



May Newsletter 2024



Head of School Update

It has been lovely to see the children settle back into school so well after the Easter break. As the weather improves, the children are having more and more opportunities to play on the school field, giving them a chance to enjoy the ark and trim trail which help to make playtimes and lunchtimes even more fun! Unfortunately, the inconsistency of temperature has meant that the children in Maple class have not yet been able to swim this term. This has been disappointing and is the first time it has happened for many years! We are hopeful that the weather will soon improve and that swimming will be able to begin. On a positive note, it has been great to hear that Willow and Birch have been enjoying their gymnastics sessions at Whaplode.

Throughout May and June, many of our year groups will be taking part in assessments. It is therefore extremely important that children are in school consistently so that they are there for the preparation for these assessments, as well as the assessments themselves. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

As we move into the Summer term there is much to look forward to, including Reception pupils' trip to Hunstanton and the Year 6 trip to Lincoln Cathedral for the Church School Festival. Please see the key dates below to ensure you don't miss out on any of the upcoming events.

Dates for your diary:

Reception trip to Hunstanton -	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
Year 6 Church Schools Festival -	Wednesday 12 th June 2024
Year 6 Gala Dinner -	Thursday 20 th June 2024
Year 1 & 2 Sacrewell Farm, Peterborough -	Monday 24 th June 2024
Sports Day -	Friday 28 th June 2024
Reception trip to Nene Park Ferry Meadows -	Friday 12 th 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)
- 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 - Perseverance

We will be talking about why perseverance is important and learning about examples of perseverance in the Bible

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 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