

A Happy New Year to all our parents and families. We have settled back in school at the start of 2018 and our children are working hard and enjoying their learning. So far the weather has remained good. If we do have severe weather which affects the school the school website, Lincs FM and BBC Radio Lincolnshire will alert parents.

## E-safety

A magazine has been sent out to all families (Digital Parenting – the Vodafone Foundation), to support parents in ensuring e-safety at home.

## Road Safety

Please do not pull in or reverse into our Parents waiting area entrance as this endangers our children and families.

**School website** - our website is compatible with mobiles, tablets and all Apps based systems. We have reorganised the site to make it quicker and easier to find information and constantly update with information about your child's learning, school policies, newsletters and lots more. Our **Facebook page** is also a source of information - our page name is 'Hawthorn Tree Primary School'.

## NSPCC visit



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/speak-out-stay-safe-service/>  
Jean Douglas from the NSPCC ran assemblies for YR/KS1 and KS2 this week. The **'Speak out Stay safe'** programme gives children the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. Pupils are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or to Childline. The assemblies were lively interactive and memorable helping children to understand abuse in all its forms and recognise the signs and how to protect themselves at an age appropriate level. Next week our children will be involved in 'Buddy's big workout' week to help raise money for the NSPCC. We aim to have lots of very active children enjoying physical challenges. Letters have gone out for our Reception children, other year groups can be sponsored for these activities:

Year 1	Active days including 'Go Noodle', Active Maths and Dance
Year 2	Daily exercise up to 30 minutes including dance and 'Go Noodle'
Year 3	Extra Dance using 'Just Dance'
Year 4	Circuit training
Year 5	Circuit training
Year 6	Dance

## Lost Property – our usual reminder

Lots of children will have received new hats, scarves, gloves, coats and other items for Christmas. Do ensure that everything has your child(rens) name clearly and permanently on it. We have lots of items with no names on them which are almost impossible to return to their owners. Do check your child's uniform at home in case they have brought another child's uniform home by mistake.

**Year 6 11+ exam.** Letters have gone out from ourselves, The Girls High School and The Boys Grammar School for our Y5 children. Current Year 5 parents may be thinking now about their preparation for the September 2018 11+ test. The High School and Boys Grammar are running information sessions, see the local press or their websites. 11+ registration forms need to be returned to either High School or Grammar School by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### School Grounds

We have worked with the local authority and managed to access funding to help improve the safety of our school site. This will involve new fencing to our rear field. As part of these works the tall line of conifers will be removed but replaced with a carefully designed new area along the fence boundary including bushes, specimen trees and an orchard area. This will of course take some time to become established as the newly planted areas grow.

### Dates for Terms 3 and 4 2018 (more events will follow)

<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assemblies
Week 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sponsored activities in school for the NSPCC
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12-2:30pm Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics Competition at Peter Paine
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Closing date for Reception 2018 Intake NSPCC Mrs Parker workshops with Y6
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	NSPCC Mrs Parker workshops with Y5
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y3 Zoo lab visit to school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	12:00 Mrs Douglas from the NSPCC in school to collect sponsor money Year 2 visit to Skegness Aquarium
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12-2:30pm Sportshall Athletics Final at Peter Paine
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	12-3pm Y3/4 Gymnastics Development Day at Boston High School PFA school Disco evening.
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3:30pm Football Match vs Sibsey Primary School at Hawthorn Tree
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Dance festival for dance club <b>Last Day of Term 3</b>
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3-5:30pm Netball Tournament at Peter Paine
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	KS2 Boston Concert Club 'Rautio Piano Trio' concert in school.
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	3:30pm Football & Netball Matches vs St Mary's at Hawthorn Tree
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Boston Primary School Swimming Gala 16:30 Geoff Moulder Leisure Centre
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day 11am-12:30pm Cross Country Competition at William Lovell Academy
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Football Match vs Old Leake at Old Leake
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Tennis Development Day at Boston Tennis Club
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Relief Week
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4/5 Basketball Development Day at Thomas Middlecott Academy
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 China Day <b>Last Day of Term 4</b>

**Reception children September 2018.** Applications close 12:00 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018. If you know of family or friends who have not yet applied for a Reception place for September 2018 please ask them to contact school. If you have a sibling already in our school **you do still need** to apply for a place.

We do have school places in our current Reception classes.