



Newsletter 6 – 6th February 2023

‘Choosing to be Successful’



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are in February, almost at the end of Term 3 and unbelievably, half way through this academic year.

These past few weeks have been full to the brim, with both staff and children alike working tirelessly. There has been a real love of learning taking place in each classroom. Class 1 have been very experimental scientists, class 2 definitely know more than me about The Stone Age and class 3 have produced some amazing work on the Ancient Egyptians. The home projects are testament to the excitement shown by your children and shared with you. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment.

As always, I am at the gate most days and am here if there is anything you wish to discuss. Please do talk to me and let me know if something is amiss – we can only get things right when we work together. And with that, it’s also wonderful to hear what’s going well. There’s been some really positive feedback from some of you regards your child’s progress and their happiness here in school. Thank you.

Due to personal reasons, I will not be available at school on Thursday and Friday. Please be assured that all is well in school and if you need to talk through anything, Miss Wallace and Mrs Palmer will be at hand and class teachers can make themselves available.

Here’s to a great final week of term 3. We wish you all a peaceful, sunny and relaxing half term and look forward to the start of Term 4 on Monday 20th February.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Katie Durant- Good (Headteacher)

Attendance – from September

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Whole School
92%	95%	94%	94%

Thank you to everyone who has responded so positively to the attendance letters and meetings this half term.

For many I know it came as quite a shock seeing some figures in black and white, which is one reason it is important we do share the data. The days do add up and we just want to help.

We are incredibly aware of the battle between attendance and the impact of many of the unavoidable illnesses that have been doing their rounds. Thank you for keeping us well informed of reasons for absence. This is the first step in our policy and is the key communication between school and home.

It’s great to see lots of improvements in attendance this term. Hopefully the brighter and warmer weather will help us all stay as healthy and happy as possible.

Sport and Clubs

We were really thrilled that our Y5/6 Footballers finally got to play a match against another school last week...and WIN!

With Coach Jack, now a firm fixture in school, we have planned lunchtime clubs that are accessible across the year groups. He will also be working with other Premier Ed coaches to arrange more sporting competitions for our pupils across a network of schools.

As a school we have also signed up for the ‘**School Games**’ events taking place after half term and until the end of the academic year. We hope this will also provide lots of enriching opportunities for many of our children. We will keep you up to date with events coming up and hope you can support us with these.

We continue to work on securing a full-time person to lead after school club, also allowing other clubs to take place. We hope to have this finalised next term.

Parents Evenings

Tues 7th Feb – **Parents Evening**: 3.15pm Start and Thurs 9th Feb – **Parents Evening**: 3.45pm Start. Please ensure you have booked your appointment via ParentMail.

Celebrating Success

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 – Thomas, Barney and Joey

Class 2 – Luna, Jack and Nyrie

Class 3 – Elliott, Elly and Lewis H

Read to Succeed

Remember:

30 reads = bronze award

60 reads = silver award

90 reads = gold award

120 reads = platinum award

150+ reads = VIP (trip ticket holder)

We are thrilled that William H has already reached VIP status!! Discussions are underway for deciding when and where the VIP trip will take place this year.

There are definitely lots of children adamant that they will be there and I have no doubt it will be a jam-packed trip. Keep up the great reading!

Success out of school

Well done to:

Freddie for achieving the RAF Chorister Award. It was brilliant to see his awards in school and his name printed in the booklet. It was even lovelier to see him beam with pride as he shared his successes with all his friends here in school.

Beatrice – performing in her dance show over the weekend in ballet, modern and tap.

James and Ben – for being acknowledged for their great football skills at Kixx Academy.

Dan for being a 100m Freestyle Finalist

PGL – Class 3 residential

We are excited that all Y4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to attend this year's residential on 14-16 June. It is planned to run every 3 years within Class 3's cycle plus other trips and opportunities as well. Please speak to Mrs Palmer or Mrs Good regards payment plans if you have any concerns. A meeting will take place next ½ term. Mrs Good, Mrs Palmer and another member of staff will be going with on the trip with them.

Safeguarding Updates

Our school designated safeguarding officers are: Mrs Katie Durant Good DSL and Miss Emma Wallace DDSL. Please come and see us if ever you need to talk through something concerning a child in need or support for you.

Services like 'Early Help Assessments' and 'TAC meetings' (Team Around the Child) can be supported in school but these are also voluntary. Remember we are here to help.

We can of course simply listen but are also able provide advice and signpost to other professionals who may be able to help you and your family further.

REMEMBER to keep an eye out for our monthly online safety newsletters. They provide great advice for parents on social media, gaming etc and how you can keep your child safe online.

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

Class 3

As you are aware, Miss Wallace is pregnant and will be starting her maternity leave during Term 4.

Miss Wallace was hoping to go all the way through to the start of the Easter holidays but, in ensuring she doesn't go right up to due date, has decided to finish on Friday 17th March.

We have decided to complete this academic year by appointing a teacher who is well known to the school and well liked by the pupils. Mr Challis will therefore officially start with Class 3 on Monday 20th March. Prior to this he will be coming into school to work alongside Miss Wallace and have an official handover and induction.

Mrs Good will work closely with Mr Challis and ensure the quality of provision and work up to, including and beyond SATs is in no way compromised.

Currently Class 3 and Miss Wallace are working with trainee teacher Tomas Boulton. His placement has begun very successfully and we are pleased that he will be staying with Class 3 right up until March 31st, ensuring an even smoother and supportive transition period for Mr Challis.

Any class 3 parents/carers with any questions or queries, please speak to Mrs Good or Miss Wallace.

Parent Governor Elections

Please look out for parent governor election letters and forms coming out after half term. Parents currently in post can stand again but this is an opportunity for you to stand and also to vote!!