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News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous first term! It has been a joy to spend the last seven weeks with the children and to share in their achievements. They have worked tremendously hard. A big thank you to the staff who have guided and supported their progress.

The term concluded with Harvest Festival at St Magdalene's church. We have been working extremely hard to perfect the harvest songs and I think it is fair to say – the children smashed it!!! Their voices were lifting the rafters – not to mention the very wonderful class presentations that enabled us to reflect on how lucky we are, and how thankful we are to those who grow, produce and supply our food.

As you know, we were collecting for the Holbeach Community Larder. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute - your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Parents Evening

We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the school questionnaire. Your feedback is very important to us. I shall be reviewing your responses and sharing your views with governors, so that your views can be included in our strategic plans for future development. The feedback raffle was won by a parent in Foxes class -congratulations to them.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE BE AWARE

CHANGE TO STAFF TRAINING DATES

We have been fortunate to have been offered whole school staff training related to phonics and reading. The training will benefit all children, as we focus on improving outcomes in phonics and reading. Unfortunately, the date offered to us is Friday 25th November. Due to the importance of reading within the curriculum, and across the curriculum, the governors agree that accessing this training is a priority for staff. For this reason, they have agreed to reschedule previously published training dates. Please be advised, that the school will be closed on Friday 25th November 2022, and will instead be open on Monday 17th April 2023 (previously published as a training day).

We realise that this change may cause a degree of inconvenience, and we apologise sincerely for this. The decision has not taken lightly, but only after significant consideration and with the interests of the pupils at the forefront of our minds.



There was something very spooky going on at Squirrels after school club on Thursday, as the children enjoyed a Halloween themed night of fun - including carving pumpkins and roasting marshmallows. Ghosts, ghouls, witches and skeletons filled the hall – it was trick or treat from start to finish. A special thank you to LFP (Lincolnshire Field Products) for the incredibly kind donation of pumpkins for our pumpkins carving. (A big thank you to Squirrels staff too!)

Don't forget, there is still time to take part in the Halloween colouring competition. The competition closes on the first day back after half term, Monday 7th November.

Parent Pay - Cash Free School



You will recall that we wrote out to advise you that we will be moving to a cashless system. We have introduced ParentPay, an online system for making bookings and payments. ALL PARENTS must register for the system. Thank you to those parents who have already registered. If you haven't yet done so,

please can you prioritise this, as future school trips and residentials will all be listed on the system and payment will be made on-line.

We have noted that some of our regularly users of our wrap around care services, breakfast club and after school club, are yet to register. As we move towards the Governors' aim to be a cashless school, it is essential that wrap around care moves swiftly to the new system. It is for this reason that bookings and payment for wrap around care from Monday 7th November will only be accepted via the ParentPay system. Please be assured the system is straight forward and much more efficient than the manual systems currently in place. The system will have been in operation for over a month at this point, which we feel is a reasonable period for transition. If you pay through childcare vouchers, please contact the school office.

We are keen to assist all parents to move with us in the change, so if you have any difficulty registering or using the on-line system, please do contact Mrs Reid in the office. She will be pleased to help. Alternatively, Mrs Reid and Miss Richardson will be presenting a ParentPay support drop in session on Monday 31st October 3.15-4pm.



Residential Trips

Parents of children in Robins, Bats, Foxes and Owls should keep a look out for the letters coming home today relating to this year's residential trips. Mr Ardito has worked very hard arranging these events. Numbers are limited, so please ensure that you make your booking and place your deposit via ParentPay - ASAP. This is a first come, first served situation.



Bikability

A number of our Year 5 and 6 children were completing Level 1 and 2 Bikeability training in school this week. Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills - not only learning to cycle, but increasing their independence and confidence too. It develops their social skills and their sense of wellbeing. Although it does have to be mentioned that the weather was not on their side with one group being caught out in the torrential rain. Fortunately, they dried off and parents were able to bring spare clothes and shoes. *Thank you.*

Uniform

It is pleasing to see the children wearing their uniforms correctly and with pride in themselves and their shared identity. As we move towards achieving a 'uniform' uniform please can I remind parents that our school uniform requires all children to wear black school shoes. If you are replacing shoes over the holidays, please remember that trainers are not part of the school uniform policy.

Whilst most children are now wearing the correct PE uniform (plain navy blue shorts, t-shirts and tracksuits) some children continue to wear fashion sports-wear or black tracksuits and leggings. The uniform is in place to provide for a common identity and inclusion for all, so is important to being part of our school family. The governors have agreed a transition period to secure consistency in the uniform, up to February, but if you are yet to get hold of the published uniform it is always worth keeping your eye out for a bargain – if you see plain navy blue shorts, t-shirts or tracksuits on offer, it might be worthwhile grabbing a bargain. Thank you again to all parents who are supporting us in our quest to promote high standards for all and assist the children to develop high standards and pride in themselves.

This week's achievements

In Celebration Assembly, Stars of the Week Certificates were awarded this week for effort and achievement in a range of curriculum areas. Well done to everyone.

Attendance

The Class Attendance Award this week goes to Foxes. They are the first class this year to achieve 100%. A BIG WELL DONE to them. The whole school attendance for this week is 96.30 – which is in line with national average but our attendance for the term just falls short at 95.82%. We really do need everyone's support with this. Attendance is a focus area for the Department of Education, as well as Ofsted who are looking to see at least national average attendance to judge schools good. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Reid will be providing you with a summary of your child's attendance for this term. Please do take a look at this information.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 31 st October -	First day of term Parent Pay Drop-in support session 3.15pm
Wednesday 2 nd November -	Yr5/6 Mini Police anti bullying event
Friday 4 th November-	PTA Halloween Discos (please see flyers already sent out)
Wednesday 9 th November-	Reception Open Morning 9.30-11.30am PTA meeting 5.15pm
Thursday 10 th November-	Flu Vaccine
Thursday 17 th November-	Road Safety Day – whole school
Friday 18 th November -	Children Need Day
Wednesday 30 th November-	Y6 Internet Safety Day – Stay Safe Partnership Y2 Friendship and emotions workshop – Stay Safe Partnership
Thursday 1 st December-	Christingle Yr5/6
Friday 2 nd December-	Y2 Archery competition
Wednesday 7 th December-	Yr1/2 Throwing and Catching competition
Thursday 8 th December -	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 9 th December -	Yr6 Level 3 Bikeability
Monday 12 th December-	PTA Santa’s Grotto event
Tuesday 13 th December -	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 14 th December-	KS1 Nativity Yr3-6 Archery Competition
Thursday 15 th December-	Carol Service -2pm
Friday 16 th December -	Christmas Party Day LAST DAY OF TERM

As always, if you have any queries or comments regarding the contents of this letter, or any other aspect of the school’s operations, please do contact us directly. In the unfortunate situation that you feel that we have not addressed a concern you have raised, you are able to escalate your concerns through our complaints policy. This can be found on the school website. Of course, we hope that you do not have the necessity to refer to this. We wish to work with you, so will strive to meet your needs.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, we hope that you enjoy a wonderful half term holiday.

Your faithfully,

Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher