me if this is a strain, we appreciate finances are tight and will always do what we can to support you.

Parents Evening appointments – book these online via Parent Mail ready for meetings next week on Tuesday 11th October and Thursday 13th October. These will run as last year – Face to Face, in Class 3 and with books available beforehand in Class 1 & 2. Please speak to the class teacher if you cannot attend as they will aim to make a different date agreeable to both parties. If your child is on the SEN register, an additional time will be given to you to further discuss needs and targets. Thank you.

Wednesday 12th October: Friends of School Meeting. 8pm @ The White Hart.

Wednesday 19th October: Full Governing Body Meeting @ 4.30pm.

Thursday 20th October: FOS Halloween Disco 4.30pm – 6.30pm @ School. Term ends Friday 21st.