



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 2022

Head of School Update

The new term has whizzed by with every classroom buzzing with some amazing learning. Each class has been busy developing their understanding around their "Big Questions" and when visiting classes, it is wonderful to speak with pupils who can confidently talk about what they have been learning and how it helps them build their ability to answer the Big Question for their class.

We have welcomed Rev Alistair to the school who was given a school tour by our Year 6 pupils, alongside with his dog, Billie. Year 2 pupils had a wonderful visit to the church to take part in the snowdrop walk and returned to school so excited by how beautiful it was. If you have a little spare time during the half term break, it is well worth a visit. We have a number of other events planned over the coming weeks which will see other classes spending time with Rev Alistair at the church. We are very proud to have been invited to take part in Councillor Redgate's civic service which will be held at St Mary's Church at the end of February. Councillor Redgate has invited pupils to write prayers for this service and a number of our Year 5 and Year 6 children will represent the school at this very special event. The new reception classroom build continues to progress very well and to the expected timescale. It is expected that Reception pupils will be able to move into their new classroom by the end of term as long as all continues to go to plan.

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

Term Dates:

Term 4: Monday 21st February to Thursday 31st March

Term 5: Wednesday 20th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6: Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July

Other Dates:

Fri 11th Feb: Break up for half term

Mon 21st Feb: Pupils return after half term

21st/22nd Feb: Y5/6 Bikeability training

3rd Mar: World Book Day

10th Mar: Wrates in for whole class photographs

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 but ask that items such as Mars Bars or similar are not included. Thank you for your support with this.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd 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" as part of our continued work on developing the children's pleasure for reading.

This year we are setting The Potato Challenge! All children are invited to turn a potato into one of their favourite book characters. Please could we ask that all entries are brought into school on the morning of World Book Day so that they can be judged and we will announce the winners during the school day.

Throughout the day, children will take part in a number of fun book-related activities as well as have the chance to "cuddle up with a book".

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