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News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is racing a way, with just over a week left before the Easter break. There is still a lot of great learning to fit in, including Year 5's Foxes trip to The Deep in Hull, where they will be extending their learning in geography and science. It sounds very exciting. Today Year 2 have delighted us with their celebration of their geography learning about Our Wonderful World. They did a wonderful job and really enjoyed the opportunity to share their brilliance with the school and family visitors. Well done Otters.

We break up for Easter next Thursday, with our celebrations coming together at St Mary Magdalen Church, where Robins will be reminding us of the story of Easter. Please join us at 2pm at the church.

Staffing updates

As you know, we will soon be waving a fond farewell to Miss Hill and Mrs Parkin – I know they are both trying to make the very best of the time they have left.

I am pleased to advise that Mrs Horlock will be joining us after Easter to lead teaching and learning in Year 1, full time. To provide increased stability for the class, she will move with the class into Year 2 next year.

Mr Evans will also be joining us after Easter. He will be leading teaching and learning in Year 5 and is very much looking forward to joining the team for the summer term. We are advertising for permanent teaching staff for September – I shall keep you updated of progress.

A Chance to Get Crafty!



Last year we had an Easter bonnet competition – this year we are offering another creative challenge for the children to get involved with.

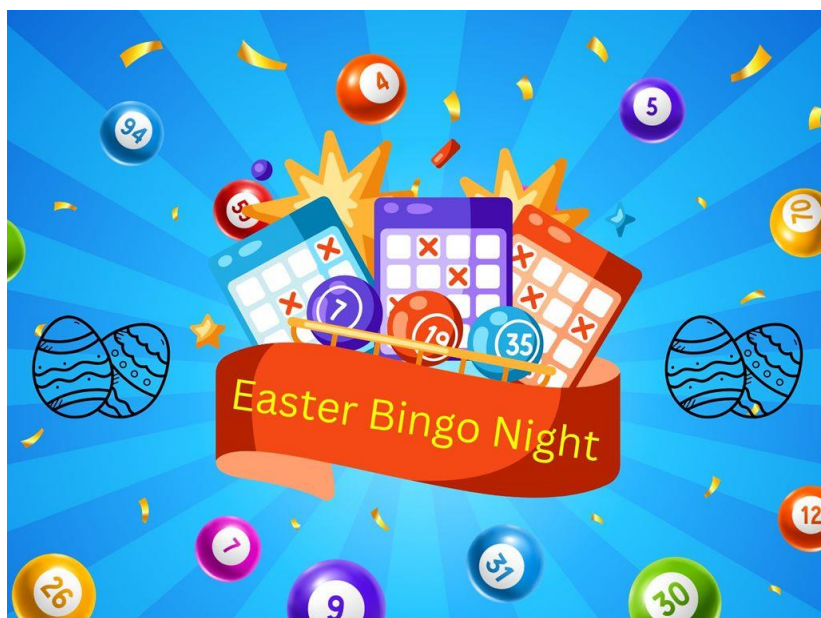
This year's Easter competition invites the children to create an Easter egg. The sky is the limit as far as creativity is concerned. There is no restriction on size. It can be two dimensional or three dimensional. It can be large or small. There will be a prize for the best entry in each class as well as an overall winner in EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Remember - you have to be in it to win it!!



Parent's Evening

Parents evening will take place next week. Please arrive to the school hall, where your child's books will be available to view. Please remember that parents evening appointments are scheduled for 10 minutes. It is important that we stick to this timing, as a couple of minutes on every appointment results in extensive delays for those arriving to appointments later in the evening. Parents evening discussions focus on attainment and progress to-date and targets going forward. If you wish to discuss anything other than this, please do get in touch with the office so they can arrange a separate appointment with the class teacher.

PRIZE BINGO - WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL



Friends of School have organised a fantastic evening of fun for the children to enjoy, next Wednesday 27th March, straight after school – 3.30pm to 5pm.

We are very excited, as it has been quite a while since bingo has been on offer and we know that bingo is a game that all ages enjoy. We are in no doubt that the children will have lots of fun waiting to see if their numbers are called and if they will be lucky enough to call a line or a full house!!

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BINGO - VIEW MORE INFORMATION »

📅 27/03/2024 (WED) ⌚ 15:30 - 17:00 📍 FLEET WOOD LANE SCHOOL HALL - PE12BNN

🕒 SALES END IN 07 DAYS 02:12:49 ON 27/03/2024 AT 12:00

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Bingo ticket	£3.00	<input type="text" value="0"/>		£0.00
E-Ticket ? Available				
Total				£0.00

This is the first event where booking and payment can be done easily on-line. No cash or slips to hand back or go missing. Booking can be done from the comfort of your own home! You can book your child a place by ordering a ticket at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoffleetwoodlane. It is really straight forward – once you click on the link you will be offered a booking form.

You will then be sent an e-ticket for the event, but you will not need to send the ticket with your child to the bingo event as the booking

platform will provide the PTA with a list of children booked in – so this will suffice.

Whilst this is a move away from what we know and are used to, the PTA and the school would really like all parents to have a go at using the system. We believe it will make booking events easier for parents and there would be a significant reduction in the administrative time taken to collect, count and bank money which would be a great help to the office staff as well as the PTA committee.

News from the Office – Absence report – Please help!



Mrs Freeman and Mrs Speed in the office – need your help!!

Safeguarding the children is a priority of the school, that starts at the beginning of the day. If your child is unable to attend, for any reason, it is essential that you let us know. If your child is too unwell to attend, it is essential that you follow our absence procedures detailed within our attendance policy.

Absence Procedures

We monitor all absence, and the reasons that are given, thoroughly.

If a child is absent from school the parent must follow these procedures:

- Contact the school on the first day of absence before 9.00am. The school has an answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call, or you may call into school personally and speak to the office staff
- Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9.00am
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible and you provide any medical evidence, if requested, to support the absence

If your child is absent we will:

- Telephone or text you on the first, and every subsequent day of absence, if we have not heard from you – **however it is your responsibility to contact us.**
- If we are unable to make contact with parents by telephone, we will telephone emergency contact numbers, send letters home and a home visit may be made in the interests of safeguarding.
- A referral will be made to Local Authority if no contact has been made with parents by the 10th day of absence (or sooner if deemed appropriate), at which point your child will be considered to be “missing from education.”

The school has a responsibility to locate every child who fails to attend to school at registration. It is essential that parents advise us – **before 9am** – if their child is going to be absent that day and that they explain the reason for the absence. This needs to be done for every day of absence. If parents do not advise us – we are required to get in touch with you. Mrs Freeman and Mrs Speed are concerned that there are high numbers of parents forgetting to do this, which is resulting in them spending high levels of time chasing up absence each day. To assist us in the smooth running of the school, please can you ensure you call the office or email enquiries@fleetwoodlane.lincs.sch.uk to advise us of an absence.

Please be aware, if we have not been advised, and cannot get hold of you, we will contact all emergency numbers on you contact list. If after doing this, we have not located the child and the reason for absence, we will carry out a home visit. It is essential that we implement these systems to ensure the safety of all children. Unexplained absence can indicate a child may be in danger so we are required to do all we can to ascertain that this is not the case. Thank you for your help.

Attendance

School attendance continues to be a focus for the Dfe and therefore Local Authorities and schools. Our attendance policy was updated in January to reflect the Department of Education's guidance. The policy details the importance for attendance, as well as the instances when absence will be authorised and unauthorised.

As a parent or carer, you should avoid booking holidays or visits overseas during term-time. Full school attendance is VITAL for your child's educational progress.

Parents are reminded that they do not have any entitlement to term-time leave for their children. At Fleet Wood Lane, we will not agree to authorise leave during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances which warrant this. Permission will not be given if it is applied for after the leave has taken place.

If the permission to take leave is not granted and the pupil still goes on leave, the absence will be unauthorised and this may result in a Fixed Term Penalty Notice being issued of either £60 or £120 per child, per parent.

Persistent unauthorised absence (10% within any 6 week period) may result in the involvement of the Education Welfare Officer and possible legal proceedings including the issue of a Fixed Term Penalty Notice of £60 or £120 per child per parent.

Red Nose Day – THANK YOU



Well done to the school council for leading our Comic relief fundraising. Thank you to all the children who took part in the do something funny event. We were amazed by the costumes.

We raised £197.99.



As always, if you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, or any other aspect of the school's operations, please get in touch with the office so that we can assist.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher