

Newsletter January 2017 **Inspire, Believe, Achieve**

Our aim is to inspire and encourage our children to believe in their ability to succeed through learning. This vision will enable them to achieve and succeed in reaching their full potential and beyond, now and for their future.

Head Teacher Update

Welcome back and happy New Year! Christingle donations for the children's society raised £131.30 and Christmas jumper day raised £199.55. Your support is very much appreciated, many thanks. Reception and KS1 gave a wonderful performance of Stargazers; we are very proud of what such young people achieved. All of us would like to thank you for the many cards and presents received by staff for Christmas.

School Value: Forgiveness

The school value for January 2017 is forgiveness. We will work on forgiveness in our collective worships, PSHE and class work.

Swimming Pool Update

The swimming pool committee would like to thank everyone for their support with the Christmas Fair where we raised £650. We also raised £240 from the sale of tea towels. There are still some of these available, priced at £4 which are available from the school office. Before the swimming season starts in April we are hoping to change the corrugated plastic down the right-hand side and have a wall with windows above to match the entrance and left-hand side. We are a small but friendly committee and are always looking for new members to help with all our fundraising events, without which the running of the swimming pool would not be possible.

Church Update

We have just completed a very busy time in the church calendar with Advent and Christmas. We had a lovely Crib Service on Christmas Eve which was well attended. There have been some major changes over the last year in our church. Currently we still have a vacancy for a vicar, however the Elloe Stone Parishes have placed an advert for a new vicar, with the hope of interviewing any candidates in late February. We have also had a change in one of the church wardens as Roy Willingham has retired after many years of service. He has been replaced by Mariola Pisarkiewicz, she has been running the Sunday Group with Angela White for the last couple of years. This is held during the Sunday service which starts at 10:30am and they are always pleased to welcome anyone who would like to learn more about the Bible stories.



The dreaded nits

Parents and carers have brought it to our attention that in some year groups head lice are being a significant nuisance. Please could we all be vigilant and check hair regularly so that we can minimise this risk to all children. Children with shoulder length hair should have it tied back.

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of the work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Just a reminder - safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If we are concerned about the safety of any child, we should let somebody know. Mrs Flack is the designated safeguarding person in school. In her absence, contact Mrs Adie who is also designated safeguarding lead.

FSM entitlement

If your personal circumstances change, your child/children may be entitled to Free School Meals.

Please complete the LCC Free School Meal Checker Form (available from the office) then your details will be checked for eligibility and you will be notified accordingly.

Reception Class 2017 Intake

A reminder to parents with children who are due to start in Reception class September 2017 to apply on-line for a school place. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on 15th January 2017.

Please visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions or contact the admission team on 01522 782030 to apply.

Cold Weather

Please ensure that children have appropriate outdoor clothing in school for cold weather such as a winter coat, hat and gloves. Children do go outside at break and lunchtimes.

Possible school closure due to bad weather

If weather conditions deteriorate and we have to close the school, you will be advised of the closure via the following media. Please check these before attempting to ring the school directly. Each school makes its own decision regarding closures and it should not be assumed that we are closed because other schools are.

Radio Lincolnshire **FM (VHF) 94.9 or MW 1368 kilohertz/219m**
www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire

Lincs FM **FM (VHF) 102.2 megahertz**
www.lincsfm.co.uk

Our own website www.whaplodeprimary.co.uk

Dates for your diary

3rd January 2017 Staff training day
4th January 2017 Pupil's return to school
5th January 2017 Read to me dog starts work with pupil groups
9th January 2017 Clubs start
19th January 2017 3:30pm French trip meeting for Y5 parents/carers
2nd February 2017 EYFS Sacrewell Farm Trip
8th February 2017 afternoon Y1/2 Pirate Graduation
10th February 2017 Y6 hilltop trip
10th February 2017 Last day of term
21st March 2017 Parents evening
23rd March 2017 Parents evening