



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers.

What a cold week we have had! Plenty of beautiful ice patterns and frosted trees in the playground.



Braving the cold on Monday, Y3 and Y4 set off to the Jorvik Centre in York. Linked with their Viking topic, they explored the centre and the Dig. I was really proud, but not surprised, to hear that they had behaved in an exemplary fashion and they were complemented by all the supporting adults – even the coach drivers!

In school today was NSPCC number day.



The children raised money for the NSPCC by wearing number-related clothes and linking numbers and maths in fun ways. An example of this is the Ladybirds and Butterflies have been very busy taking part with many of their activities being themed around numbers! The children have enjoyed making, decorating and of course eating number biscuits! They have also learned how to play the game Snakes and Ladders and had lots of fun going on a Number Hunt around their classrooms!



Last week we said,

“Good luck!” to the Gymnasts that represented us at the Grantham Primary Schools competition. This week I was able to present them with the



medals and certificates that they deserved for effort, and

Another exciting thing that has been happening is that the children have been planting bulbs in the planters bought for us by the Friends of the School. We have had 400 bulbs donated by the Skegness Eco Centre, and the children have been talking about the RESILIENCE needed to grow them. I'm looking forward to them blooming and brightening up the playground.



Hopefully you have seen the lovely maps donated by the Friends of the School too? I have caught many of the children (and parents) looking at them, and know that they will be a fabulous resource to teach with – especially in the summer when the weather improves.



Our ASPIRATION post box has been launched this term. Decorated by Mr Taylor and Mrs Turner, it is somewhere where the children can post their



'Aspirations'. This week, I have found out that our children want to be police officers, doctors, come 1st in a motor biking competition, be great singers and ballet dancers. We will continue to teach the skills of resilience that will help them make these dreams happen.

Next week, don't forget to come to our **Safer Internet drop-in meeting** on **Tuesday** at **2.30pm** and remember to book your places for the Film Night on Friday. For the early film, I will collect the children from their classes at the end of the day and take them along to the Hall.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs ROSS

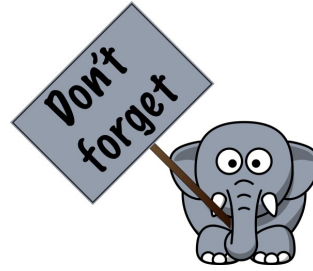
Attendance

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

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.

Film Night
Friday 8th February 2019



to book tickets for the Friends of the School Film night which is being held next **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:

Diary Dates

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

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)
Friday 8 th February	FILM NIGHT – don't forget to book your ticket
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	Y2 Visit to Skegness ECO Centre
Tuesday 26 th February	Y3-Y6 Cross Country Event at Well (4.00pm – 5.00pm)
Tuesday 5 th March	Y1 Visit to Skegness ECO Centre
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

Weather Warning



LincsFM 102.2 **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

This winter, tune into **Lincs FM** for all of the latest local information.

Listen every day for traffic & travel information and local weather reports.

During extreme weather, choose **Lincs FM** with Joseph Begley from 5am for our emergency information bulletins. Every half hour, we'll be listing all the local School closures as well as any other cancelled services or events.

Visit www.lincsfm.co.uk and click on School Closures.

Keep up to date on the move with our **FREE App**.

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.