



# 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.

February 2020

## Head of School Update

Well, January was certainly a busy month in school! Pupils from Y5 spent the first week back braving the chilly weather to complete their Bikeability training. We were very proud of their attitude and behaviour throughout the week and the instructors sang their praises too.

Pupils from Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a day at Rand Park Farm, feeding animals and finding out lots about how they are looked after and what they need to grow, whilst Reception pupils had great fun dressing up as fairy tale characters and sharing the day with pupils from Weston St Mary and Edenham schools.

Preparations for the start of the swimming season are in full swing, with pool preparation work being completed and staff training being undertaken. As always, fundraising for the pool is always needed, and the committee will be holding a Bingo Night on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Bring your dabbers and be ready for eyes down at 6.15pm!

## Attendance

School attendance for September 2019 until February 2020 is 96.56% and we thank you for your support with this. We continue to monitor the attendance of all pupils and notify parents when attendance is causing us concern. Please remember that holidays during term time will not be authorised and will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

## 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.

## School Closure due to weather or emergencies

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We appreciate that many pupils live within walking distance of the school but we also have to take into account where our staff live and their ability to travel to and from school safely in order to ensure the safety of our pupils.

Once the decision has been made to close the school, the information will be broadcast on the local radio:

- Lincs FM and BBC Radio Lincolnshire

We will also update the school website, the school Twitter account and Lincolnshire County Council will put it on the school closures page at:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

## Term Dates:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## Other Dates:

14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break for half term/ Y6 off to Hilltop
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Return to school
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief (more details to follow)
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> March	Eat with your children week
18 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Cross country event
24 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evenings 4-7pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	End of term.

## Healthy Lunch Boxes

Lunch staff have noticed that an increasing number of packed lunches are containing chocolate bars and sweets. We encourage children to have nothing more than a small cake or chocolate biscuit bar such as a Penguin but ask that items such as Mars Bars or similar are not included. Thank you for your support with this.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings dates have been set for 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March and will take place between 4 and 7pm. Appointment letters will be sent out shortly after half term. Please ensure your reply is returned to help us arrange a suitable time.

## World Book Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and to celebrate this event we are inviting all children (and staff) to come to school dressed in their pyjamas, so we can "Cuddle up with a book". During the day children will take part in a number of fun book-related activities.

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