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Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of our school year. This newsletter will tell you about all of the exciting events we have going on this term.

Sun Safety

Hopefully we will have some good weather this half term. Can we please remind you that if it is a hot day you should provide a sunhat and sun cream in a named bottle. Staff cannot apply sun cream to children so it would be useful if this was also applied before the start of the school day.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is still very good; 96.9%. This year for, the first time, we have issued fixed term penalties to parents who have taken their children on holiday in term time. We really do not want to have to take this action so please help us by not booking holidays in term time. Please be aware that the penalty is not payable to the school, the penalty cost goes directly to the Local Authority.

Building Update

The work on our new kitchen will begin on June 22nd 2015 to enable us to serve meals, freshly prepared on site, from September 2015.

The work on the Quad, now to be named "Claudia's Garden", has begun and we are hoping that children will be able to enjoy this new learning area before the end of this academic year.

Our children whose parents work in HM Armed Forces have designed a reflective garden that will also be installed this term. This will be a quiet place for any child to sit, reflect, think or pray when they need some time on their own.

Finally, as part of our on-going refurbishment of the school building the Robins class, cloakroom and toilet area will be fully refurbished this summer.

I am sure you will agree that all of the above will continue to improve the environment for our wonderful children and staff.

Peace Window

Due to a successful bid to the Diocese of Lincoln, we will be installing a stained glass peace window in the school hall. Each class in school will get to give their ideas to the artist we have commissioned to do the work, then a group of children will get the opportunity to create the window. We see this as a whole community project and are working with the Royal British Legion. Please let us know if you have any good ideas or anything you would like to see incorporated into the design.

Key Stage Two Summer Production

Due to the building work that will be going on in school to accommodate our new kitchen we will hold our Key Stage Two production in the Festival Hall this year. As we previously notified you the performances are on the following dates.

7th July at 2.00 p.m. (*Dress rehearsal – tickets will be available if you cannot make 8th July*)

8th July at 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

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The Friends of the School will kindly be selling the tickets on our behalf nearer the time.

Sports Day

Our annual sports day will be held on Tuesday 9th June 2015. Reception and Key Stage One and will be held between 9.15 and 11.30 with Key Stage Two being held between 1.15-3.00. We will be joined by our friends at Nettleton Community Primary School. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event where the children will display all of our key values. If the weather is bad on this day we will try again on Tuesday 16th June 2015. Friends of the school have kindly agreed to sell refreshments on this day; thank you to them for that.

Keeping your children safe online

As we do every year, we have booked a computing consultant to come in and do a short presentation to parents about how to keep children safe online. **This year this will be at 5.00 p.m on Tuesday 9th June 2015.** Parents who have attended this in the past have told us how helpful this was to explain the risks of new technology and how to keep children safe. Things that will be covered include grooming, filters and use of social networking such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. As this information is so important we will provide childcare to help parents to attend. Please return the reply slip at the end of this letter to tell us if you intend to come and how many childcare places you will need.

Staffing

Next year, after a successful year here at Market Rasen, Mrs Watson will return to Nettleton. We thank her for all of the work she has done here with us. I am sad to say that Miss Cable will be leaving us at the end of this year as she is going travelling around the world. We will be very sorry to lose Miss Cable who has done a wonderful job since joining us.

I am really pleased to say that Mr Butson will be staying with us next year. Due to our high pupil numbers in Key Stage Two we are opening another class next year and Mr Mullen, a teacher from Nettleton Community Primary School, will be joining us. We have also employed Mrs Jessica Gibson who is currently working at Welbourne Primary School. Finally, we have employed Mrs Rebecca Edwards as our new intervention teacher to replace Miss Cable.

In your child's end of year report will be a letter that informs you which class your child will be in next year.

Modern Foreign Languages

With the new National Curriculum, Modern Foreign Languages has become much more high profile. As we aim to be outstanding in all we do we have employed a French coach called Madame Westerbury to ensure all of our children (Year One-Year Six) have weekly, high quality, teaching from a languages specialist teacher. I look forward to the children's accelerated progress in this important area of the curriculum.

Communication With School

There are lots of ways you can find out about school and school events. Please regularly visit our school website on www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk and follow us on Twitter @northwoldsfed. We are speaking with two companies that offer online payments for schools and electronic letter distribution and expect to have something in place for September 2015.

The Big Vote

The children were brilliant in taking part in the Big Vote and all children had the opportunity to take part in real life British democracy to vote for the group they wanted. The group that won, with a large majority, was

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the guide dogs and we will arrange their visit in the near future. It was lovely that the children choose a charitable cause to support reflecting our value of being caring.

Class Collective Worship

Please join us for the following class collective worship if you are able to.

17 th June	Swallows	9.00	(School)
24 th June	Finches	9.00	(School)

Year One Phonics Screening Test

This will take place on the week beginning 15th June. Parents of children in Year One will get a leaflet explaining the phonics screen in the near future. Attendance at school is important all of the time but this week is particularly important for children in Year One.

Year Six Leavers Events

We have a number of events for the children leaving us in Year Six. We have a trip on the 16th of July that the children will enjoy (letter to follow) and the annual leavers disco organised by FOSA on the evening of July 20th. Parents of Year Six children are invited to the leavers service at St Thomas Church on 9.30 a.m. on Friday July 17th where the children recount their memories of their time at our school and the service on 22nd of July in school at 2.00 where we say goodbye to the children. We really hope you can join us for these special occasions.

I am sure that your child will have a lovely summer term here with us. As ever, please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries about any aspect of your child's education.

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Dates for your diary

w/c 1st June	Clubs start for 6 weeks
2nd June	Class photographs (Not Kites/Eagles)
5th June	Class Photographs (Kites/Eagles only)
9th June	Sports Day attempt 1 (Reception and KS1 AM, KS2 PM)
9th June	E Safety for parents after school
w/c 15th June	Phonics Screening for Year One Pupils
June 16th	Sports Day attempt 2 (Reception and KS1 AM, KS2 PM)
17th June	Swallows Collective Worship
24th June	Finches Collective Worship
1st July	Induction Evening for new Reception Parents
4th July	School Fair
7th July	KS2 Show-2.00 p.m.
8th July	KS2 Show-2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.
July 16th	Year 6 Leavers Trip
July 17th	Year Six Leavers Church Service 9.30
July 17th	End of year reports out
July 20th	FOSA leavers disco
22nd July	Year Six Leavers Service 2.00
22nd July	End of Term 6

Reply Slip- E-Safety Evening June 9th 2015

I can attend the information session for parents on June 9th 2015 at 5.00 p.m

Name(s): _____

I will need ____ childcare spaces.

If there is any particular topic you would like the consultant to cover please record it here:

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