



March Newsletter 2024



Head of School Update

It seems hard to believe that we are already halfway through the academic year. There have been some great successes to celebrate over the past month, such as the Year 6 pupils attending our residential trip to Hilltop along with the Year 6 pupils from Whaplode C of E Primary School. It was great to hear how pupils pushed themselves to try new things, including rock climbing, archery and the infamous Super Swing! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who attended this trip and helped to make it such a success.

Year 6 have not been the only ones getting 'out and about' during February. Our EYFS pupils recently went to Whaplode to attend a workshop hosted by Peterborough Museum. This focused on toys from the past and the children had a fantastic time.

Another great success so far this half term has been our Bikeability sessions. Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been brushing up on their cycling proficiency and have learnt how to bike around our local area safely. We were delighted with the feedback we received from the Bikeability team, who said that the children had been great to work with and had shown great manners. Well done to all of the pupils who attended.

March promises to be our busiest month yet, and the school is already abuzz with talk of World Book Day costumes and trips out to museums. Please check the 'Dates for your Diary' section below, as there are lots of upcoming activities and events that you can join us for. Thank you in advance for supporting us with these events. I know all too well how hectic it is sourcing costumes, remembering non-uniform days and juggling home and work commitments in order to attend the Easter service! If you have any questions or would like any further information, please don't hesitate to ask.

Dates for your diary:

Year 5/6 trip to Duxford - Monday 4th March

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March (Pupils invited to come dressed as a book character, parents and carers invited in from 2.30pm for a 'Read with Me' session.)

International Day of Maths - Thursday 14th March (Parents and carers invited to join us for Maths sessions at 10.45am)

Celebration of Learning - Friday 22nd March

Year 3/4 trip to Peterborough Museum - Wednesday 27th March

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

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.

Our school value this term is - Forgiveness

We will be learning about the importance of forgiveness in the context of Lent and Easter, as well as reflecting on times we have forgiven people and been forgiven.

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.

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.

Term Dates

- Term 4: Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024
Bank Holidays - Good Friday 29th March & Easter Monday 1st April 2024
- Term 5: Tuesday 16th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024
Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024 - May Day
Bank Holiday Monday 27th May 2024 Spring Bank Holiday
- Term 6: Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024

Staff training days are as follows:

Monday 15th April 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024