

Newsletter May 2019

Head of School Update

It has been a busy start to the Summer term and it has been fantastic to see the children return to school with such energy and enthusiasm. We hope you had a very pleasant Easter break and that you had opportunity to enjoy the fantastic weather!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, carers and members of the community who joined us for our Easter Service. It was fantastic to welcome so many of you to our service and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share their readings, art work, poems, songs and prayers with you.

This term promising to be one of excitement and also of challenge, with some of our pupils who are preparing to sit their end of Key Stage assessments. Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have been working hard in preparation for these assessments and we are confident that they are ready to show off the skills and knowledge they have mastered! Please ensure that children avoid any unnecessary absence.

We were delighted to announce the winners of our attendance award at the end of last term, with the majority of pupils securing an attendance of 96% or above, thus winning themselves an Easter egg! The challenge was very well received by the pupils and they have asked that we set another challenge, which we will look to do before the academic year is out.

Swimming lessons have commenced and it has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm as they get on the bus to Whaplode each Friday morning. We are very proud of their achievements so far and the positive attitude that they adopt when challenging themselves to swim further each week.

We can confirm that Sports Day will be taking place on Wednesday 3rd July in the afternoon. We will confirm exact timings closer to the date, but hope you will be available to join us for the afternoon.

School Transport for Children Transferring to Secondary School

If your child is starting secondary school in September 2019 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport immediately once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a paper application form can be requested from the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooltransport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

PE Kits

We are sorry to inform you that some pupils do not have an appropriate PE kit in school. This is impacting significantly on their ability to join in with PE lessons. If you are finding it difficult to source a PE kit please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or admin team

Special Needs Support

The school's SENCo is Mrs Z Halden who works between both Whaplode and Weston St Mary's Schools. Mrs Halden is available alternate Friday mornings between 9.30 and 11.00am. If you have any concerns or would like to book an appointment, please contact the school office

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

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.

It is also important that parents keep the school updated of changes in contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, so that we are able to make contact with you in an emergency

Swimming Lessons

Friday 26th April 2019 at Whaplode Church of England Primary School, with the final lesson being Friday 12th July 2019.

The cost will be £2.50 per lesson, please ensure payment is made weekly or you may pay £27.50 in total for the 11 lessons

Term Dates

Term 5:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6:

Monday 3rd June 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

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. The designated safeguarding officer is Mrs Flack, with Mrs R Walker the deputy safeguarding officer

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

- Lincs FM (FM (VHF) 102.2 megahertz or www.lincsfm.co.uk)
- BBC Radio Lincolnshire FM(VHF) 94.9/MW 1368 kilohertz/219m or www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire