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News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fun Fit Friday

The children have enjoyed a fabulous dance-based fitness event today, as part of our Fun Fit Friday program. 'Kidz-Fit' have led the event, teaching the children about healthy lifestyles and the importance of physical activity for physical and mental health. At the end of the session, there was a hula-hooping competition to see who could hula-hoop with the most hoops. It was very competitive! The children had so much fun, even the adults were caught hula-hooping!

Dormice Bikeability

Last week, children in Dormice were learning how to ride balance bikes with the help of our Bikeability instructor. Despite the weather being a bit frosty – everyone had a great time and the instructor remarked on the good manners of the children and their attention to learning. Well done, Dormice.



What did the Roman's do for us?

Year 3 were finding out the answer in their trip to Lincoln Castle this week. The children had an exciting opportunity to walk around the castle wall and discover that there used to be a Roman fort where the castle stands today! After, they made their own shields and participated in a banquet. In the afternoon, the children tried on some armour and discovered that the helmets were incredibly heavy! Finally, they tested their hand-eye coordination skills by doing some archery. Robins class had a fantastic day!



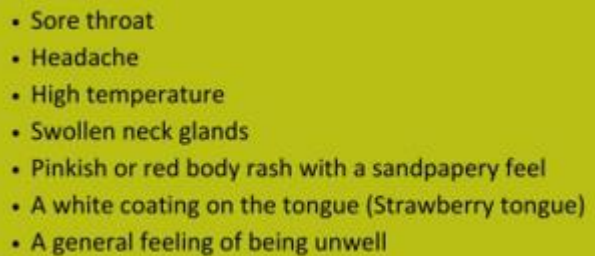
Parent Voice

As we await the arrival of the Ofsted report, Governors are keen to gain further insight into parents' experiences of the school. Separate correspondence is being sent out in book bags today to all families. Please do ensure that you check book bags and back packs for this correspondence. It is important – Governors are keen to hear your views.

Scarlet Fever and Measles

I wrote out to you recently regarding the symptoms of scarlet fever. Please continue to be vigilant to the symptoms and seek medical attention if presents.

If your child is unwell and presents the symptoms detailed, please do keep them at home until they are feeling better. (Please remember to notify the office of the absence.)

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- Sore throat
 - Headache
 - High temperature
 - Swollen neck glands
 - Pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
 - A white coating on the tongue (Strawberry tongue)
 - A general feeling of being unwell

Children diagnosed with scarlet fever can return to school 24 hours after commencing antibiotics and siblings/close contacts, who are not affected, can continue to attend school. Children with scarlet fever who do not receive antibiotics can be contagious for up to 2 weeks, so it is really important if you suspect your child has scarlet fever that you contact your GP.

You will be aware of concern regarding the increasing number of incidents of measles being reported. I have attached information relating to the illness below. Measles is extremely infectious, please do take a moment to study the information.

If your child has not yet received the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine, information below sign-posts how you can access this.

More information as to what to do and when to keep your child off school can be found at this link <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>

If your child does contract measles, please do get in touch with us straight away.

Things to look forward to...

Next week, Robins Class will be leading their class assembly on Tuesday. All children will be involved in a dance workshop related to Chinese New Year on Wednesday, so please make sure your child's PE kit is in school. Year 6 are taking part in 'Singsation' at UAH and Foxes have a mobile planetarium coming to visit them in school linking in with their current Science topic 'Space'.

End of Term

Please note that the last day of this school term is Friday 9th February. School returns for Term 4 on Monday 19th February.

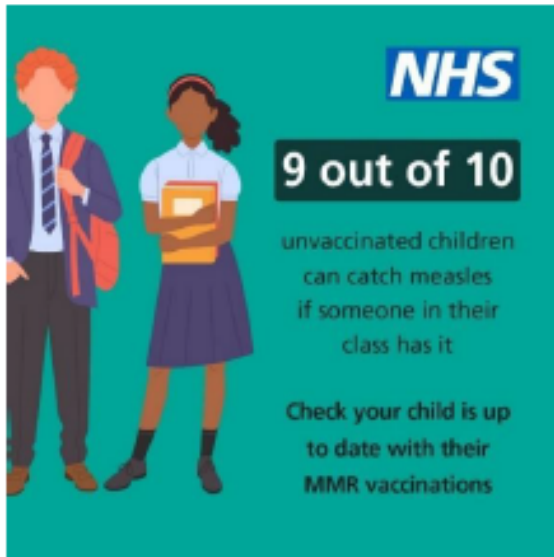
Next Term – Parents Evenings

Save the date – Monday 25th March and Tuesday 26th March. More details to follow.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher

Measles

Measles can cause severe illness, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weak immunity. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death.



MMR vaccination is available at any age

The NHS have launched a **catch up campaign** for missed MMR vaccines. The NHS will contact all parents of children aged 6 to 11 as part of this, encouraging MMR uptake.

If children (and young adults) have missed their vaccinations in the past, it is important for them to have the vaccine now, especially in light of recent cases/outbreaks in other parts of England.

Children usually have the first dose of the MMR vaccine at 1 year-old and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. A version of MMR is available which does not contain pork ingredients.

Advice for parents if measles is suspected:

- Contact NHS 111 or your GP practice by telephone or online, but to help prevent the virus spreading, **please do not attend any healthcare setting in person** unless requested to by a healthcare professional. Instead, phone for advice and say it could be measles.
- Suspected measles may cause concern. Advice is available on the [NHS website](#), [UKHSA webpages](#), NHS 111 and from the person's GP.
- For further advice on what to do if you suspect your child has measles, please follow this link: [What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)



We encourage all parents to check their child's vaccination status by looking at their red book. If there is no record, parents can contact their GP to confirm vaccination status and to request an appointment if necessary.