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## EYFS update

We are really impressed with how well our new Reception children have settled into school. They have already adapted to the school routine. The children have enjoyed learning some letter sounds, reading red words, identifying numbers and have been making mud pies in the mud kitchen.

## Primary School Starters September 2019

Although the new school year is only a few weeks old, it is time for us to start thinking about those children who will be joining us next September. In order to support parents in making the decision about school choices, we will be holding a series of sessions during which time parents will be given a tour of the school and its facilities.

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is due to begin school in September 2019, please inform them of the following dates:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 9.45-11.30am.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 9.45 – 11.30am.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30 – 6.30pm.

## Updating Changes

If your child has a change in medical circumstances, please notify the school office so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure that all staff are aware of each child's conditions.

It is also important that parents keep the school updated of changes in contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, so that we are able to make contact with you in an emergency.

## Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of our work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If you have concerns about the safety of any child, you should let somebody know. Both Mrs Flack and Mrs Adie are the designated safeguarding officers within the school.

## Headlice

Please check your child's hair regularly for these unwelcome visitors. We have some very frustrated parents who are having to repeatedly treat their children because other families are not treating nits. We do notify parents/carers when headlice have been noticed, stressing the importance of checking all family members to ensure the problem is dealt with appropriately.

## Transfer to Secondary School

Just to remind all Year 6 parents that the application for places at secondary schools in readiness for September 2019 start, should be made online by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) to complete your application.

## School Parliament

After elections and ballots in each year group, a new school parliament for this school year has been formed. The school parliament has retained some old faces from last year whilst also gaining some new ones.

The school parliament members are as follows:

Year 1 – Livy-Mae & Leo      Year 2 – Imogen & Jacob  
Year 3 – Thomas & Maisie      Year 4 – Aimee-Rose & Aiden  
Year 5 – Aoife & Jack      Year 6 - Kyra & Jack

Over the next few weeks, the school parliament will be deciding on the charities the school are going to support this school year through fundraising and will be organising events accordingly.

## Special Needs Support

Mrs Halden, the school's SENDCo, is available on Fridays should any parent wish to discuss any concerns they may have regarding their child's special education needs. Please make contact with the office to make an appointment.

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## Head of School Update

What a busy start to the school year we have had! Thank you for your support of our Roald Dahl dress up day. The children all looked fantastic and had a busy day finding out all about the well-loved author. Our Macmillan coffee morning was a HUGE success and we raised a fantastic £276! A massive thank you to all those who attended and sent in cake donations, as well as our Y6 pupils who baked and served at the event. We couldn't have done it without you all.

The whole school will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Whaplode on the morning of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30 start. We hope that you will come along and join us. Please send any harvest donations in to school that morning. These gifts will be shared with local food banks to support the local community.

Looking ahead, parents' evenings for Years 1 to 6 will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November. Staff will be allocating appointment times soon so please ensure your slip is returned. We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Book Fair at school from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November. This will be held at the end of school until 4pm each night and will be available for pupils to browse and makes purchases at during lunchtime. A flyer will be sent home soon giving an idea of books available. This is a great opportunity for our school to get more books into classes from the commission from book sales and your support is always appreciated.

On 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting Children in Need by holding a rainbow non-uniform day. All pupils are invited to come to school wearing as many colours as possible! We ask that a donation of £1 per child is made.

And finally, it is with great sadness that we say farewell to our amazing Reception class teaching assistant, Mrs Aiken, at half term as she and her family move up to live near Scotland. Her never-ending hard work and dedication to our smallest people will be missed greatly by us all, especially the children who have had the good fortune of being in her care. On behalf of all staff, governors, parents and pupils I would like to pass on our gratitude and thanks and wish her every luck and happiness on her new adventure.

## Term Dates:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Other Dates:

18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival at church (9.30am start)
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Staff training day
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Children return to school Parents' evening (Y1-Y6)
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Parents' evening (Y1-Y6) Book Fair begins
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book Fair ends
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3/4 visit to Cadbury World
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need day
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maths Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair (3.30pm start)
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS & KS1 Christmas performance (afternoons)
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Staff training day

## Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital. We monitor all pupils' attendance on a regular basis, including late arrival to school.

We operate a 'first day call' when children are absent. If your child is absent from school, please telephone and let us know before 9.30am (close of register). If we have not heard from you by this time, the school office will contact you. We ask parents and carers to contact school every day a child is absent. If we are unable to speak to you, we will call every day of the child's absence, for up to five days. During this time, staff may visit your home to ascertain the well-being of your child. If, after five days, we have not been given a reason for the child's absence, the child will be reported as a 'child missing education'. These attendance procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils.

Sometimes during a school day, your child may become unwell and it may be necessary to request that you collect your child. Please support us by collecting your child promptly, helping us to avoid spreading infection to others. Please remember that in the case of a stomach bug, a child should not return until at least 48 hours after the last instance of sickness or diarrhoea. This helps minimize the risk to other children and staff.

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