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News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, Ofsted paid the school a visit this week. It was a delight to show the inspector around the school and assist her inspection process. We are unable to share any feedback with you at this time, but as soon as we receive the formal report, we will provide this to you without delay.

As we progress through the recruitment processes to replace office staff, please bear with us. Mrs Gadsden is covering the office Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri morning with existing staff supporting outside of these hours. We will do all that we can to answer the phones and the door promptly and apologise in advance for any delay.



Attendance

One area of focus during the inspection was school attendance. I am delighted that the children seem to have overcome the coughs/sneezes and diseases that plagued every class before Christmas. Whole school attendance this week was 96.21% which is in line with the national average and confirms a significant lift in pupil wellbeing – thank goodness. Attendance levels fell to 80.95% in December, so our year to date average is 93.26%. School attendance is a priority to enable children to access their educational entitlement, so it is for this reason that school attendance is monitored by the Department for Education and Ofsted and performance against the national average attendance level of 96% is reviewed.

Fingers crossed, as we look forward to the Spring, good health will sustain. Of course, if your child is unwell please do keep them at home and seek medical advice where necessary. Please do all you can to avoid any unnecessary in term absences. If at all possible, please book medical appointments etc, outside of the school day and do avoid all in term holidays. Thank you.



Safeguarding - Emergency Contact Numbers



It is essential that we are able to contact you whenever necessary, but especially in the case of emergency. Unfortunately, Mrs Gadsden had been unable to contact a very small number of parents on the numbers registered. If you have upgraded your phone and/or changed your number, please can you update your details with the office. Many thanks.

Celebration Assembly

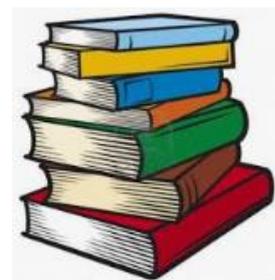
This term we are looking to support the development of initiative as part of our LORIC program and will be awarding a weekly class certificates to those pupils who have stood out in this area. We will also be awarding Head Teacher awards to children who have shone in the class for learning, or upholding our school values.

Foxes Year 5 Assembly

On Wednesday, pupils from Foxes class shared their learning from last term with the whole school. Parents and carers were also invited to attend. Well done to the pupils – standing and speaking in front of an audience is always tricky.

Reading

Reading is the basis for all learning and fortunately the children in school seem to really enjoy it so securing reading progress just needs access to books and adult support. As with all things, practise makes perfect, so regularly practising reading to an adult at home will ensure that reading skills (as well as extended vocabulary) develop quickly. If you need any guidance to support home reading, please do contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist.



Cricket



This term Years 1,2,3 &6 are being supported by Emily Hill from England Cricket to develop their cricket skills. The children have really enjoyed the lessons so far. In addition, we have enjoyed a whole school assembly, telling the children about the different avenues into playing cricket. If your child is interested in playing cricket outside of school, more information can be found at <https://longsutton.play-cricket.com/>. Mr Eggleton has added additional information onto the class Teams pages.

Snow Forecast

The weather forecast for next week, certainly is not cricket weather. After a period of what seems very mild weather there is talk of snow coming, so please ensure that your child has a coat in school and suitable footwear. Thank you.

If due to cold weather, or heating malfunctions, or frozen pipes (or any other reason) we are unable to open the school, we will advise you of this in a number of ways.

- We will update the school website – displaying a rolling notice.
- We will update Lincs FM and Radio Lincolnshire
- Teachers will update your teams accounts

We will do all that we can to offer you as much notice as possible – please do not ring the school before 8am as the phones are not manned until then.

After school clubs

After school clubs have started this week. Mrs King is leading a recorder club, Miss Nicholson is leading gymnastics and we are fortunate to have access the support of Mindfulness for all who are leading an art and craft club.

Parking and Road Safety

As always, please do try to be considerate when driving around the school and remember, for the safety of the children, that dropping off or parking on the yellow zig-zags is prohibited.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher