

Dear Parents/Carers,

There are lots of exciting things happening in school this term and lots of information to share with you. Please see the final page of the newsletter for key diary dates all the way through to the end of the academic year. This is not an exhaustive list and it is likely events will be added or amended - we will do our utmost to ensure you are given plenty of notice.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Katie Durant- Good (Headteacher)

Attendance – from September

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Whole School
92%	95%	95%	94.6%

Thank you to everyone for such concerted efforts in improving the attendance of our pupils.

We are thrilled to report that the number of pupils with attendance at 90% or below has dramatically reduced from 15 pupils to just 9! As a small, close knit family, we are aware of many of the issues you have faced, including the many number of unavoidable illnesses but we are also grateful to those who have worked with us, listened to our concerns and supported us in ensuring your children attend as often as possible so that they can be their most successful selves.



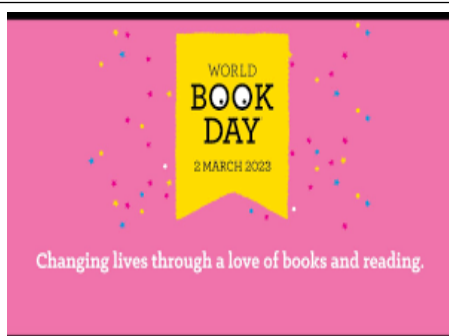
We are excited to be participating in a number of activities organised as part of the School Games partnership and are very grateful to Mrs Palmer (who is quickly becoming known as our Sports Manager) in sorting these for us.

Friday 3rd March - Class 3 will be taking part in a Tag Rugby Festival at Lincoln BG University.

Thurs 20th April – Class 2 will join in with All Stars Cricket at Priory Lincoln Academy.

Thurs 27th April – Class 3 will head to Lincoln University to work on their Multi Skills.

These are great opportunities to build engage with other pupils, build confidence and develop life skills. More information will be provided closer to each date. We hope you can support us and your child with these opportunities.



We love books and reading and we're excited that World Book Day is happening in school THIS Thursday (2nd). Children can come dressed as their favourite book character but they could also come as an author, or in the style of a word (ie: come as a witch and your word can be 'magical') the choices are yours. There will be opportunities throughout the day to share their favourite books, so send them in too. Each teacher has various things planned and are looking forward to a day of celebrating books and reading!



Class 2 have the wonderful opportunity this term to make the most of our outdoor environment. They will be using their money, raised by Friends of School, to make improvements to the outdoor area, which they can then use, as well as the whole school.

They are looking to improve the natural habitat areas and add further elements for both the children and other curious creatures to enjoy.

If you could offer any natural materials to support in the creation of den building; pop up ponds; bird houses etc, please let Miss Cook know.

Safeguarding Updates – Helping parents!!

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.

Mrs Good has recently attended some new training on Parental Conflict and the unseen impact on our children. The training completed in school has provided us with a bank of brilliant resources that you can access independently or by coming to see us in school. Some key areas of support are around the normal things that many of us can probably relate to having struggled with, such as: adapting to having a baby; debt; new jobs; stress, arguments and separation.

You can find materials and support here:

<https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/> - One plus one believe everyone should have the knowledge and skills to form, maintain, and strengthen relationships with the people in their lives. They empower people to do this through evidence-based training and digital resources.

<https://www.seeitdifferently.org/> - here you will find a variety of video scenarios that help to show things from the view of our children.

When we argue with our partner or ex-partner, we can get caught up in the heat of the moment. At times like these, it's difficult to find a way forward.

We want to help you see things differently, and do things differently.

<https://click.clickrelationships.org/home/all-issues/> - Our relationships affect every aspect of our lives. To learn how to make yours work better, create a free account – share questions and stories with the community, try fun and helpful activities, or get private support from a Click listener.

These resources are not a magic fix but they do help put our children right at the heart of what we do, rather than in the middle of what we're not sure we are doing. Each one can be accessed for FREE by simply clicking and registering for an account. I hope they can be of some support to someone and we are always here to help too!

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

PGL – Class 3 residential

The next payment for Class 3's residential is due. Please use ParentMail for the next instalment of **£37.25**.

Join us for a **meeting** about the residential on **Tuesday 28th March**, starting at 3.15pm. Details will also be shared in a letter for those unable to attend.

HAF Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) is a Government funded programme that provides free holiday clubs for reception to year 11 pupils in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in Lincolnshire over the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays. Their webpage is [Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Lincolnshire County Council](#) and they also have a HAF newsletter that they encourage families to subscribe to, to remain up to date with all things HAF: [Lincolnshire County Council \(list-manage.com\)](#) They are keen to get the news out to higher aged families who would benefit. I absolutely love the opportunity they have given to young females check out the Our Strong Girl Club video, filmed by the Department for Education, can also be found here: <https://youtu.be/Ocs84JUre0>

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 – Alexander L

Class 2 – Cassidy

Class 3 – Adam

Read to Succeed

Well done to everyone!!! All children in school have now got to at least 30 reads. Remember to try to read AT LEAST 3 times per week and record this in the reading diary.

Research has proven the massive difference this can make to our children and the improvements can be seen throughout their curriculum successes.

We're currently on track to take the most pupils ever on our VIP trip in the summer term – how exciting!

Key Dates for your Diary!

Monday 27th February – Friends of School Meeting at 3.15pm (ALL WELCOME)

Wednesday 1st March – NEU Strike Day 2 – please note that school will be fully open on this day.

- Secondary School places offered

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Friday 3rd March – Class 3 School Games Rugby Festival

Monday 6th March – start of Assessment Week for pupils in Y1-6

Tuesday 7th March – STAY and PLAY in Class 1

Wednesday 15th March/Thursday 16th March – NEU Strike Days 3/4 – school to remain open

Friday 17th March – Miss Wallace last day AND Friends of School Afternoon Tea – Mother's Day Special – 2.30pm

Thursday 23rd March – Reception and Y6 Pupils, National Height and Weight check programme

Tuesday 28th March – Class 3 PGL Residential Meeting @ 3.15pm

Friday 31st March – Mid term reports AND last day of term

Monday 17th April – Staff Training Day

Tuesday 18th April – Pupils return for start of Term 5

Thursday 20th April – Class 2 School Games – All Star Cricket @ Priory Witham Academy

Thursday 27th April – Class 3 School Games – Multi Skills @ Lincoln University

Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May – School closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May - STAY and PLAY in Class 1

Throughout May – The King's Coronation, activities and events (tbc)

Tuesday 9th May – Y6 SATs Week – Y6 Breakfast Club will start at 8am and ALL Y6 pupils are invited

Monday 15th May – Y2 SATs Week

Saturday 20th May – Friends of School Annual Duck Race

Thursday 25th May – Try something new day – WHOLE SCHOOL ARCHERY and whole school photo

Friday 26th May – End of Term 5

Monday 5th June – Start of Term 6. Y4 Multiplication Tables Check and CI 3 Online Safety Workshop

Tuesday 6th June - STAY and PLAY in Class 1

Monday 12th June – Y1, 3, 4 and 5 Assessment Week. Y1 Phonics Screening Check. CI 3 Substance Misuse Workshop

Wednesday 14th June – Class 2 Friendship and Emotions Workshop

Monday 19th June – SKY ARTS 'Access ALL Arts' Week (whole school) AND Y5/6 Bikeability Week

Friday 30th June – Sports Morning and ARTS week exhibition

Saturday 1st July – Friends of School Summer Gala

Throughout July – Y6 Transition to secondary school days

Friday 14th July – End of year reports sent home

Tuesday 18th July – Parent Drop ins and learning exhibition