



Newsletter 1 - 6th September 2023

'Choosing to be Successful'



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year 23/24.

It's an early one as there is much to share with you about new things happening in school and somethings that will have changed.

As far as 'Choosing to be Successful' goes, we're off to a great start. The staff have been back in prepping their classrooms and delving into important training and most importantly the children have begun this first week back exceptionally well – ready learn with great behaviour.

Our new school day began at 8.45am this morning with the gates open from 8.40am and pick has been set at 3.15pm for ALL pupils.

We hope you've had a great summer and are ready to be part of a wonderful year ahead.

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

Mrs Katie Durant- Good (Headteacher)

IMPORTANT

Policy Changes and Updates

Every year we review and in some cases rewrite policies and procedures to ensure we are up to date with the most recent guidance and legislation and to be concise about expectations and actions take within school. Below are the policies/documents most recently reviewed.

In some instances, a copy will be sent to you directly via email. All statutory policies will be posted on the school's website and ALL policies will be made available to you upon request.

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Parent Code of Conduct
- Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy
- Home School Partnership Agreement
- Online Safety Policy
- Acceptable Use Agreement (Pupils)
- Acceptable Use Agreement (Staff)
- Uniform Policy

We will be reviewing further policies in the coming days and weeks and will alert you to these. We will also adding to the website any LCC policies that include us as a LCC maintained school.

The Home School Partnership Agreement will come home with your children tonight and the Parent Code of Conduct will be sent out via ParentMail this week.

Any documentation that we require you to sign will be presented to you at our Parents Meetings this half term.

Thank you 😊

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

By the end of next week you will receive a Newsletter from your child's class explaining the learning that will be taking place this term and other bits of key information relating to their class.

We hope these continue to be a great opportunity for you to share in your child's learning and further support their development.

We look forward and appreciate your continued support with home learning. I'm sure there'll be many eager readers from the off-set ready to get their hands on a coveted VIP ticket.

Safeguarding

'It is everyone's responsibility!'

All our staff have now received this half terms safeguarding training refresh. We have shared and read the new Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 guidance and legislation and have updated our policies and procedures to reflect this. We recognise just how important we are to the lives of our young people and will remain professional, curious, open-minded and honest when it comes to supporting both them and our families.

Online Safety

In response to KCSIE 2023 we have updated our Online Safety policy and procedures in school also. This is again, everyone's responsibility! Use of social media, personal devices and use of school devices and information appear in all our codes of conducts and behaviour policy. Staff and pupils must now sign the updated 'acceptable use agreements' and, along with our IT support we have advanced our filtering and monitoring processes to ensure our pupils are safe online.

We will continue to send out the monthly online newsletters, have both planned and reactive discussions in school and will put regular updates in this newsletter. There will also be workshops made available to you to support your understanding of what's online and how you can help your child navigate it safely.

Please see next page for useful numbers!

We WANT and NEED YOU!!!!



Governors – at this time we do not need any parent governors (ours are currently James Money (Chair), James Morrison and Amelia Foster) but we do need new governors to become part of our team. Do you know of anyone looking to give some of their time and expertise to a brilliant school like ours? Governors do not need to be education specialists but we do need people who will support, challenge and bring their own expertise to the table. Please spread the word and get in touch. Thank you!

Volunteers – we are lucky to have some wonderful people sharing their time so freely with us and we'd like to invite more of you (parents/grandparents/village friends) to join us in school. Please let me know if you could offer us just a smidge of your time...we'd be very grateful!

Safeguarding Updates

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Durant Good and Mrs Barthorpe (Deputy DSL)

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

Harvest and Foodbank Collection



Our harvest festival will take place on either Wed 4th Oct or Mon 9th Oct (we will confirm asap) at All Saints Church from 1.30pm. All classes will be sharing songs, poetry, readings and art work. Please join us if you can.

We are asking that all children bring in a small foodbank donation during the w/c Mon 2nd Oct. It will need to be a non-perishable item but we will display our collection in the Church and then deliver this to our nearest Lincoln foodbank.

Changes and...Still to come

Over the summer the whole school was treated to a paint makeover. It has made the school feel much more loved and presentable and we look forward to welcoming visits from you very soon.

We have some ongoing work taking place outside, some of which has been a major project in clearing the front hedges etc. We are not in a financial position to maintain a beautifully, high maintenance, landscaped area and so are in the process of making this more simple, manageable and in fitting within the community.

Sadly, our roofing and toilet work was not completed as promised by LCC (trouble with contracts and tenders by all accounts). The governors and SLT continue to ensure these works will be completed but until then, be assured that the school remains safe and functioning.

At the end of last year new school signs, along with tables and chairs for Class 2 were ordered. We still await these but are excited as their arrival is imminent and will make a great difference to the school.

We're off to a good start with changes to the new school day times and routines are being remembered and picked up quickly.

Please look out for a separate sheet for Term 1 and 2 Key Dates Diary.

Our next newsletter will have information regards clubs

Keeping in Touch

To support communication we will be making these changes to the morning gate.

Monday – Mrs Durant-Good

Tuesday – Mrs Williams

Wednesday - Mrs Barthorpe (was Cook)

Thursday – Mrs Whyles

Friday – Mrs Durant-Good

This will however change, if the needs of the school require it to. Mrs Palmer will be at the gate in Mrs Durant-Good's absence.

The member of staff on the gate will pass on any brief message to the appropriate staff member.

Other messages will either need to be communicated via dojo (please expect a response within 24hrs), via the school office or through an appointment.

The class teacher should always be spoken to in the first instance with regards to matters involving your child, behaviour and learning. This will be passed to the Headteacher should it require a more senior action/response.

Appointments must be made by you at a time that is mutually convenient for both yourself and the staff member. This can be done via the office, phone call, dojo or email. (Please refer to the Parent code of conduct for further information/clarification).

Miss McConnell will continue to see parents at both drop off and pick up.

Teachers will communicate with you at pick up if the message is brief or indeed urgent.

Annual Flu-Vaccination Programme

ALL children in our school from R – Y6 will be eligible for a flu vaccine. You will have received a letter about this at the end of term and a copy again this week with details of how to give permission or withdraw your child. It is a flu spray up the nostril. Our date is 15th November.