

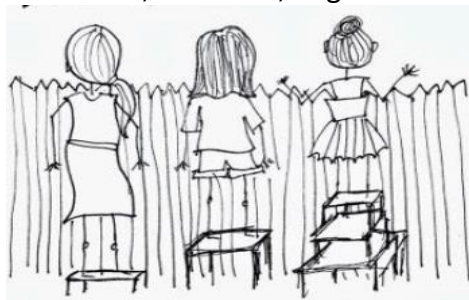
Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a half term it's been. We've certainly come back with a bang and filled this half term with as much as possible.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent meetings just last week. It was great to see everyone coming away so positive, which is a reflection I hope of how well this academic year has started. The children really have been working hard on new learning and brilliant behaviour.

This term we've spoken a lot about our values – 'Happiness, Learn, Succeed', especially as we've also considered how different we all are and that we don't learn in the same ways, because we're not the same.

In an assembly this half term I shared the picture below and was blown away by your children and their understanding of what this could mean in our school. Many of them saw the literal differences but we talked a lot as well about the things we could not see that might be affecting another person and the importance of being kind and understanding. Please ensure your behaviours in and around school also help to demonstrate this to our future leaders, followers, negotiators...



Here's to a good end to the half term, a happy well-deserved holiday and to an even more packed Term 2. (Sheep costumes at the ready!)

Mrs Katie Durant- Good (Headteacher)

School Improvement Priorities

We were thrilled to return to school after the summer, to a letter from the Local Authority recognising all the hard work that had been put in over the last academic year. We went a long way in improving areas identified by Ofsted and in the school's self-evaluation, ratified by the LA we are currently judged as:

Quality of Education – RI/Good

Behaviour and Attitudes – Good

Personal Development – Good

Leadership and Management – RI/Good

Early Years – Good

With this as a basis, we have written our new School Improvement Plan with actions identified in each of the above areas. Our Key Priorities however for this academic year are:

1. **The school's curriculum is coherently planned and sequenced so that pupils develop detailed knowledge and skills across the curriculum (QofE).** Many subjects are meticulously planned and have formed a fantastic model for a few of our other subjects that need tweaking and documenting to form our full 3-year cycle. This is not a simple task for such a small school but you will see from your child's class newsletter that this year is already well thought out and planned to ensure your children make the best possible progress.
2. **Subject Leadership Development - to develop and empower middle leaders to lead their areas effectively and with confidence (L&M)** Linked to key priority 1, we want to ensure ALL our staff feel confident to lead, monitor and improve their curriculum areas.
3. **SEND – to improve outcomes for pupils with SEND (L&M).** This year we have been invited to join the Lincolnshire SEND project. We are one of a small number of school's taking part in the trial, recognised for the work we already do and the potential we have to be a flagship school within the County. It's going to mean lots of brilliant CPD opportunities for our staff and we hope that this will have a great impact on the outcomes for all our pupils, here today and in the future.

Safeguarding Updates

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

We continue to work incredibly hard to build strong, trusting relationships in school and ensure that we provide a curriculum that is not only safe but teaches our pupils how to be safe, keep safe and speak out when things are not. **ONLINE SAFETY** is more important than ever with children having so much more access to online material via phones, tablets, laptops and gaming devices. Our monthly online safety newsletters are full of useful information but there's lots of information online too, proving that being online can be brilliant, so long as we know the pitfalls. Websites such as Childnet, NSPCC and UK Safer Internet Centre have some brilliant advice for parents.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Please also consider checking your children's phones regularly, ensuring those conversations and activities are not harmful do not lead to your child putting something on screen that they wish they hadn't.

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)

THANKYOU

Harvest and Foodbank Collection



A big thank you to those of you that were able to join us for the harvest festival last week and for the wonderful feedback that we received back in school afterwards. The children had worked really hard, and it was a great opportunity to bring our community together.

Thank you also for all the wonderful donations – I was able to deliver a full boot load of food goodies to the Foodbank, who were delighted and very grateful with our contribution.

IMPORTANT

Online Safety

Please return any 'Pupil acceptable user agreements' and 'contact information forms', that were taken home after parent meetings, to the front office asap.

After School Club

It is with great sadness that the governors and I have had to take the very tough decision to **cancel our after-school club childcare on a Wednesday afternoon.**

Due to staffing issues, we do not have anyone available (or as a potential in the pipeline) to cover this slot.

We know this will impact some of our families and we are truly sorry!

We are however able to signpost you to a village childminder who, if places are available, can collect your child/children from school. Please contact [Amelia Foster](#) at 'Little Explorers Childminding' on -

Tel: 07840 459545

Email: ameliajfooster@yahoo.co.uk

We will continue to work on reinstating the Wednesday and looking at other ways in which to provide after school clubs/opportunities for your children.

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.

WELL DONE

A huge well done to all our Pride Cup and certificate winners this term. The children have impressed us so much with their learning, behaviour and attitudes especially during times like: Online Safety workshop, waste assembly, trips to Jorvik and Yorkshire Wildlife Park, sporting events, Bikeability and visits to the Church. We recognise their exceptional behaviour but it is always wonderful to hear them being commended by visitors and people outside of school. And finally, please remember to check the key dates for your diary poster and dojo for updates next term.