

## Fleet Wood Lane School



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### News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is racing away, with lots going on. Last Friday, I enjoyed a wonderful day out with Owls Class. As part of their History Topic learning relating to World War 2, we visited the Bomber Command Memorial in Lincoln. The children were totally engaged in the visit with so much to see and learn about the events of the war and those who took part from so many Lincolnshire Airfields.



Owls class also had a visitor into school last week. The Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership came in to speak to the children about on-line safety, in particular the dangers of on-line gambling. Please remember that the internet can be a dangerous place. Please do monitor you child's access to online apps and games to ensure that they are accessing age-appropriate content.

## Pupil Photos

Pupil photo proofs and order forms are being sent out with the children this afternoon. We hope you are pleased with them. If you would like to order a copy with free postage and packaging to the school, please complete and return the order form by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Postal orders can be made directly with Wrates for up to a year.



## Harvest Festival – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

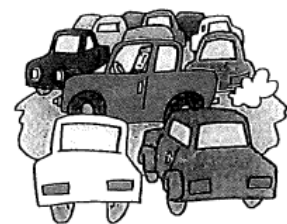
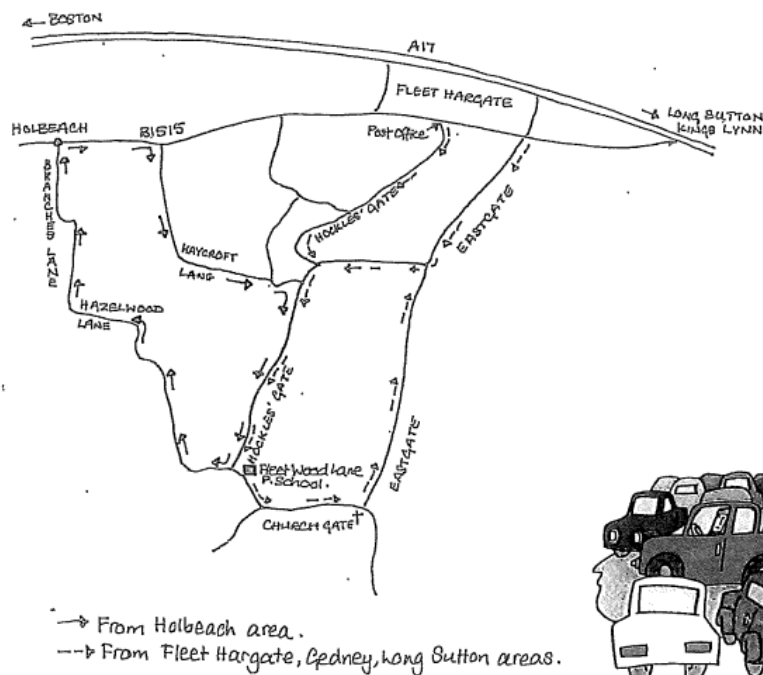
This Friday we will be celebrating Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church in Fleet. The celebration starts at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us. Whilst we know that the cost of living crisis is affecting everyone, if you are able to spare any store cupboard items we would be very grateful to receive these. All donations will be sent to the Holbeach Larder.

## Parents Evening – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November

Following feedback from the end of year reports, this term's parents evening will take place on Wednesday and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. This is a little later in the year than previously presented. This will ensure that Autumn term assessments are complete, and we are able to speak about you child's progress, next steps and how you might be able to further assist them at home. Further correspondence will be sent out nearer the time.

## Road Safety – Be Careful for our Children – Be Careful for our Neighbours

The one-way system for drop off and pick up is an informal arrangement which aims to minimise congestion at pick up and drop off. All roads around the school allow two-way traffic, but we find the system does speed up drop off and pick up, so please do use it if you can. Please remember that local residents and other road users may be unaware of our system, so please be cautious and courteous if you pass them on your journey. Thank you.



## **Key Stage 2 Residential**

Mrs King has been working very hard to secure bookings and transport for this year's residential trips. Separate correspondence will be sent out to parents this week.

## **Drop off and pick-up**

Our new reception children in Dormice class have settled into school brilliantly, with many of them now confident to be dropped off at the school gates each morning to walk into school independently with the other children. For safeguarding reasons, we work towards all children being dropped at the gate by October half term. If your child is in Dormice class, please do encourage them to walk from the gate. Mrs Barron and myself will be around each morning to support and encourage each day, which we find usually does the trick for building confidence if needed. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard to get the children to school on time. There has been a fantastic increase in the number of children arriving before the gates close, we only now see a few stragglers arriving to the front door. Please do all that you can to get your children to school for the start of the day as this really helps the teachers and the office staff to get registers completed quickly and efficiently. The school gates open at 8.35am and close for the start of the day at 8.50am. Thank you.

The school day now ends at 3.20pm. Please ensure that you are here in good time to collect your children when they are discharged from class. Year 5 and 6 pupils in Foxes and Owls classes are discharged at the main gates with other classes released from their classroom doors. Once you have collected your child, please make your way back to the main gates to exit the school premises. If you need to speak with a member of staff, please contact the office via the main school entrance. Please do not walk through the school building. We make this request for safeguarding reasons. All adults entering school should be accompanied to ensure effective safeguarding. Again, to ensure the effectiveness of our safeguarding procedures for pupils remaining with us for after school clubs or attendance to Squirrels, once you have collected your child, please do make your way to the gate so that we can resecure the premises as soon as possible. Your assistance with this is very much appreciated. Thank you.

## **Squirrels**

A quick reminder that all bookings for Squirrels need to be made via your Parent-pay accounts, with payment being made at the point of booking. It is really important that all children are booked in via this system to ensure that our start and end of day safeguarding systems can be effectively implemented.

## **Attendance**

Attendance levels are still high, with Year 4 achieving 99.5% last week – almost 100%! Well done Year 4. The whole school average last week was 94.65% bringing our year to date down slightly below the target of 96% to 95.7%. This is still really positive – I am hoping that we will see our first class this year achieve 100% very soon.

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,

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