

Newsletter March 2018

Head of School Update

It has been great to welcome the children back to school for the second half of the Spring term and to see the projects that they made and to see them in their new uniforms.

There has been lots to celebrate so far this half term, and the children and staff particularly enjoyed welcoming parents in for lunch and our World Book Day. As part of the latter, the children have written stories with themselves as the main character and we are hoping to display these in the reception area soon.

As we look to the rest of the half term, we are particularly looking forward to our Community Lunch, which will be taking place on Monday 26th March. We have delivered 180 invitations around the village, including hand written invitations from members of the School Parliament. We have already been delighted with the response and look forward to welcoming as many members of the local community as possible to join us for lunch on this day.

Updating Changes

If your child has a change in medical circumstances, please notify the school office so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure that all staff are aware of each child's conditions.

School Lunches

Please ensure that when ordering school lunches online via A Country Kitchen, you checkout your choices. We have had some instances where parents have not checked out their choices therefore lunches have not been ordered.

Special Needs Support

As the school's SENDCo, Mrs Flack is available between 9.30 and 11.00am on Friday mornings should any parents or carers wish to discuss any concerns they may have regarding their child's special education needs. Please make contact with the office to make an appointment.

Playground Safety

Just a gentle reminder that riding bikes and scooters within the school grounds is not allowed by children or adults and we respectfully ask for your support in this matter. We also ask that dogs are not brought onto the premises, including the school's car park.

Dates for your diary

6th March – Parents/Carers in for Lunch
7th March – Parents/Carers in for Lunch
8th March – World Book Day
15th March – Class Photos
20th March – Burghley Trip for Years 1 and 2
26th March – Community Lunch
28th March – End of Term
16th April - Term 5

Book People

The Book People drop off books on a regular basis and we would like to give parents and carers the opportunity to view and purchase these books. Each time we receive a selection of books, we will send out an email giving you a two day slot to view/purchase books. Please note that payment must be made at the time of ordering

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of the work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Please remember that safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If we are concerned about the safety of any child, we should let somebody know. Mrs Flack is the designated safeguarding person in school. In her absence, contact Mrs Palmer who has now also been trained as a designated safeguarding person.

Term Dates

Term 4

19th February 2018 to 28th March 2018

Term 5

16th April 2018 to 25th May 2018

Term 6

4th June 2018 to 20th July 2018

Swimming

All children will be commencing Swimming Lessons on Friday 20th April 2018 at Whaplode Church of England Primary School, with the final lesson being Friday 13th July 2018.

The cost will be £2.50 per lesson, please ensure payment is made weekly or you may pay £30.00 in total for the 12 lessons

A swimming letter will be coming out in due course

School Closures School Closures due to weather or emergencies.

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We appreciate that many pupils live within walking distance of the school but we also have to take account of where our staff live and their ability to travel to and from school safely in order to ensure the safety of our pupils. Once the decision has been taken to close the school, the information will be broadcast on local radio

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- BBC Radio Lincolnshire FM(VHF) 94.9/MW 1368 kilohertz/219m or www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire
- www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures
- www.weston-st-mary.co.uk