



Heads message

Welcome to 2019 and Term 3 of the academic year. As I write this, we are just over half way into this half term and whilst school life has continued as normal yet quietly, it will certainly become busier as we enter February and March.

I have been pleased with the pupils continued rigour and attitude to their learning since returning in January. Staff have reported that during these opening weeks of the term that the pupils have continued on with their progress from the second term. The importance of being resilient must not be underestimated and this is an area of development we will be focusing on throughout the year. Another area which the school must improve is Reading. This term, we have launched the Reading Challenge in Key Stage 2 with prizes for those who engage with reading books. We are hopeful of a major announcement in May this year regarding an exciting new project which will further improve engagement and love of Reading for the 2019/20 year, but in the meantime, please encourage and get involved as much as you can with your child's reading. Indeed, at the next parents evening, ask staff about their 'favourite five' children's books and current books as staff are sharing their reading habits throughout the school.

This edition of the newsletter is shorter than usual, but full of important information regarding weather, sport, food, traffic, uniform and policies. I hope everyone keeps safe during the expected February chill and I look forward to overseeing the encouraging development of the school throughout the rest of the year.

Mr. Kelwick

Weather

As usually predicted, snow and sleet have been forecast over the next 6 weeks. We will aim to inform all families any decision to close as early as possible to avoid unnecessary travel and give time for alternative arrangements to be made. Please visit our website, check your email inboxes and listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire (94.9FM) and Lincs FM (102.2FM) and Lincolnshire County Council (<https://bit.ly/2HKGYN4>) for news on any potential school closure.

Nut allergies

A small number of pupils have been bringing nut products into school as part of their packed lunch. We respectfully ask not to pack nuts into pupil's lunch boxes as we do have children in school with nut allergies. We thank you in advance for understanding and working with us on this.

The school and governing body are working on an updated food policy for March which will explicitly detail about nuts in schools.

Parents evening dates for Term 4

The next dates for Parents Evening have been scheduled for Tuesday 26th March 2019 and Thursday 28th March 2019.

Uniform

A reminder that we have joined with Nationwide School Uniforms as another one of our 'official' uniform stockists alongside Oldrids. Visit website, <http://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk> to view the Hawthorn Tree uniform collection.

The new and updated Uniform and PE Kit policy will be approved by the governing body this week and will go live week beginning 3rd February on our website. I am conscious that expectations on uniform and appearance are currently not clear therefore, to ensure clarity, this policy will be available on our policy page for all future reference.

Policies

A number of policies have been updated or introduced. These can be accessed on the Policies page of our website.

Updated policies from November include: Charging and Remissions, EAL, Educational Visits, English, Maths, Safeguarding & Child protection, Science and SEND.

New policies introduced since November include: Persistent and/or vexatious complaints, Social media code of conduct for parents.

Policies to be updated this week include: Complaints, Geography, History, Lockdown, Maths written calculation, Phonics and Uniform & PE Kit

New policy to be introduced this week: Use of images.

(Policies approved/introduced this week will go live w/b 3/2/2019).

Traffic and parking

Many thanks for the vast majority of families who have worked with us and local residents regarding parking around the school. When visiting other schools across Boston, Lincolnshire and the East Midlands, I can see that we have worked hard to ensure it works well. You may have noticed the introduction of cones to ensure that the 'Keep Clear' zig zags are adhered to. This will continue and we ask that the entrance to the school car park is kept clear from parked vehicles between 08:45 and 09:05 and 15:05 and 15:30 every day.

Sport

The Sports Hall Athletics team finished sixth in the area final last week. Congratulations to Tower Road who won the event. This term, both football teams resume their league and cup competitions, Year 3/4 will be undertaking more development events (see separate letters) and the dancers will be entering their competitions. We look forward to updating on the various teams/clubs progress on the next letter.

PFA – Valentines Disco

The Valentines disco is on Friday 8th February with Reception and Key Stage 1 6.15pm to 7.15pm and Key Stage 2 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Any help from parents would as always be greatly appreciated. If you are free, please speak to a PFA member on the door at the event for more information. Thank you.