

Newsletter April 2018

Head of School Update

Reading:

We are very pleased to announce that the school has purchased new home reading books in order to replenish our library. These books cover a range of topics and genres and we are very excited to send them home with the children! When reading the books with your child, please take time to read the information on the inside of the book cover as many of the books contain support for parents reading with their child at home.

Learning to read is a very important part of your child's education, which is why we ask that you read their school book with them at least 4 times a week. For key stage 1 children, please read the books more than once with your child as this helps them to build their fluency. (Research has shown that reading a book 3 times significantly helps children to build their fluency skills, as well as their understanding of what they have read.) Children reading longer books are not expected to reread the text, but parents can support their understanding by talking about what has happened in the books so far and what they think might happen next. Some of the new books that we have bought include a quiz, which is a great way of supporting your child's understanding of what they have read.

If you have any questions about how you can support your child further with their reading, please do not hesitate to ask.

Special Needs Support

As the school's SENDCo, Mrs Flack is available between 9.30 and 11.00am on Friday mornings should any parents or carers wish to discuss any concerns they may have regarding their child's special education needs. Please make contact with the office to make an appointment.

Playground Safety

Just a gentle reminder that riding bikes and scooters within the school grounds is not allowed by children or adults and we respectfully ask for your support in this matter. We also ask that dogs are not brought onto the premises, including the school's car park.

PTA

Our end of term disco was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organising it. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Also, we are pleased to announce that the following money was raised during last term:
Cake stall - £24.00

Term Dates

Term 5

16th April 2018 to 25th May 2018

Term 6

4th June 2018 to 20th July 2018

September 2019 Admissions

Admissions Arrangements are now on the County Councils Website

Supporting other schools

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Flack has been appointed as a Local Leader of Education (LLE). This will involve coaching and mentoring local head teachers in order to provide schools with support. Mrs Flack will carry out this role alongside her current position as Executive Headteacher of Weston St Mary and Whaplode.

Swimming

All children will be commencing Swimming Lessons on Friday 20th April 2018 at Whaplode Church of England Primary School, with the final lesson being Friday 13th July 2018.

The cost will be £2.50 per lesson, please ensure payment is made weekly or you may pay £30.00 in total for the 12 lessons

Book People

The Book People drop off books on a regular basis and we would like to give parents and carers the opportunity to view and purchase these books. Each time we receive a selection of books, we will send out an email giving you a two day slot to view/purchase books. Please note that payment must be made at the time of ordering

Dates for your diary

16th April - Term 5

7th May – Bank Holiday

18th May – Red, White and Blue Street Party, 12pm

4th July – Sports Day - Afternoon

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. Mrs Flack is the designated safeguarding person in school. In her absence, contact Mrs Palmer who has now also been trained as a designated safeguarding person.

School Closures 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