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Dear Parents/Carers,

Everyone at Market Rasen Church of England Primary School would like to welcome you back to school after the summer holiday. We hope that you have had an enjoyable break. We would like to extend an especially warm welcome to all of the families who are starting their school journey with us; we are really pleased to have you all with us.

Site Improvements

We have had a busy summer improving the school for your child. The Finches classroom has been fully refurbished so we now only have one classroom in the school that needs to be improved and we hope to do that next summer. We have also improved the Early Years Playground and installed our peace window in the school hall. We have another exciting project that we will be working on later this year that we will tell you about when we can.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff to our school namely Miss Staves (Swallows Teaching Assistant), Mrs Horrey (Learning Support Assistant) and Mr Devall (Harriers Teacher). We also welcome Miss Robinson who is a trainee teacher, she will be working alongside Miss Smith in the Martins this year. Mr Butson and Miss Treece are both unwell and we wish them all the best with their recovery and we hope to see them in school in good health in the near future.

Food Orders

Please remember to order your hot meal from the school kitchen via Wisepay by the preceding Monday each week. New Reception children will need to make their first order by the 19th September (at the latest) for the week beginning 26th September. All new starters will receive their usernames and passwords shortly.

Swimming

Below you will find the swimming timetable between now and October half term. Swimming lessons will commence week beginning **Monday 12th September**, please ensure that your child has their swimming kit with them. To deliver your child's swimming lessons we are dependent on parental help. If you are available to help with your child's swimming lesson then please can you make Mr Toothill or the office aware. Swimming is at a cost of £1.20 per week and is payable either weekly or for the term.

Class	Swimming day and time
Swallows	Tuesday 10:35am-12:00pm
Finches	Tuesday 8:45am-10:00am
Martins	Wednesday 8:45am-10:20am
Merlins	Tuesday 2:10pm-3:15pm
Robins	Wednesday 10:35am-12:00pm
Kestrels	Wednesday 2:10pm-3:20pm
Falcons	Wednesday 1:00pm-2:10pm
Harriers	Monday 10:35am-12:10pm
Ospreys	Tuesday 1:00pm-2:10pm
Eagles	Monday 2:10pm – 3:20pm
Kites	Monday 1:00pm – 2:10pm

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Meet the Teacher

The teaching staff will be available after school on September 20th between 3.30-4.30 pm for you to meet them, have a look at your child's new classroom and for you to discuss any aspect of your child's education. We really hope you will be able to drop in and meet your child's teacher in this informal setting.

Parents' Evenings

We will hold our first parents evenings on October 18th and 19th between 3.30-6.30 pm. These sessions are to enable you and your child's teacher to discuss how well they have settled into their new class and the progress made so far. These sessions are very important and we encourage all parents to attend. Appointment sheets will be sent out nearer the time.

Meeting for Prospective Reception Parents 2017

We will be holding our meeting for prospective Reception Parents on October 13th at 6.00 pm in school. If you know anyone who has a child due to start Reception in September 2017 please let them know about this event. We will be sending out a leaflet soon that we would kindly ask you to give to anyone who has a child who will be of school age in September 2017.

Phonics Workshops

We will be holding a phonics workshop at school on September 27th at 3.45 pm. This session is primarily aimed at our new Reception parents and parents of children in Key Stage One so they can help their child make excellent progress with reading and spelling at home. More information about this will follow shortly.

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival service, led by Year Five, will be held at the Church on October 7th at 9.30 am. All parents are welcome to attend this special occasion. We will be asking for donations of food nearer the time to help people less fortunate than ourselves.

MacMillian Coffee Morning

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning on 30th September. More information will come out regarding this so please put it in your diary. We'd love you to attend and help us raise money for a wonderful cause.

Information for Parents

Please refer to our website (www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) or our Twitter Feed (@northwoldsfed) for up to date information about school and school life. Remember all letters we send out are on our school website should you misplace them.

Attendance

Unfortunately, our whole school attendance last year was not as good as in previous years. As you will be aware good school attendance increases attainment. Can I please remind all parents that holidays in term time are not permitted and could result in fixed penalties or even prosecution. If your child has an extraordinary reason for not being at school please ask the office for an extraordinary leave of absence form. We will be working with the children and introducing new reward systems for good attendance over the coming year.

I am confident that your child will have a wonderful year here with us. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any a question about any aspect of school life.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith, Executive Headteacher.

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Dates For Your Diary

5 Sept 2016	Start of Term 1		
6 Sept 2016	WOW days for Ys 1,2,3,4,5,6		
9 Sept 2016	Curriculum Newsletters		
14 Sept 2016	Y6 Residential		
27 Sept 2016	Infant Phonics Meeting	3.45	Robins Class
30 Sept 2016	Macmillan coffee morning		
7 th Oct 2016	Harvest Festival	9.30	St Thomas Church
13 th Oct 2016	Prospective Reception 2017 information evening	6.00	School Hall
18 th Oct 2016	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30	
19 th Oct 2016	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30	
21 Oct 2016	End of Term 1		
31 Oct 2016	INSET Day- Children not in school		
1 November	Start of Term 2		

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