



Learning Together for Life

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Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

### Spring Term Headteacher Newsletter

We hope that you had a lovely half term holiday. Term 4 is a short but busy term and this newsletter will share some important information about it.

#### **Ofsted Inspection**

As you will know, our Ofsted inspection took place last week. I am pleased to tell you that it went very well and I am looking forward to sharing the outcomes when the report is published. What was especially pleasing was the excellent feedback from parents through the Parent View survey. [If you would like to see the outcomes of that Survey you can see them here.](#)

#### **Parent Consultations**

We are holding face to face Spring Term parental consultations on the 20th and 21st March between 3.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. We look forward to telling you about all of the great work your child has done so far this year. A letter will come out shortly to enable you to make an appointment. Please be reminded that there will be no after school clubs on these days.

#### **Mother's Day Service**

Our annual Mother's Day service, at St Thomas' Church, will be held on Friday 8th March 2024. For Reception, Year One and Year Two the service starts at 9.30 a.m. and for Year Three, Four, Five and Six it will begin at 1.30 p.m. This is an inclusive service and whilst it is a traditional Mother's day service we consider all those who care for us and hear the children reflect on why the person who looks after them is so special. If you are going to attend please consider helping to walk the children from the school to the church; this would really help us!

#### **Easter Service**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 3 & 4 Easter service will take the form of an Easter play again this year. The children would love their parents to come and watch this and tickets (2 per child per performance) will be sent out in the near future. FAFF will be selling refreshments on the day so please bring some change to buy a drink if you wish.

#### **Defeat the Sweet Program**

We are lucky to be one of just ten primary schools working with the Local Authority on the new "[Defeat the Sweet](#)" project which aims to reduce sugar consumption in children given that 1 in 5 of primary aged children either have decay, fillings or missing teeth. In line with our context specific intent of health and our Church School Vision of caring for all we are undertaking the project to inform, educate and reduce sugar content in school.

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The pledges that we will be working on over the year are as follows:

- We will have a whole school food policy
- Water/milk are the only permitted drinks
- Our caterer limits sugar to 8g per dessert portion
- We only allow fruit or vegetables at snack time
- Sweets and chocolate are not allowed in packed lunches
- We hold at least one assembly a year on healthy eating
- In cooking lessons, we cook savoury dishes only
- We provide information to children/families on healthy eating
- We participate in National Smile

We will communicate with you soon about any changes that may need to be made and look forward to supporting our children to be even more healthy.

### Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies

These policies have been updated and can be found on our [website](#). As safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, if you have any concerns about a child please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leader, Andrew Smith or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders Nichola Allerston, Ben Kennedy or Sam Briston. Adam Shah is the Federation Safeguarding Governor and he can be contacted via the Clerk to Governors, Mrs Tracy Limbert.

### Book Fair

Thank you to those of you who attended our book fair. Your support has enabled us to purchase lots of books to support reading in the curriculum.

### Non-Uniform Days

We are holding two non-uniform days this month.

- **11<sup>th</sup> March.** If you can please send in an Easter Egg to support the FAFF Easter Bingo on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. [Tickets for this event can be bought here; limited tickets are available.](#) Easter eggs appear to be on sale in most supermarkets now so you may get better value if you buy these sooner rather than later.
- **15<sup>th</sup> March.** If you can please send in a small donation for Red Nose Day. Red Noses will also be on sale via the school office for £2 per nose. These will be sold from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February on a first come, first served basis.

Children should attend school in non-school uniform on these days regardless of whether you are able to donate or not.

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### **Swimming Pool Update**

Following the substantial work we did on the Swimming Pool last year we are looking forward to reopening the pool after the Easter holidays. I am pleased to let you know that we have secured a substantial grant to improve the changing and shower areas of the pool. This work will start shortly. We expect to be able to continue to use the pool whilst the work takes place.

We are working with our partners, JB Sports, to provide out of school swimming lessons over the Easter and Summer holidays. We will let you know in the near future how to book onto these.

### **Parking Around School**

Another reminder that we encourage parents where possible to walk to school and avoid parking on Mill Road. The agreed "Park and Strides" strides are from the Co-op car park and the Leisure Centre. Please help us keep our children safe by walking to school or using the park and stride.

### **Dogs in the Playground**

A polite reminder that for pupil safety, dogs should not come onto our site; even those lovely dogs who are well behaved and being carried!

I hope your child has a wonderful term with us. If you need to contact me about any aspect of your child's education please e-mail [andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher

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### **Dates For Your Diary**

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 9:30am	Reception and KS1 Mother's Day Service at St Thomas' Church
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm	KS2 Mother's Day Service at St Thomas' Church
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day to support FAFF Easter Bingo (see above)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day to support Comic Relief (see above)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parental Consultations (No clubs are running on this day)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parental Consultations (No clubs are running on this day)
Friday 22 <sup>d</sup> March	FAFF Easter Bingo (see above)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 Easter Performance in the school hall (9:30am/2pm)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 4
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5

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