

# Newsletter January 2022

## Head of School Update

We hope you had a great Christmas break and wish you a happy and healthy new year. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the Christmas break and to hear of how well they have settled into the start of this term. Our Celebration Collective Worship has been filled with certificates for children who have been working incredibly hard and who have been achieving great things!

It was wonderful to be part of the festive celebrations towards the end of last term, and especially to attend the Nativity Service which was held at church. Thank you to the Year 6 parents who were able to attend, and to the other parents and carers who have taken the time to watch the recording of the service since. We are sorry we were not able to invite all parents and carers, and hope that the video of the performance went some way to compensate for this. Other celebrations included Christmas Lunch, which was a massive success and very well received by all of the children, and a whole school Christmas craft morning, where our older pupils supported our younger pupils in making Christmas cards.

Thank you to those parents who have been supporting their children with reading, spellings and homework at home. We appreciate that life at home is busy, and that finding time for these activities on a regular basis can be challenging. However, making time for learning at home has a phenomenal impact on the progress and achievement of pupils, and by showing your child how much you value their learning you are helping to reinforce how important these skills are. In particular, by supporting your child to develop a love of books and reading, whatever the topic may be, you are supporting them to develop an incredibly important life skill which will benefit them throughout the rest of their life.

If you would like any support or further information on helping your child at home, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher who will be more than happy to offer advice and strategies to help you support your child's learning at home.

Mrs Walker

## Absence

If your child is absent from school please let the office know on the morning of the absence. This is a very important procedure that needs to be followed to ensure that we know that children are safe. If you do not do this then a member of our admin team will continue to email and ring until we receive a response.

## Emails

**Please ensure that you check your emails on a regular basis (even during the holidays) as this is the fastest and most efficient way for us to communicate with you.**

## School Transport

If your child travels on school transport, please ensure that they always adhere to the Covid regulations and wear a face mask whilst travelling.

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

## 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.

## Term Dates

### Term 3:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Term 4:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

### Term 5:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Term 6:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## Clothing

Outdoor Learning is on a Tuesday and PE is on a Friday.

### PE:

Blue t-shirt

Black shorts

Plimsolls

Winter/outdoor PE kit should consist of tracksuit/jogging bottoms with a non-hooded sweat shirt for safety reasons.

### Outdoor Learning:

Winter/outdoor learning kit should consist of tracksuit/jogging bottoms with a non-hooded sweat shirt for safety reasons, warm coat, gloves, hat and wellington boots

## Special Needs Support

The school's SENCO is Mrs Z Halden who works between different schools. If you have any concerns, please email the office and these will be passed on.

## 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 officers are Mrs Flack and Mrs Walker, with Mrs Z Halden the deputy safeguarding officer.