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Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Newsletter

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to our new reception children and children who have joined us in other year groups across the school. We are delighted to have you all with us.

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and your child is refreshed ready for another year of exciting learning.

We apologise for the length of this newsletter however there is a lot of information to communicate at the start of a school year.

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the children back in school looking so smart. I have attached a link to the school uniform policy. Please note specifically:

- Only polo type t-shirts should be worn; not button up formal shirts or blouses
- P.E tracksuits need to be plain black or blue with no branding
- Children need to wear black school shoes on non-P.E days – Boots are NOT permitted
- Earrings need to be a stud only and taken out for PE lessons

[NWF Uniform Policy September 2022](#)

Please don't be offended if staff approach you if your child is not in the correct uniform as they have been asked to do so. If your child cannot wear the correct uniform (school or P.E) for reasons of affordability please get in touch with us to discuss what support we may be able to give.

Important School Policies

Each year we share with parents some important policies that you should be aware of. Links to these policies are below. There are also many other policies on our website that you might choose to read.

<https://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/parents.php#Policies>

Safeguarding Policy: Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child please speak to the school Designated Safeguarding Lead (Nichola Allerston) or contact Lincolnshire's Children's services on 01522 782111

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Parent Code of Conduct: All staff and children have the right to feel safe and secure on our school site. Threatening behaviour including shouting at staff, anti-social behaviour or use of foul language will not be tolerated and will lead to a ban from site.

Behaviour Policy: This policy outlines our positive behaviour management system and outlines how we will work with children and parents if things go wrong.

Volunteers in School

We always welcome volunteers into school. If you are able to regularly give some time to support us please get in touch with Mrs Allerston (nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) and let her know. All volunteers will need a DBS check and will undertake a short safeguarding induction.

Things we need volunteers for include:

- Gardening
- Hearing children read
- Organising our library
- Supervising Swimming (Terms 1,5 and 6)

We'd love to hear from you if you are able to help.

Meet the Teacher Events

We are holding an informal "drop in" opportunity on **Tuesday 19th September** between 3.30-4.30 for you to come and meet your child's teacher and have a look around the classroom they are in. There is no need to book, just turn up. We look forward to seeing you then.

Parents' Evenings

We will hold our formal Parental Consultations on the **4th and 5th October** between 3.30 – 6.30. This is a formal opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into this academic year, find out what progress they have made and what you can do to help them at home. We will send out a booking form later in the term.

School Photographs

We will be taking individual and sibling photographs on **Tuesday 10th October**. If your child has P.E that day please send them in school uniform with their P.E Uniform to get changed into

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Attendance

Good attendance in school is essential to ensure your child makes excellent progress. Unless your child is unwell they should be in school every day. Please do not ask us to authorise family holidays in term time as we are not able to do this. Please speak to Mrs Allerston if you have any questions regarding your child's attendance.

Can we take the opportunity to remind you about the importance of your child being at school on time every morning. It is essential that your child comes into school with their class ready to start the day and doesn't miss out on the important start to their day. School starts at 8.45am.

Cost of Living Crisis

We appreciate that inflation and energy prices are making things tough for many of our families. If you are struggling please get in touch as we may be able to provide you with some direct support for things that are school related or signpost you to organisations we work closely with if not school related.

We would encourage all EYFS and KS1 children to access the free school meals from our five-star hygiene rated kitchen and LCC "Gold" rated menus. It is estimated that taking these meals will save families £400 per year per child. For children in KS2 please remember that we offer hot meals (jacket potato, topping, fruit or yoghurt) for just £1.00.

Please note that from Year 3, fruit is no longer provided as a break time snack for the children. If your child would like a break time snack (advised) we would appreciate if you could send a piece of fruit in with them each day.

Communication with School

Most of our communication will come out through Wisepay. If your child is in EYFS this will be set up shortly. If you have any issues with Wisepay please contact Gemma Hall at school the office (gemma.hall@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) . You can also follow us on twitter @northwoldsfed Finally, our school website holds a host of information including all of the letter we send via Wisepay. www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk

Packed Lunches

If your child has packed lunches please make sure you follow the policy which has been written with pupil health and wellbeing in mind. Children are only allowed water in school (no juice, squash or fizzy drinks please), and as always, **nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies**.

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Please can you ensure you only put water into your child’s bottle for school. If this is something you need to discuss, please speak to your child’s teacher. <https://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/parents.php>

Food Orders

Please remember to order your hot meal from the school kitchen via Wisepay by the preceding Monday each week. If you have any issues with Wisepay or if you don’t have access to the internet please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help you.

Clubs

We are really pleased to be able to offer 14 extra-curricular clubs this term. These clubs will start on the W/B 18/9/22. The FORM link to sign up for clubs can be found [here](#). Children in EYFS will be able to access clubs after Christmas to give them time to settle into school.

Swimming

Please see timetable for swimming sessions for each class, which will continue until the October half term. After the October half term holiday, the swimming slot will change to P.E so there will be two P.E sessions per week. Swimming will re commence at Easter.

Class	Swimming Day
Robins	Wednesday
Merlins	Tuesday
Martins	Thursday
Kestrels	Thursday
Harriers	Friday
Falcons	Monday
Eagles	Monday
Ospreys	Friday
Kites	Friday
Finches	Tuesday <u>or</u> Wednesday (which date your child will recorded in

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We are very lucky to have our own on-site swimming pool as water safety and learning to swim are essential life skills. The governor agreed contribution for swimming is £1.40 per session.

You will understand that the running costs of the pool are very expensive, especially in the current climate of rising gas and electric prices, and it is only through your contributions that we will be able to continue to offer swimming lessons.

To pay, please log on to your child's Wisepay account and click on the swimming link. Alternatively, you can pay in cash at the school office if preferred. The cost for the full 6-week term is £8.40.

I hope this newsletter has given you lots of information that you have found useful. If you have a query or concern about any aspect of school life please get in touch with me directly.

(nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Allerston
Head of School

Dates For Your Diary

6 th September	Start of Term One
13 th September	Carlton Lodge meeting 5.30pm (school hall)
18 th September	After school clubs begin
20 th -22 nd September	Year 5/6 to Carlton Lodge
3 rd October	School Nurse – Flu Sprays (if consented)
4 th & 5 th October	Parent Consultation Evenings
10 th October	Individual/sibling school photos
20 th October	End of Term 1 – Half Term
Tuesday 31 st October	Return to school for Term 2

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