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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday. Please find enclosed in this newsletter some important information about the Spring Term.

Infant coming into school routine

As you may have seen the path into the Key Stage One playground has now been completed and Reception children are now able to line up as before. Please enter and exit via the new path. Many thanks to the parents and governors who gave up their time to help us to construct this.

School Places for September 14

The closing date for applications for our school for September 2014 is Monday 13th January. If you have a child who is due to start school next academic year please visit the admissions page of the Lincolnshire County Council website. If you have friends or family who have a child due to start school then please remind them to apply.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see all of the children back to school looking smart in their uniforms. Can we please ask that if your child wears boots to school due to weather conditions they must have a pair of black school shoes to change into for class.

Clubs

Once again we are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities to enhance the children's learning in school. All clubs will start week beginning **13th of January** and will run for 5 weeks. If a club needs to be cancelled, as ever, we will give you 24 hours notice. If you have any queries about clubs please contact Mr Toothill.

WOW days!

We have had lots of very positive feedback about our creative International Primary Curriculum (IPC). Some parents have asked if we are able to avoid having our WOW days, which often require the children to dress up or bring something into school, on the first day back. Unfortunately the very purpose of WOW days is that they launch our new topics in an exciting and fun way hence them being on the first day back. We endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible for these events.

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Reception Hot Meals

As you may know, we have been successful in securing funding from Tesco Charity Trust, which means we are able to provide all of our current Reception children with free hot school meals for five weeks. We hope that this project will have a positive impact on the childrens' health and wellbeing and also give them the opportunity to try some different foods. The meals will be provided free of charge for all Finches and Swallows from Monday 13th January to Thursday 13th February.

Allergies

A number of children in our school have allergies, some quite serious. Because of this our school is a **Nut Free Zone**. Please do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school as either a playtime snack or as part of your child's packed lunch. If a child is found with nut products they will be taken off them and disposed of. Thank you for your understanding in this important matter of safety.

Class Collective Worship

We will begin our annual cycle of Class Collective Worship this term. The following classes will take a collective Worship this term.

Wednesday 15 th January	Kites 9.00 am
Wednesday 22 nd January	Eagles 9.00 am
Wednesday 12 th February	Starlings 9.00 am
Wednesday 26 th March	Harriers 9.00 am
Wednesday 2 nd April	Merlins 9.00 am

We very much hope you can attend these special events.

Parent Evenings

We will be holding our spring parent evenings on the 11th and 12th of March. This is an opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made. Information about booking an appointment will be sent nearer the time. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's education please don't wait until parents evening rather make an appointment to see you child's teacher via the school office.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is much improved this year; many thanks for getting your children to school on time. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that we are not able to authorise holidays in term time and can only approve time away from school in exceptional circumstances.

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2014 National Testing Dates

Year Six National Curriculum Tests (SATS) Week beginning 12th May 2014

Year One Phonics Screening Tests Week beginning 16th June 2014

More information about these tests will be sent nearer the time.

Dates for your diary

7 th January 2014	Children Back
10 th January 2014	Curriculum Newsletters distributed
15 th January 2014	Kites Collective Worship 9.00am (School)
22 nd January 2014	Eagles Collective Worship 9.00am (School)
12 th February 2014	Starlings Collective Worship 9.00am (School)
12 th February 2014	Term 3 Reports out
13 th February 2014	Children break up
14 th February 2014	INSET day
24 th February 2014	Children Back
11 th March 2014	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30
12 th March 2014	Parents Evening 4.00-7.30
W/B 17 th March 2014	Year 3 and 4 Rand Farm Visits
26 th March 2014	Harriers Collective Worship 9.00a.m (School)
28 th March 2014	Mother's Day Service at St Thomas Church (KS1 9.30 KS2 1.30)
2 nd April 2014	Merlin's Collective Worship 9.00a.m (School)
3 rd April 2014	Easter Service (Led by Year 3) 9.00 (School)
4 th April 2014	Term 4 Reports out
4 th April 2014	Break Up

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As ever, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding your child's education.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Smith

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