



Learning Together for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Newsletter

We are all very much looking forward to the run up to Christmas. This newsletter will give you some important information about this school term alongside some key dates for your diaries.

Anti Bullying Week

This week is our anti bullying week where we ensure all children know what bullying is and what they should do if they think they, or a friend, is being bullied. The key message we give to children is the **STOP** message.

Several Times On Purpose
Start Telling Other People

Our definition of bullying
What to do if you feel you are being bullied.

This week children will:

- Have collective worships based around anti-bullying
- Have anti-bullying themed PSHE lessons. (For our older children this will be linked to the protected characteristics from the equality act)
- Wear odd socks to highlight the issue of bullying.
- Undertake our annual school safety survey where we ensure all children feel safe in school and can identify who they would talk to in school if they had a concern. Outcomes of this are placed on our school website.
- Learn the **STOP** message.

Thankfully allegations of bullying are rare in our school. Any allegation or signs of bullying are taken very seriously and will be overseen by a senior member of staff.

BRAKE Road Safety Week

In the W/B 18th November we will be highlighting road safety and teaching children how to keep themselves safe. Road deaths in West Lindsey are much higher than the national average so it is imperative that we keep our children safe. This is a key part of our context specific curriculum for the children in our setting.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy has been updated and [can be found here](#). If you have a concern about a child, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads; Andrew Smith, Nichola Allerston, Ben Kennedy or Sam Briston. if you don't want to contact the school use the LCC safeguarding line on 01522 782111.

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Christmas Dinner

We will be serving our delicious Christmas dinner for the children to enjoy on Tuesday 17th December. This is available to purchase on [WisePay](#) for the usual price of £2.40. **The cut-off date to order Christmas dinner is on Monday 9th of December.**

Defeat The Sweet

We continue to work hard to reduce sugar content in school to make our children as healthy as possible. This links in with our Church School Vision of *“Starting children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.”*

The principles of the Defeat the Sweet strategy are:

- We have a whole school food policy.
- Water and milk are the only permitted drinks.
- No food or drink rewards or treats offered.
- Our Federation kitchen 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 and families about healthy eating.
- We participate in National Smile Month.

You can help us “Defeat the Sweet” by only sending your child to school with water, only sending fruit or vegetables in for breaktime snacks and following the guidance for packed lunches that can be found in the [Packed Lunch and Breaktime Snack policy](#). Many thanks for your support and help with this.

Enterprise Afternoon

We are excited to hold an enterprise afternoon on the 10th of December 2024. Our FAFF committee have given each class £50 to make Christmas items that they think parents might like to buy. Any profits made will be spent on the children. It would be great if you could join us for this between 2.00-3.00pm. FAFF will be in the hall to serve drinks and cakes once you have visited your child’s class. We hope you will be able to make it. Please note, this will be a cash only event.

School Telephones

We are in the process of switching from analogue telephone line to a VOIP internet-based service in preparation for the BT analogue switch off. At present, our phones don’t have menu options or the opportunity to leave a message. This should be fixed in the very near future and the phones will operate as they did before the change. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Christmas Events and Other Diary Dates

Date	Event	Times	Notes
15 th November	Children In Need	All day	Non-school uniform. Bring in a small donation if you can.
22 nd November	Flu Vaccinations "mop up sessions"	A.M	Vaccination for parents who have given the NHS consent but missed the first round.
4 th December	EYFS Nativity	9.30 Hall 2.00 Hall	Tickets have gone out. FAFF will serve refreshments at the event.
6 th December	FAFF after school Crafts	3.20 Hall	Please book on WisePay .
10 th December	Enterprise Afternoon	2.00-3.00. Come in via the main office on Mill Road	Bring some cash to buy some of the wonderful things your children have made. Refreshments available from FAFF. All proceeds to school.
11 th December	Key Stage One Nativity (Years 1&2)	9.30 Hall 2.00 Hall	Tickets will come out soon. FAFF will serve refreshments at the event.
16 th December	FAFF Christmas Disco	5.00-6.00 EYFS and KS1 6.15-7.30 KS2	Tickets available to purchase on WisePay soon.
17 th December	Christmas Dinner	Lunchtime	Please order via WisePay Deadline for ordering is 9 th December.
19 th December	Christmas Parties inc visit from Santa	Afternoon	Details to follow.
19 th December	End of Term 2	Normal collection times 3.15/3.20	
6 th January	Start of Term 3	Start of school day 8.45am	

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me directly (andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) if you have a query about any aspect of school life. I hope your child has a wonderful term with us.

Kind regards,

Andrew Smith
Executive Headteacher

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