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Friday 21st April 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and that your child is refreshed for the exciting term ahead. This newsletter will let you know about some important dates and events going on in school between now and the end of the year.

Trim Trail

We hope to be able to start using the Trim Trail once again soon. We ask that your child has trainers or plimsolls in school if they wish to use the trim trail as these are safer than school shoes.

National Tests Dates

The Year One Phonics Screening will take place the week beginning 12th June 2017.

The Year Two National Curriculum Tests will take place the week beginning 22nd May 2017.

The Year Six National curriculum tests will take place the week beginning 8th May 2017.

Attendance in school is important all of the time but particularly important during these weeks.

Year One Phonics Screening

The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment to make sure that all pupils are able to decode phonics to an appropriate standard by the age of 6. All Year One pupils in maintained schools, academies and free schools must complete the check. The phonics check will help teachers identify the children who need extra help so they can receive the support they need to improve their reading skills. These children will then be able to retake the check in Year Two. The check comprises a list of 40 words and non-words which the child will read one-to-one with a teacher. If you would like any more information about the phonics screen please speak to your child's teacher.

Year Two National Curriculum Tests

Children in Year Two will undertake test in reading, maths and grammar. These tests are just one part of the teacher assessment that will be reported to you at the end of the year. As the children are so young we do everything we can to ensure the tests do not worry them in any way. If you have any questions about the Year Two tests please speak to your child's teacher.

Year Six National Curriculum Tests

The children will undertake their National Curriculum tests soon. They will be tested in reading, grammar, spelling, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. Your child's results will be shared with you at the end of the summer term. If you have any questions about the Year Six tests please speak to your child's teacher. We will send out a DFE leaflet about the tests nearer to the time.

Staffing

During this term both Mr Butson and Mrs Cocking will be leaving our school. We would like to thank both of them for all of their hard work and commitment they have shown to our school. We will let you know who will be replacing them once they have been appointed.

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Reading Scheme books

We are in the process of auditing our Oxford Reading Tree scheme reading books. It would seem that we have many books missing. Please could you check at home to see if you have any reading scheme books that you have forgotten to return? This will avoid having to spend precious funds replacing them. Please send any books you find to the school office. Many thanks for your help with this.

Playgrounds Before and After School

As you will have noticed, the playgrounds before and after school are very busy. With this in mind please do not let your child use bikes or scooters in the playground and please don't be offended if staff ask your child to stop riding them; it is for the safety of all of our children. Please also note that dogs are not allowed on the playground and should not be near the school entrances. Thank you for your support with this.

Mobile Phones

It is school policy not to allow children to have mobile phones in school. If it is imperative that your child needs their phone after school then it must be handed into the school office and picked up at the end of the school day. If mobile devices are found in school they will be confiscated and only given back to a responsible adult. If you would like to have a look at our mobile phone policy it is available at:

<http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/parents.html#Policies>

Attendance

It is important that your child attends school every day. Please remember that we cannot authorise any absences that are not considered exceptional and this includes family holidays. Please ensure you contact the school office if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Parent View

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the online Parent View questionnaire. The results of this are presented below.

Statement	Agree or Strongly Agree
My child is happy at this school	98%
My child feels safe at this school	98%
My child makes good progress at this school	96%
My child is well looked after at this school	97%
My child is taught well at this school	94%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	95%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	93%
This school deals effectively with bullying	82% (12% say they don't know)
This school is well led and managed	91%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	90%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	93%
I would recommend this school to another parent	95%

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The results of this survey will be considered by the Federation Governing Body for further school improvement.

Swimming

You can now pay for your child's swimming lesson(s) on WisePAY. You have the choice to pay termly or weekly. If you need your child's username/password please see the office staff.

Sun Safety

Hopefully we will have some good weather during the summer term. Can I please remind parents that if the sun is particularly hot you should provide a sunhat and sun cream in a named bottle. Staff cannot apply sun cream to children so it would be useful if this was also applied before the start of the school day. If you would like to have a look at our sun safety policy it is available at:

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Class Collective Worship

It is always lovely to invite parents into school to see what their children are learning. With that in mind we would like to invite parents to the upcoming class collective worship, at 9am in the school hall.

26 th April 2017	Merlins
10 th May 2017	Swallows
24 th May 2017	Robins
7 th June 2017	Eagles
5 th July 2017	Finches

Sports Day

Our annual sports day will be held on Wednesday 14th June 2017 in the morning for Reception and Key Stage One, and the afternoon for Key Stage Two. If the weather is bad that day our reserve day is Wednesday 21st June 2017. We hope you can join us for this event.

Summer Show

We Summer Show for children in Key Stage Two will take at The Festival Hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 11 th July	2pm	Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 12 th July	2pm	
Wednesday 12 th July	6pm	

We ask that parents only attend the dress rehearsal when they cannot attend the main shows on Wednesday 12th July. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time at a cost of £1 per ticket.

Class Photographs

We have a photographer coming in to take class photographs on Tuesday 16th May 2017. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform that day.

Leavers' Disco

We will hold our annual Leavers Disco for the Key Stage Two children between 6-8pm on Monday 17th July 2017. We will be holding some events to raise money for this so please support us if you can.

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Leavers Services

These seem a long way off at the moment but we wanted to give Year Six parents advance notice for the leavers' services.

Church Service

In this service the children recount their time in our school. We welcome all Year Six parents to join us in Church at 1.30 on Monday 17th July 2017.

School Service

In the past we have held the leavers' service in the afternoon of the final day of term however this is always a bit of a rush and we don't get time to say goodbye properly to the children. This year we are going to hold the school leavers' service on the 19th July (last day of term) at 9.30 a.m. We hope that Year Six parents will be able to make this service.

I hope your child has a lovely summer term with us. As ever, if you have any queries about any aspect of your child's education please contact me.

Andrew Smith
Executive Headteacher

Important Dates for Your Diary

26 th April 2017	Merlins Collective Worship	School 9.00 am
10 th May	Swallows Collective Worship	School 9.00 am
16 th May	Class Photographs	
24 th May	Robins Collective Worship	School 9.00 am
26 th May	End of Term 5	Usual time
5 th June	Start of Term 5	
7 th June	Eagles Collective Worship	School 9.00 am
14 th June	Sports Day	School KS1 am KS2 pm
5 th July	Finches Collective Worship	School 9.00 am
17 th July	Leavers Service Church	Church 1.30
17 th July	Leavers Disco (KS2 children)	School 6.00-8.00pm
19 th July	Leavers Service School	School 9.30am
19 th July	End of Term 6	Usual time

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