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Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Newsletter

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. This newsletter will give you information and key dates you need to know about for the summer term.

Ofsted Inspection

Hopefully you saw our communication about our very successful Ofsted Inspection that took place last term. If not, you can find it here:

https://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/letters_1231_4279345863.pdf

Sun Safety

Hopefully we will have some good weather during the summer term. If the sun is particularly hot please send your child in with a sunhat; this will be especially important on P.E days. Staff cannot apply sun cream to children so it would be useful if long lasting sun cream was applied before the start of the school day. Our sun safety policy can be found here. https://www.northwoldsfederation.co.uk/policies_85_673617450.pdf

Reception Starters 2024

We have been pleased to make offers to children starting school in September 2024. If you know of anyone who has moved to the area or has forgotten to apply please ask them to contact us so we can help them.

School Transport

If your child is in Year Six and you think they may be eligible for school transport for Secondary School please apply for this as soon as you have picked up your offer. Please follow this link for more information and to make an application. www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport

Hot Meal Orders

Please remember to place your hot meal orders before midnight on the preceding Monday. This gives our kitchen team the notice they need to place their food order; thanks for your help with this. Meals can be ordered on Wisepay. [Follow this link to order meals for the rest of the term.](#)

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Defeat The Sweet

The school is participating in the Local Authority initiative to improve children's oral and physical health called "Defeat The Sweet." To meet these aims the school have agreed to meet the following pledges.

Defeat the sweet pledges

<p>✓ We have a whole school food policy</p> <p>✓ Water/milk are the only permitted drinks</p> <p>✓ Our caterer limits sugar to 8g per dessert portion</p> <p>✓ We only allow fruit or vegetables at snack time</p> <p>✓ Sweets and chocolate are not allowed in packed lunches</p>	<p>✓ No food/drink rewards/treats offered</p> <p>✓ We hold at least one assembly a year on healthy eating</p> <p>✓ In cooking lessons we cook savoury dishes only</p> <p>✓ We provide information to children/families about healthy eating</p> <p>✓ We participate in National Smile Month</p>
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These are the ways that you can help us to meet these aims:

- 1) Please remember we are (and have been for a long time) a **water and milk only school**. Please do not allow your children to bring fizzy drinks or squash to school. During Term 5 we will remind any children that are bringing squash into school that it is not allowed. From Term 6 children will not be allowed to drink anything other than water or milk in school. As an inclusive school, if your child has a medical need that means they need drinks other than milk or water (for example high calorie supplements for malnutrition or drinks containing glucose because they are diabetic) please contact us to discuss this. This will not be extended to children that don't like water as that is a preference and not a special need.
- 2) Please remember that your children should only bring **fruit or vegetables** in for their playtime snack. If your child has packaged fruit (raisins etc) please check the sugar content to ensure this is as low as possible.
- 3) As per our long standing lunch and breacktime snack policy, please remember that your child **should not have chocolate or sweets** in their packed lunches; these will be taken off them and given back to you. One chocolate covered biscuit would be allowed.

Please note that none of the above is new and we are communicating and following a longstanding policy.

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P.E Uniform

It is important that your child wears the correct P.E uniform on their P.E days. For P.E, children should wear:

- A blue or black tracksuit. (No designs or branded clothing please)
- Training shoes (Preferably dark)
- A house colour T-shirt

P.E uniform can be bought from our uniform supplier www.rasenuniform.co.uk or at most clothing stores or supermarkets. All children need to wear the correct P.E uniform. If affordability is an issue, please contact me directly so we can support you.

National Testing

Different year groups will be undertaking statutory tests during the summer term; see below. It is important that children attend school all of the time but even more important they are in school for their tests. Please note that statutory tests for children in Year Two have been stopped.

Test	Year Group	Date	Further Information
Key Stage Two National Curriculum Tests	Six	Week Beginning 13 th May 2024	Link to information on KS2 National Curriculum Tests.
Multiplication Tables Check	Four	Week beginning 3 rd June 2024	Link to DFE parent information. This is a short multiplication tables check completed on computer. You will be given your child's score (out of 25) in their end of year report.
Phonics Screen	One	Week beginning 10 th June 2024	Link to DFE parent information (Please note this document is the 2023 version as the DFE have not updated it yet) This is a short check administered by your child's teacher to see how well they have retained their phonics teaching. You will be given your child's score (out of 40) in their end of year report.

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Sports Day

As you will see from the diary dates on the next page our planned dates for sports day are:

Attempt 1 Tuesday 11th June 2024 KS1 9.30am KS2 1.15pm

Attempt 2 Wednesday 3rd July 2024 KS1 9.30am KS2 1.15pm

We do hope you will be able to join us to see our children showing our Christian values of fairness and commitment to achieve and respect.

Reading Sheds

We have recently purchased reading sheds for our playgrounds through kind donations by Tesco. We have been busy organising books for the children to enjoy during their play and lunch times but would appreciate any donations of books you have that you no longer require for us to add to the sheds.

If you have any books to donate, please can you drop them at the school office and our Reading Ambassadors will organise them into the reading sheds.

Lateness

Please can we remind you that your child needs to be in their line in the morning ready to go in with their class to start the school day. If they are arriving later, they are missing valuable time to academically and socially. Please let us know if you need any support regarding your child's lateness.

Key Dates

Important dates for your diary can be found on the next page.

I look forward to a brilliant summer term. As ever, if you have any questions or need any support please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith
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Important Dates

Term 5

16 th April	Start of Term 5
22 nd April	After school clubs start
30 th April	Year 3/4 Residential trip to The Deep
6 th May	Bank Holiday
w/b 13 th May	Year 6 National Curriculum Tests (SATS)
24 th May	End of Term 5

Term 6

3 rd June	Start of Term 6
11 th June	Sports Day Attempt 1 (KS1 9.30am / KS2 1.15pm)
24 th June	Class Photographs
27 th June	6-7pm New Reception Open Evening (Children due to start school in September 2024)
2 nd July	Year 6 Summer Show 1.30pm and 6.00 pm
3 rd July	Sports Day Attempt 2 (KS1 9.30am / KS2 1.15pm)
10 th July	Y6 Induction day at De Aston
15 th July	Y6 Leavers Party (all KS2 are invited) 6.00-8.00pm
17 th July	Y6 Leavers Memories Service 9.30am (St Thomas' Church)
18 th July	Y6 Leavers Trip
19 st July	Y6 Leavers Service 9.15am (School)
19 th July	End of Term 6

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