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Wednesday 7th January 2014

Dear Parents,

A very 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.

School Places for September 14

The closing date for applications for our school for September 2015 is Thursday 15th January 2015. 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 or pop in and see us. If you have friends or family who have a child due to start school then please remind them to apply.

Swimming

The swimming pool is closed now and will, we hope, reopen after the February half term depending on the weather. We will be holding an opening ceremony where we will invite all of those people who helped raise money for the pool when it is reopened and all of the final snags are rectified.

New Government Food Standards

New guidelines for Food standards in maintained schools came into force on 1st January 2015. We are pleased that our catering provider, the Farm Kitchen, meet the new standards. If you would like to find out more about the new food standards please visit this site.

<http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/standards/>

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?

Infant Hot Meals

As you know the Government has provided funding for Universal Infant Free School meals for all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. We would strongly encourage parents to take advantage of this. If you need any help in ordering online please contact the school office.

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 from them and disposed of. Thank you for your understanding in this important matter of safety.

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Class Collective Worship

The following classes will take a collective Worship this term. We hope you can join us.

Wednesday 21st January Eagles

Wednesday 28th January Merlins

Wednesday 4th March Robins

Parent Evenings

We will be holding our Spring parent evenings on the 17th and 18th 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 you can make an appointment to see your child's teacher via the school office.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is very good 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.

Behaviour Policy

All schools are required to annually make parents aware of the whole school behaviour management policy. In our last Ofsted Inspection (Nov 14) behaviour was judged to be outstanding. To view our policy please go to the parents page on our school website. If you would prefer a paper copy of our policy please contact the school office.

2014 National Testing Dates

Year Six National Curriculum Tests (SATS) Week beginning 11th May 2015

Year One Phonics Screening Test Week beginning 15th June 2015

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

Staffing

Due to ill health Mrs Dowley, Teaching Assistant in the Swallows, will be leaving us. Mrs Dowley has worked in our school for nearly 20 years and we are all very sad to see her leave. She has helped educate hundreds of children in Market Rasen and has had a real impact on their lives. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Dowley a speedy recovery. Mrs Chappell, an experienced Early Years practitioner will begin in the Swallows next week.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Dates for your diary

6 th January 2015	Children Back
14 th January 2015	FOSA meeting-All invited. 6.30 (School)
21 st January 2015	Eagles Collective Worship 9.00 (School)
28 th January 2015	Merlins Collective Worship 9.00 (School)
13 th February 2015	Children break up
23 th February 2015	Children Back
4 th March 2015	Robins Collective Worship
13 th March 2015	Mother's Day Service at St Thomas Church (KS1 9.30 KS2 1.30)
17 th March 2015	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30
18 th March 2015	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30
W/B 23 rd March 2015	Year 3 and 4 Rand Farm Visits
27 th March 2015	Easter Service (Led by Year 3) 2.00 (School)
27 th March 2015	End of Term 4

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