



# November Newsletter 2023



## Head of School Update

It has been great to welcome the children back after the half term break and to see them returning to school rested and ready for another term of learning. This is a wonderful half term to be part of a primary school community, especially as we progress to December and our Christmas celebrations begin. Please keep an eye out for key dates which will be sent out to you in the next few weeks, including our Christmas Carol Service and open morning for parents. Some key dates can be found on this newsletter, so please take the time to read through the information.

Last half term was a busy one. We had a wonderful time celebrating our Harvest Festival with Father David and some of our Year 6 parents. We were sorry not to be able to share this with all parents (due to the weather preventing us from attending church) but were delighted with the incredibly generous donations of food made by so many of our families. Thank you so much for everyone who donated something. The donations were collected by Holbeach Community Larder and Cafe and will now be used to support families within our local community.

Thank you to all those who joined us for our first Celebration of Learning on the Friday before our half term break. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to the event, and to see the children proudly share the work they have done so far. There will be further opportunities to come into class this term, and we look forward to sharing more of our learning with you soon.

Rachael Walker  
Head of School



## Dates for your diary:

Children in Need -	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Christingle Service -	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December - in school
Pantomime -	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Performance -	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December - place & time to be confirmed
Christmas Jumper Day -	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Carol Service -	Date & Place to be confirmed

### **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 as soon as possible 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.

### **Our school value this term is – Courage**

We will be looking at what courage means and why it is important that we treat others with respect.

### **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 Z Halden and Miss A Muir.

### **Term Dates**

Term 2: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Term 3: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Term 4: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

*Bank Holidays – Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March & Easter Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024*

Term 5: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – May Day*

*Bank Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Spring Bank Holiday*

Term 6: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### **Clothing**

PE this term is on a Friday for all children. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and appropriate footwear - trainers in school on this day.

All children have a locker so their PE kits can stay in school if you wish.

#### **PE:**

Plain blue t-shirt (or a plain t-shirt) **NO logos**

Black shorts

Suitable trainers

Winter/outdoor PE kit should consist of plain dark coloured tracksuit/jogging bottoms.

### **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.

#### **Absence**

If your child is absent from school, please let the office know on the morning of the absence before 08:45am as stated within our school attendance policy. 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.