



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.

March/April 2022

Head of School Update

Spring has most definitely sprung and with it comes the sense of new beginnings!

The new Reception classroom is in its final stages with just a few last pieces of work to complete before Newby Leisure arrive to undertake the creation of the outside play area. We are so excited to see the space once it is finally completed, and are even more excited to welcome the children into their new learning space. Once the work is finished, we will be holding a grand opening, and look forward to inviting parents to see what has been created. We can't wait to see our Year 1 pupils move from the hall to their new classroom and are so proud of how well they have coped with the change.

With the classroom finished, and the removal of restriction around Covid, we will be able to enjoy returning to whole school worships in the school hall, as well as a return to our usual arrangements for lunch etc. We will also be able to welcome parents back into the school for important events. As part of this work, the whole school will be enjoying an Easter service at St Mary's Church in Whaplode on Thursday 31st March and would love to share this with all our parents and carers. The service will start at 9.30am.

As you may be aware, a small number of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils represented the school at the Chairman of South Holland District Council's Civic Service recently. The pupils shared prayers about hope and community, and were praised by all attending. We were incredibly proud of them all, and Councillor Paul Redgate, and John Hayes could not compliment them highly enough.

Last week we bid farewell to Mrs Hill, who has decided to move on to new challenges. We wish her well in her new adventure and thank her for all she has done for the pupils at Whaplode over her time with us. We have welcomed Mrs Iredia and Mrs Willingale onto our staff team as teaching assistants in recent weeks and are delighted with the impact they are already having around the school.

If you have a few spare hours free during the week, and would like to support the school, we are looking to restart our parent volunteer work. If you are interested, please contact the school office who will provide you with the necessary paperwork to complete your application.

Term Dates:

Monday 22nd February to Thursday 31st March.

Wednesday 20th April to Friday 27th May

Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July

Other Dates:

18 th March	Comic Relief Non-uniform day
31 st Mar	End of term
	Easter Service at church
1 st April	Staff training day
20 th April	Start of term
9 th May	Y6 SATs tests begin
27 th May	Jubilee Day!(more details to follow)

Parents Evenings

We are delighted to inform you that we will be holding face to face parents' evenings on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th April. This will allow all parents to meet with teachers and look at your child's work. Information on how to book will be sent in separate communications.

School Value

This term's value is caring. During this term, pupils are learning about this value via whole school and class worships. A values newsletter has already been sent out to parents with links to Bible stories and activities which can be undertaken at home.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for all pupils will begin after the Easter break from Monday 25th April. A letter containing additional information such as swimming days, kit etc will be sent out separately in the coming weeks.

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.

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