



website: www.hawthorntree.co.uk

Our **website** has our newsletters, school dates and lots more information about school and education. The Parents section on the website has lots of links to support your child's learning and you as a parent. Our latest links have 'Phonics' learning activities and advice.

The New Year has begun well in school and everyone is continuing to put lots of effort into their learning. We all look forward to the longer days and the springtime weather.

Safety – Mr Blissett is unfortunately off work at the moment and there will be no School Crossing Patrol until further notice. Please take additional care crossing Toot Lane.

School Meals

In these challenging economic times, Lincolnshire County Council are asking schools to encourage Parents who may be entitled, to apply for Free School Meals.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – APPLY NOW! www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/FSMapply

Who is entitled to free school meals?

Parents do not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Children who receive any of the qualifying benefits listed above in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals.

A reminder for existing FSM families – please ensure you fill in the fortnightly menu choices by the printed deadline. If this is not filled in, your child will receive the first choice out of the three choices available each day.

Clothing & belongings ~ Our children have had some lovely new clothes & belongings for Christmas, please ensure that they don't become needlessly lost.

It is enormously time consuming trying repeatedly to return unnamed items back to their owners, a few minutes spent writing or sewing names onto clothes & all belongings would solve a huge problem for your child, yourselves and ourselves, thank you.

Winter Weather and Emergency School Closures

Experience over recent years shows if we are to have any emergency school closures because of the weather it is likely in this term. In the event, notices will be posted around the school and news put out as soon as possible on;

1. BBC Radio Lincolnshire 94.9 FM, 104.7FM & 1368 AM.
2. www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire
3. LINC'S FM 102.2

We also use the message service called 'TXTRound', this is Lincolnshire County Councils new partnership system. We have inputted all our mobile phone contacts for Parents and so a message should be able to be 'texted' quickly to every Parent with a known and up-to-date mobile phone number given to the school. **Do let us know if you change your mobile number.**

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly; a major factor is the safety of children, parents and school staff travelling to and from school.

Support for Parents & Parent's with concerns

For adults who are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child. If you report your concerns to **Lincolnshire Children's Services** on **01522/782111** (emergency out of hours number **01522/782333**), you will be asked for your details and about the worries you have. You should write down what you want to say before you speak to them so that you can remember everything. You can also make an anonymous referral if you prefer.

Website for Lincolnshire advice;

<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/family-support/safety/>

The **NSPCC Helpline** is a service for adults who are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child. The NSPCC provides advice and support, and can take action on your behalf. You can speak to their confidential helpline 24/7 by phone and online. It's free and you don't have to say who you are. NSPCC provide services in several languages, and also for deaf and hard-of-hearing people. Call 0808 800 5000, text 88858, visit nspcc.org.uk/helpline .

E-safety

The use of digital technology is now seen as an essential part of everyday life. Nearly every company, organisation, agency, school and local authority has a presence somewhere on the internet allowing them to engage different people in different ways. While digital technology can be used in positive ways, it can also be used in extremely negative ways. Our school adopts the Lincolnshire County Council E-safety Policy & Guidance. The risks are real but many people do not see that activity within a virtual world can have an effect in the real world. Many are also unaware that some activities in the virtual world are criminal offences and can lead to prosecution, these include comments posted onto social networking sites. As part of our E-safety policy, our school does contact Lincolnshire Police if inappropriate or illegal activity is noted.

Reception Places for children starting school in September 2012 ~ Applications have to be received by the Local Authority (tel. 01522 782030), by 12:00 noon on Friday 20th January 2012.

Dates for the term

Fri 13 th Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cup Football match at home against Boston West.
Mon 16 th Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Myers, Miss Docherty's & Mrs Reynolds class maths morning 9.00 – 10:30.• Boston United Football Club.• 19.00 hrs PFA meeting
Tues 17 th Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Spillane's class last swimming session today.• Mrs Broadley & Mrs Edge's maths morning 9.00-12 noon.
Wed 18 th Jan.	Mrs Herring & Miss Glew's maths morning 9.00 – 10:30.
Thurs 19 th Jan.	Miss Spillane & Mrs Graves maths morning 9.00-12 noon.
Fri 20 th Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Engine visit for Reception Children.• Mrs Leggate maths morning 9.00-12 noon
Mon 23 rd Jan.	Boston United football Club
Fri 27 th Jan.	League Football match at home against Boston West.
Mon 30 th Jan.	Boston United Football Club.
Fri 3 rd Feb.	PFA Disco
Mon 6 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PGCE students block placement until Fri 16th March – Mrs Edge & Mrs Broadley's classes• Boston United Football Club
Fri 10 th Feb.	End of Term 3
Mon 20th Feb.	Beginning of Term 4

Football – Fishtoft Youth FC Under Sevens. The Club is looking for new players. Children interested would need to be in Year 2.

Communication

Do contact school if there are any issues, questions or problems that we can help with to ensure that your child (ren), are enjoying the best possible Primary Education. If you wish to help in school, please contact your child's class teacher, a CRB check may be necessary.