



# February Newsletter 2024



## Head of School Update

It has been a very productive start to 2024 and the children have been working hard. As we move towards February and March, there is much to look forward to. Year 6 pupils will be going on their residential trip to Hilltop, where they will join pupils from Whaplode C of E Primary School on a weekend of adventures. (There is already a lot of talk about who will be going on the highest level of the Super Swing!) On 8<sup>th</sup> February, Birch class will be going to University Academy Holbeach to attend Singsation, where local schools will be coming together for an afternoon of music. Alongside this, trips are being organised across the school to ensure every child gets the chance to deepen their learning through hands-on, real-life experiences. One of the highlights of the Spring term will be World Book Day (7<sup>th</sup> March) where pupils (and staff!) are invited to dress up as a book character of their choice.

As you can tell, this term is a busy one! To make sure that you don't miss any of the upcoming events, please check your emails regularly as there are more events being planned which we look forward to sharing with you soon. Please also check the Key Dates section below to make sure you have all of the important dates in your diary.

### Dates for your diary:

Singsation for y5/6 - 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Hilltop for y6 - 9<sup>th</sup> February - 11<sup>th</sup> February  
World Book Day - 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents' Evening - 5<sup>th</sup> March & 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 5/6 trip to Duxford - 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 3/4 trip to Peterborough Museum - 27<sup>th</sup> March

### Term Dates

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

Staff training days are as follows:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024



### **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)

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Our school value this term is - Hope**

We will be looking at what hope means, and why it is such an important value.

### **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 Miss A Muir, Mrs R Walker and Mrs Z Halden.