

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and a Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you have all had a good Christmas. Just a few updates below for the coming term:

Uniform

The majority of children are coming to school in the correct uniform. Thank you for supporting us in this. There are however some children who are not in uniform. Please can I remind you that jeggings, jean type trousers and leggings are not allowed in school. Trainers should be black, not coloured. Long boots may be worn to school. A reminder also that only small bows are allowed and that head bands should be plain. Earrings should be one small stud only and must be removed for PE.

Reading at Home

We encourage our children to read at home at least 3 times per week. Many children are now reading 3 times a week or more. Thank you! There are a few children who are reading but not having their diaries signed; also some that do not bring their diaries to school. We are still awarding a Dojo for reading 3 times a week, and 2 dojos for 5 plus reads, and want to encourage as many children as possible to achieve this. The children do not necessarily need to read their school reading book. Any kind of reading counts, even a newspaper report or a magazine. As the children get older they may want to read to themselves. This is also fine and a skill they need to develop. All we ask is that you sign their reading diaries each time and return them to school so that the teachers can reward them.

Parking

Further to the Dojo message which went out last week, please can we respectfully remind you not to use the carparks of the businesses across the road from the school to either turn around in or park. This is private land and as they have customers arriving who need to park it could present a safety risk. However additional approved parking is available at both Fun Forest and Lidl. Thank you.

Pupil Premium / Free school meals

Did you know that your child may qualify for additional funding in school if you are in receipt of certain benefits? This funding enables the school to provide extra support for children including help with uniform. This applies to children in Foundation, Year One and Year Two. In addition to this free school meals will be funded once they get into Year 3. It is well worth applying for this as even if circumstances change, the funding is available for your child for the next 6 years. Please see the office for more information or apply directly to the Local Authority via the North Lincs council website. The office staff are available at any time to assist anyone who wishes to apply online. If you wish to discuss your circumstances confidentially, please make an appointment to see Mrs Riggall (Lead Learning Mentor) or Mrs Tebb (Business Manager).

Attendance

Attendance continues to be something we are working hard on as a school as it is vital to a child's learning. Whilst we appreciate that children are sometimes too poorly to come to school, we have to make sure that children come as often as possible. It is a legal requirement to report on attendance and therefore the Local Authority policy is that schools have to send out letters alerting parents / carers when their child's attendance falls below certain trigger points. The Local Authority also states the wording which has to be included in the letter. This is regardless of the reason for the absences or if parents are following the school policy of 48hours absence after a period of sickness. Although we appreciate that savings can be made, holidays will continue to be unauthorised unless in very exceptional circumstances. Thank you to all those parents/carers who are working with us to improve attendance.

Start of the day.

Many more of our children are arriving promptly for the start of the school day. Thank you for your support with this. Learning begins at 8.45, with registers being taken at 8.55. We are monitoring the arrival of our children in the mornings and we do have a small number of children who are regularly late into school. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school on time, please make an appointment to have a chat with our Learning Mentor Mrs Riggall.

And finally.....

We are always keen to welcome our parents / carers / grandparents etc into school, please contact Mrs Winter (Y2) if you would like to volunteer for an hour or so in school. If you have any ideas to increase these opportunities please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs S Spencer

Headteacher

Important dates for the Spring term.

Please notes that additional information will be sent out regarding sporting events, quizzes and parents evenings

Date	Event
8th January	Young Voices
9th January	Year 3 Safety Seymour sessions
9th January	3MW swimming (pm)
11th January	5/6SB Reading cafe
16th January	Y3/4 Reading Police

16th January	3MW swimming (pm)
16th January	Dodgeball competition
17th January	1EW Library visit (pm)
18th January	6AH Reading cafe
19th January	Brigg Cluster Swimming Gala
22nd & 25th January	Year 5/6 CO2 Crew sessions
23rd January	3MW swimming (pm)
23rd & 24th January	Drumming/Zumba workshops
23rd January	KS1 Benchball Festival
25th January	3MW Reading cafe
5th - 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
6th February	Y3/4 Reading Police
6th February	Parents Evening (until 5pm)
7th February	Parents Evening (until 7pm)
9th February	Close for half term
19th February	Reopen for Spring 2
20th February	KS2 Badminton Competition
20th February	KS2 Vale Literacy Quiz
27th February	Book Fair in school (one week)
7th March	KS2 Netball Festival
19th March	Silent Disco
20th March	5KE trip
20th March	Brigg Cluster All Stars
21st March	6AH trip
25th - 28th March	Dojo Rewards week
26th March	5/6SB trip
26th March	Year 4 - singing at Vale
28th March	Close for Easter
15th April	Training Day (school closed to pupils)
16th April	School reopens to pupils