

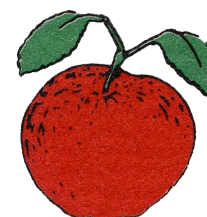
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Dear Parents/Carer

Well as most of you will be aware...I'm still here... which means no baby as of yet! This meant that I was able to be around for Parents' Evenings which has made the continued wait for the baby slightly more bearable! We were all delighted to see so many Parents and Carers coming along. It is always great to share the successes that your children have had and to be able to discuss your child's progress with you. Thank you to everyone who came.

As my paternity leave is delayed, this could impact on me being back at school in time to see some of the Christmas performances. If I am not around then Mrs Pask will take my place and I'm sure she will update me on just how fantastic the performances were! I really do enjoy watching them as it gives so many of our children a chance to shine- hopefully I will make it back in time to see one or two!

Talking of children shining. Here are a couple of pictures of some more amazing homework that we have seen in school this week!



We are now approaching the Christmas season and have lots of exciting events happening in school which parents will be able to attend. Please read the 'Christmas Dates' and 'Dates for your Diary' sections carefully to ensure that you don't miss out on anything! I look forward to seeing many of you joining us at these events.

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Santa's Grotto

Our school Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday 11th December, from 3.30pm-5.00pm in the school hall.

Unfortunately tickets for Santa's Grotto have all been taken

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Lunch will take place on Friday 13th December. If your child does not normally have a hot dinner and would like to on this day, then please can you let the school office know by Tuesday 3rd December. This will allow us to order additional meals as required. For those children not in receipt of free school meals the cost will be £2.30.

Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and cold spells forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open. Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and most importantly the school website.

PGL Photos

We are just waiting for the final few permission slips so that we can share the link for the PGL photos with Year 6 Parents. If you have not already done so, then please can you send the reply slip back as soon as possible so that we can get the 'Google Drive' set up. If we do not have your permission, then we will be unable to upload any photos of your child to the Google Drive. Once we have the necessary permission we will share the link with parents/carers.

Sun Books

We will be collecting tokens for the Sun Newspaper's 'Books for Schools' campaign. We need to collect 3,500 tokens from 'The Sun' and 'The Sun on Sunday' between Saturday, November 23, 2019, and Saturday, January 18, 2020. Please can you hand in any tokens to the school office. We will let you know how we are progressing towards our target. Thank you for your support!

Donations for Christmas Fayre

We are now collecting donations for the Christmas Fayre. These include:



- * Tombola items
- * Toys and books for children (in good condition)
- * Bottles of wine.
- * Sweets
- * Chocolate Bars

We will also be collecting jam jars filled with nice things e.g sweets, chocolate, rubbers, small toys and accessories etc. We will then be selling these at the Christmas Fayre.

Please hand in any donations to the school office- they will all be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

Football

One of our football teams were in action last week playing against Huntingtower. For most children it was the first time they had represented school and they did a fantastic job. The team worked hard, created chances and put in a brilliant performance winning 2-0, with goals from Kieron T and Billy H. Well done everyone we are incredibly proud of you.



Wyndham Junior Parkrun (Children 4-14 years)

This is a free weekly 2km timed event that takes place at Wyndham Park every Sunday morning. It starts at 9.00am but there is a warm up activity beforehand. It is designed to be fun and a way to keep fit and healthy and is aimed at 4-14 year olds. Adults can run, walk or jog with their child if they want but only children get a time. Children need to have an adult with them whilst at the parkrun. This can be spectating or taking part with them.



You need to register online and this will give you a barcode. Your child will need to have a barcode with them to be given a time. www.parkrun.org.uk/register If you have any questions pop in and see Mrs Pask. She will be there this Sunday.

Forest School

Some of our children have been outside enjoying our Forest School. Here are a few pictures of what they have been up to! Our EYFS children were planting trees and digging up worms to examine in their magnifying boxes. Our Year 3 children were using leaves and sticks which they had collected to create volcanos. It was a competition to see which team could work together to do this the quickest!



Playground

A few weeks ago we had our first markings laid onto our new Key Stage One Playground, following a donation of £1,000 from ‘Moto in the Community’. I am now delighted to announce that we have successfully gained a grant of £13,000 to complete the playground. We will be having further markings and various other things installed such as play boards for the children to play with. We are now finalising when the work will take place and will do our best to keep disruption to a minimal, although we may need to shut off the playground for a couple of days. I will keep you updated with any developments and look forward to seeing the finished playground- I know the children will love it!



Christmas Dates:

Thursday 5th December - afternoon

Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 2:15 (or once we have got our costumes on!)

Friday 6th December - morning

Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 9:30 (or once we have got our costumes on!)

Monday 9th December –afternoon

Years 3-6 Christmas Show – will begin a 2:00

Tuesday 10th December – morning

Years 3-6 Christmas Show – will begin a 9:30

Tuesday 10th December – afternoon

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show – will begin a 2:00

Wednesday 11th December - morning

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show – will begin at 9.30

Thursday 12th December – afternoon

Violin and Class 5 and 10 musical concert – invites will be sent to Parents/Carers of pupils who are participating

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are due to start Reception in September 2020.

Don’t forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opened on 14th November. Parents should receive information from Lincolnshire County council on or around this date. If your child is 4 this school year (September 20 to August 21) then you need to apply for a place soon! If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then just make an appointment at the school office.

Children in Need 2019

Thank you for supporting Children in Need this year. We raised a huge £379.40! The children enjoyed getting spotty and dressing up for the day- well done to all involved.



Dates For Your Diary:

15 th Nov	Non-uniform day for Children in Need
20 th Nov	Parents Evening (3.45-8.00pm)
21 st Nov	Parents Evening (3.45-5.00pm)
25 th Nov	Flu Immunisation
5 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 2.15pm
6 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am
9th Dec	Christmas Shows Years 3-6: 2.00pm
10 th Dec	Christmas Shows Years 3-6: 9.30am Years 1-2: 2.00pm
11 th Dec	Christmas Shows Years 1-2: 9.30pm
11 th Dec	Christmas Fayre (3:30pm—5:00pm in the School Hall)
12 th Dec	Violin Concert Class 5 and 10 (Invitation Only)
13 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
	Last day of term
19 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (for ‘Save the Children’ charity)

School Term Dates:

Term 1 4 Sept - 18 Oct October Break

Term 2 29 Oct - 19 Dec Christmas Break

Term 3 6 Jan - 13 Feb February Break

Term 4 24 Feb – 2 Apr Easter Break

Term 5 20 Apr - 22 May May Break

Term 6 1 Jun - 21 Jul Summer Holiday