

Newsletter October 2021

Head of School Update

It has been great to watch the children settle back into life at school and to see them embracing being in new year groups, classrooms and with new teachers. We have also welcomed many new children not our school, across a wide range of year groups, and it has been exciting to see our school community grow. This term has been a busy one so far, with school life returning to a more 'normal' routine after eighteen months of disruption due to the pandemic. Whilst we continue to adapt the way we do things because of COVID, it has not meant that we have missed out or that the children's spirits have been at all dampened! A great example of this is the Harvest Festival, which took place at the end of September. Kindly led by the Reverend Charles Brown, the festival was held over Zoom with all classes contributing. Children made beautiful paintings, created harvest wreaths and performed a harvest song. Some children even played the ukulele! The diversity of the children's input was amazing, and we greatly enjoyed celebrating all of their hard work.

We have continued to hold our weekly Celebration Collective Worships on Friday mornings (albeit via Zoom!) and it has been great to see all of the Athletics certificates that have been given out. Well done to all of the children who have achieved either their Bronze or Silver award already this year! One of the positive outcomes from the past 18 months has to be the wealth of resources available to support children's learning at home. At Weston, the children are using Athletics and Reading Eggs to support their learning. If you would like any advice on how to support your child's learning at home, please speak to their class teacher and they will be happy to help.

If your child is absent from school please can you 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 we will keep ringing and emailing you until we get a response.

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

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)
- 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

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.

Clothing

Swimming is on a Monday and PE is now 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.

Swimming:

The leg length of swim shorts or trunks should be no longer than thigh length and swimming costumes should be one piece only.

Towels and swimming bags should be clearly named.

Term Dates

Term 1:

Monday 6th September 2021 to Thursday 21st October 2021

Term 2:

Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3:

Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022

Term 4:

Monday 21st February 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022

Term 5:

Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6:

Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

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.