



Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

First and foremost, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope that 2020 brings with it smiles, laughter and lots of good fortune. This term, we will be revisiting our values of **ASPIRATION AND RESILIENCE**.

In assembly, we spoke about our dreams and **ASPIRATIONS**. We looked at the path to get there – taking one achievable step after another – each time achieving a little more. We also talked about how this can sometimes be tricky and that we have to persevere. To help us with this, we welcomed back our friend **RESILIENT ROSIE**. She has come back to help us to be resilient and determined in reaching our goals and even just keeping going when learning gets tricky.

Think Resilience

In the next few weeks, all the children will be revisiting the skills and knowledge needed to be **RESILIENT** and learning different ways to have a healthy mind and body.

We will look at the importance of setting targets and goals: having **ASPIRATIONS**. As with last year, when Ashton Turner and Leon Baptiste visited, I am hoping that we will have visitors to the school to talk to children about how they achieved success through perseverance and determination. If you know someone who could come in to talk to the children, please come and speak to me about this.

Often we talk about how friends and community can help us be resilient and to help us in school, we would like to introduce some more friends to help with this.

Meet our school Guinea Pigs - Chase, Jeff and Robbie! They arrived this week and have caused great excitement for the children. Year 2 have enjoyed handling them - they are very soft and cuddly and great at listening if we are upset or worried. We will keep you updated about what our new pets are getting up to.



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Ross

I use these words all the time...

- Persevere • Complete • Learn (a new skill) over time • Overcome • Achieve • Sustain • Qualify as • Undertake • Attend regularly



Resilient Rosie

Attendance

Our attendance for the last week of term was **94%** which is lower than I would like, but hopefully with the children well rested this figure will improve.



to Miss Hick's class (1H) who had 100% attendance that week.

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.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Clerk to the Govenors (Mrs Catherine Murray) through the school office.

Starting School in September 2020

We would like to remind parents and carers the importance of applying for a Reception place at a school, if you want your child to start reception in September 2020. The date of birth for these children will be between **01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016**.

You can apply online at:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

or ask for a paper application form, or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. Parents can only apply by using one of these 3 methods.

The closing date is **15 January 2020**. If applicants live outside of Lincolnshire then they need to apply to their home Local Authority even if they want a school in Lincolnshire.

Film Night – Friday 17th January 2020

There is just one week to go before the Friends of the School hold their popular Film Night. The film they are showing is 'Small Foot'

Doors will be open at 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start. Children will need collecting at 6.15pm.

Tickets are £3 each which includes free popcorn and a drink.

The names of children who have purchased a ticket will be entered into a draw on the evening for the chance to win a family day pass to Rand Park Farm.

Please collect a ticket from the school office or return the slip below.

Film Night Ticket Request

I would like to purchase ticket(s) @ £3 each and enclose

£ cash

Child's Name:

Class:

After School Clubs

There are still places available at the following after school clubs.

MONDAY:

Y3-Y6 Homework Club with Miss Kerr
Y3/Y4 New Age Kurling with Mr Winter

TUESDAY:

Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics with Mrs Winter

WEDNESDAY:

Y1/Y2 Multisports with Mrs Winter

THURSDAY:

Y1/Y2 Storybox Club with Mrs Cooper
and Mrs Hall

Permission slips will be available from the office at the beginning of next week.



Children will only be able to attend a new club if we have received a signed permission slip.

Little Wishes

The Little Wishes group hold 'Stay and Play' sessions at the Children's Centre on a Wednesday morning from 9.15am – 10.45am during term time.

The sessions are free and children receive a snack and drink during the morning. However, donations for a drink for yourself are welcome and this money goes towards events which the committee arrange during the year – eg. Cinema visit, Christmas party etc.

There is no need to book, just turn up and have a fun time with your child.

