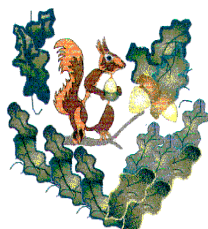


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### News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is racing on and there is lots of updates, reminders and news to share. I will start with the reminders.

#### Little Beasties Make an Unwelcome Appearance

We have succumbed to the common school nuisance of nits! To ensure that we can limit the spread and overcome the outbreak it is essential that everyone checks their child's hair and treat if you identify they have been affected. Unfortunately, we rely completely on parental support to combat the outbreak. Please remember, a second treatment is recommended (a week after the first). You can access up to day NHS information via this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

#### Uniform expectations

It has been really pleasing to see the children looking so smart wearing their school uniforms proudly over the last term. Thank you to everyone for encouraging the children to take pride in their personal appearance – the children really are a credit to you and to themselves.

Recently, we have noticed a small number of children arriving to school with incorrect uniform. Please remember that our school uniform policy requires dark grey trousers, skirts, pinafores and school shorts. Black is not part of our clothing uniform and should not be worn to school. A number of children are arriving to school wearing trainers – again these are not part of the school's published uniform policy, the school policy asks for black school shoes please.

#### PE Uniform

All children are required to have their PE kit in school on the days that they have PE lessons. Our uniform policy requires pupils to be provided with a navy-blue round neck t-shirt (school logoed or plain), plain navy shorts, a navy tracksuit and a pair of trainers for outdoor PE. We will provide spare uniform PE kit to those children arriving for PE without PE kit or those arriving with incorrect PE kit. Trainers are essential for outdoor PE – school shoes are not fit for purpose as they provide insufficient grip. For safety, please do ensure that your child has a pair of trainers in their PE bag.

The following timetable indicates the PE days for all classes.

Monday	Hedgehogs, Bats
Tuesday	Otters, Robins, Bats, Owls
Wednesday	Foxes and Owls – Swimming Dormice
Thursday	Otters, Robins
Friday	Hedgehogs, Foxes

### **Parent's Evening**

Parent's evenings will take place today and tomorrow after school. Parents should arrive to the school hall where pupil books will be available for you to see. Arriving a little time ahead of your appointment will allow you to enjoy looking at these ahead of your appointment. Teachers will collect you from the hall. Appointment slots are 10 minutes. Teachers will do all that they can to keep to schedule. Please do assist them with this. If you feel you need additional time to discuss your child's progress, we will be happy to arrange an alternative appointment with you.

We will also be issuing the parent contact forms to you tonight for you to review and update. We hope that providing these to you, at this time, will enable us to collect this information quickly and efficiently over the two evenings. Please do complete and return the forms to me before you leave – this will really help us out. It is essential that your personal details are correct (we know that many people change numbers as they update phone contracts – please take extra care to ensure these are correct). It is important that we are provided at least two emergency contacts (including yourself), so in the event of being unable to reach you we have another trusted adult able to support your child in the event of an emergency or illness. This requirement is expected of all schools, being defined within the Keeping Children Safe in Education document issued by the Department of Education.

### **Squirrels Wrap Around Care**

Thank you to those parents who have already returned their Squirrels agreement document to the office and to those who have offered us feedback on the changes. As detailed in recent correspondence – arrangements for Squirrels are set to change a little, from the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Any families wishing to use our wrap around care service after the 4<sup>th</sup> December will need to have submitted their completed Squirrel's Agreement. In addition, we are asking for parents help to assist us in our arrangements for staffing and resourcing. We are asking for parents to book one week in advance, where this is possible. We do understand that this is not always possible, and for this reason advance booking and payment on Parentpay will remain open until 12 noon on the day before attendance. We will always try to accommodate short notice but would like to keep these to a minimum where possible.

Please be aware, advance booking and payment (via your Parentpay account) is required for both after school and breakfast club. In preparations for the new systems, Breakfast club staff will be presenting a sign in sheet similar to the sign out sheet used at after school club. This register confirms the transfer of children from you to us and us to you!

### **Attendance**

School attendance continues to be high, with whole school attendance for the year to date currently standing at 95.06%. We are very close to the 96% target that the Department of Education and the Local Authority set for schools. Well done everyone.

Robin's class achieved the highest level of attendance last week, with 95.69%. We are yet to see a class achieve the weekly 100% goal – we are keen to see who achieves this first!

## Internet Safety



On Friday 10th November, we were delighted to have an online safety day delivered by Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership. The Internet is such an important part of all of our lives these days but, as with everything, it is vital to know how to use it safely.

Pupils in Otters, Robins, Foxes, Bats and Owls each took part in a 1-hour workshop, with topics considered being specific to pupil age. Year 6 (Owls) discussed the sending and receiving of inappropriate images; Year 5 (Foxes) focussed on understanding how people present themselves online may not always be entirely their true selves and that we should never fully trust someone who we only know digitally; Year 3 (Robins) decided what personal information could be shared and shouldn't be shared online whilst Year 2 (Otters) found out about how to stay safe while playing their favourite online games. We were also provided with a range of useful resources which will be shared with parents shortly via the Class Teams pages.

In addition to this advice to arrive on Teams, Dan Hawbrooke the e-safety specialist from Lincolnshire Children Safeguarding Partnership is presenting a free to join question and answer event for parents.

In the Keeping Safe Online Survey of 2023 Lincolnshire Children who reported having less parental supervision online were more likely to report being bullied online, effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up! We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required.

**Please sign up, via the link –**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-dan-anything-for-parents-of-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-717791562887?aff=oddtcreator>

## Year 6 – Class Assembly



Yesterday, Owl's class shared their learning about World War II, with the whole school and their parents too, in their class assembly. They shared what they had learnt about child evacuation and acknowledged that many children from the cities were evacuated to the safety of Lincolnshire. They shared their experiences from their trip to Bomber Command Centre where they learnt that Lincolnshire is 'Bomber County', so named due to the very high number of airfields in the area. Vera Lynn (the forces sweetheart) also featured in song, as the children joined in to sing her World War II classic – *'We'll meet again'*. Well done to the Year 6's they did an amazing job.

*Mrs Ingram – on behalf of our PTFA will again be providing us with the delight of Hot Chocolate Friday. She will be at the school gate at the end of the school day on Friday.*



**Children in Need Day – This Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**



This Friday is Children in Need Day. To help us raise money for this child centred charity the children are invited to take part in a non-uniform day with a yellow theme. On the day, pupils should try to wear something yellow and should pass their donation to their class teacher on arrival to school. There will be a prize for the ‘most yellow’ person in each class too! For those with an artistic flare, there is also a Pudsey Colouring competition - £1 per entry with prizes for EYFS/KS1 and KS2. There have been lots of entries – but there is still time to take part. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!

**New Starters 2024 – Open Event**

A big thank you to the pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who acted as tour guides to our prospective parents of 2024, during last week’s open morning and evening events. They did an amazing job, with many compliments received from all of the visitors. If you are aware of any families with children due to start school next year, who have missed the open day, please do advise them to call the office. We would be delighted to arrange a personal visit.

**Please remember Outdoor Coats**



The weather is now very unpredictable so please do ensure that your child comes to school with an outdoor coat – thank you.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further information regarding the contents of this letter or any other aspect of your child’s education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Parker

Head Teacher