



Newsletter

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Winter has decided to arrive with full force this week and in school the children have been working with equal force. They have been working with Resilient Rosie to learn how to better persevere in their learning. From our youngest children learning to read simple words, to the Year 6's at the top of the school reading tricky texts, Resilient Rosie has been helping us all.



This week, we have also been learning about the 'HEALTHY MIND PLATTER'. This is a combination of seven things that help us to be happy and resilient. The children have been thinking about which of these may help when they are feeling frustrated, sad, angry or confused. How refreshing it was to hear Year 6 reflect that they might need more 'SLEEP TIME' to help them be successful.



To help us with our 'FOCUS TIME' the Friends of the School have promised to buy us garden planters for the Summer. Next term, I'm looking forward to seeing the children planning, planting, tending to, and reaping the pleasures of beautiful flowers and vegetables. The Friends of the School have also purchased wooden toys for the children to use at 'PLAY TIME'.

I really can't thank the Friends of the School enough. Their hard work provides the school

with those little extras that sometimes just can't be afforded.

This term, the Friends are organising another FILM NIGHT, a FASHION SHOW and a CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG RAFFLE. If you have any time to support these events, or even a spare chocolate Easter Egg to donate, the Friends and I would be pleased to hear from you.



Number Day 2019

Finally, I wanted to mention a couple of events this term. With our charity and community hats on, on Friday 1st February we will be recognising NSPCC NUMBER DAY. We will be asking the children to dress up in their own clothes, with a number focus. If they can bring in a donation of 50p or £1 this money will be going to the NSPCC.



On Tuesday 5th February, it is SAFER



Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February
Together for a better internet

INTERNET DAY. It is increasingly concerning how many children are using social media inappropriately. We must educate our children so that in the future, their digital footprint (how they behave and what they tell the world about themselves online) is a positive one. We will be talking to children about how negative actions online can affect our future ASPIRATIONS. If any parents are interested in learning more, I will be holding a drop-in session for parents at 2.30pm on 5th February. Come along to ask questions and see what we are doing.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Keep warm!

Mrs ROSS

Attendance

Our attendance for last week increased to **96%** - well done everybody.



Congratulations to 4BS who had 99% attendance.

I am continuing to monitor attendance data and, if I am concerned about the attendance of any individual child, I will be contacting parents.

In relation to attendance, I have noticed that some children are being kept off school all day for medical appointments. Whilst I appreciate that for some appointments a fair amount of travelling may be involved and may warrant a full day's absence, I would like to remind you that your child should always attend School either side of their appointment.

Collecting your Child

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be collected by somebody other than yourself, you need to contact the school office each time – preferably before 2.30pm.

We will ask you to set up a password which any person other than yourself will be asked for by our members of staff.

**Film Night
Friday 8th February 2019**

The Friends of the School will be holding a Film Night on **Friday 8th February**. Details are as follows:

EYFS, Y1 & Y2

(3.30pm – 5.00pm)

Film to be shown is : DESPICABLE ME 3

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

(5.15pm – 6.45pm)

Film to be shown is : INCREDIBLES 2

Tickets for this event are priced at £2.50 per child, which includes popcorn and a drink.

Tickets need to be pre-ordered using the slip below.

All ticket requests should be handed into the office in an envelope as they will be passed on to the Friends of the School for processing.

FILM NIGHT TICKET ORDER

Name(s) of the child(ren) you are buying ticket(s) for

Name: Class:

Name: Class:

Name: Class:

I would like to order tickets (priced £2.50 each).

I enclose £..... (**cash only please**).

I am aware that this is a PG rated film and give consent for my child(ren) to watch it.

Signed:

PLEASE DO NOT HAND LOOSE MONEY INTO THE OFFICE – THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY SHOULD BE HANDED INTO SCHOOL IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE FRONT

Weather Warning

With winter well underway, we would like to remind parents that, in the event that School needs to be closed for bad



weather, we will use ParentHub and Lincs FM radio to publicise this.

Free School Meals

Please remember you can register for Free School Meals by going to :

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-schoolmeals/>

For each child that registers, the school will receive £1,320 to fund valuable learning activities and additional staffing in the classroom. Not sure? Take a look, and find out more.

Reception Places 2019

Applications for Reception places in September 2019 are now CLOSED:

If you have not applied, please contact the Lincolnshire Admissions service as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

Please find below some dates for your diary. More information will be sent out about events nearer the time.

Monday 28 th January	Y3/4 York visit (leaving School at 8am prompt)
Friday 1 st February	NSPCC Number Day – for

	a small donation for 50p children are invited to 'Wear a Number' own clothes day.
Wednesday 30 th and Thursday 31 st January	EYFS Parents' Meetings
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day Drop in for parents – 2.30pm
Tuesday 5 th February	Y5/6 Netball Competition at Skegness (3.30pm – 5.00pm)
Tuesday 12 th February	KS2 Dance Festival at Skegness (9.30am – 12.30pm)
Friday 15 th February	Last day of term.
Monday 25 th February	Return to School
Tuesday 26 th February	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at Well (4.00pm – 5.00pm)
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th March	Parent Evenings for Y1 – Y6 parents
Thursday 7 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Children can come to School dressed up as their favourite book character
w/c 11 th March	WOW Science Week
12 th – 19 th March	Book Fair
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3/4 Change4Life Festival at Skegness – 1.15pm
w/c 1 st April	Bikeability for Y5
Tuesday 2 nd April	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at St Hugh's at 1.30pm
Friday 5 th April	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 rd April	Return to School for the Summer Term