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February 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another new term. This letter will tell you some important information regarding the events this term and school in general.

Improvements to the School Site

We have several projects in hand at the moment including our new classroom that will reduce class sizes in Key Stage Two, our school kitchen, improvements to the quad area and further improvements to the swimming pool. In total this represents an investment of nearly £500,000 this year alone. We are very excited about all of these projects which will make our school an even better place for your child.

Swimming Pool Opening

We are pleased to be able to hold our re-opening of the refurbished swimming pool on Friday 6th March 2015. We have a Paralympian who will come in to talk to the children and then we will do an "official" reopening at 2.45 p.m. Parents are welcome to come to this event if they wish; please come through the Mill Road playground.

Parental Questionnaire

At the back of this letter is our annual parental questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could complete and return this to the school office.

Reporting to Parents Consultations

Last year we wrote to parents to set up some focus groups to see how best to report children's progress in light of the New National curriculum. Thank you to all those parents who responded to this. I can announce that we will hold 3 focus groups on the following days and times.

Thursday 19th March 2015 9.00 a.m

Thursday 19th March 2015 3.30 p.m

Thursday 19th March 2015 5.30 p.m

Please return the reply slip at the end of this letter if you intend to come. We will primarily be discussing how useful parent consultations, termly reports and end of year reports are for parents and how we can make them more effective. We hope that as many parents as possible can attend these important consultations as they will be a key part of the decision making process.

School Twitter Account

We would like to trial using a Twitter account to let you know about things that are happening in school. We will "tweet" reminders about events, celebrate things that are happening in school and send information that may be useful to parents. If you would like to "follow us" please search for @NorthWoldsFed. If you don't use twitter you can keep up to date by looking at the Twitter feed on our website www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk

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School Safety Week

From the week beginning 16th March 2015 we will collapse our school curriculum and hold our annual safety week. In this week children are taught about all aspects of safety to ensure they can make good decisions and keep themselves safe. Areas covered include water safety, railway safety, stranger danger, protective behaviours and e-safety.

School Kitchen

As we have previously informed you we will be installing a kitchen in the school by September 2015 to cook all hot meals on site. We have a consultant from the Schools Food Trust helping us to get ready for this. We intend to fully involve all children and parents in coming up with the menus and the consultant will be in school on Tuesday 10th March for this purpose. A letter with specific details will come out shortly but if you are interested in giving your views please keep this date free.

P.E Success

Due to the high quality sports provision we have in school we have been very successful this year in Lincolnshire Tournaments. So far this year we have achieved the following:

Dance competition winners

Rugby competition winners

Football area competition won alongside the Sportsmanship award

Netball 2nd place, Swimming 3rd overall in area competition as well as achieving School Sports Partnership Award for Honesty and Determination

Well done to Mr Toothill and all of the children involved in making our school so successful at sports.

Parent Consultations

We are holding our spring term parental consultations on 17th and 18th March. Letters will come out shortly to request a slot. Children who are on the Special Education Needs Register will have a 20 minute slot to review the children's SEN profiles. Mr Toothill, Mrs Allerston, Mrs McGagh, Mr Smith and Governors will all be available on these nights should parents wish to discuss anything with them.

Class Collective Worship.

The Robins warmly invite parents to their collective worship on 4th March 2015 at 9.00 a.m. in school. Please come and find out what the Robins have been learning about.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day as a school on Thursday 5th March. A separate letter will be sent to you with more details regarding arrangements for the day and the Scholastic Book Fair which will be in school from Tuesday 3rd March.

Mother's Day Service

Our annual Mother's day service, at St Thomas Church, will be held on 13th March 2015. For Reception, Year One and Year Two the service starts at 9.30 and for Years Three, Four, Five and Six it will begin at 1.30. This is

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one of the nicest services of the year and we hope you can come and hear the children reflect on why their mum is so special. If you are going to attend please consider helping to walk the children from the school to the church.

We are sure your child will have an exciting term of learning. Please don't hesitate to contact either of us if you have a query about any aspect of school life.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith

Nichola Allerston

Executive Head teacher

Head of School

Diary Dates for this term

23rd Feb Clubs Start / Swimming Starts

4th March Robins Collective Worship (9.00 a.m. School)

13th March Mother's Day Service St Thomas church (9.30 Reception and KS1 , 1.30 p.m. KS2)

16th March School Safety Week

17th March Parents Evening (3.30-6.30)

18th March Parents Evening (3.30-6.30)

20th March FOSA Easter Bingo

24th March (W/B) Rand Farm Y3/4

27th March End of Term 4

Reporting To Parents Consultation (Please return to the school office)

I intend to attend the reporting to parent's consultation.

Name:

Focus Group I will attend

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Dear Parents,

In order to improve our school even further would you please take a moment to answer the questions below and return this form to the school office? Thank you very much in advance for your help in this matter.

Andrew Smith

Nichola Allerston

Executive Head teacher

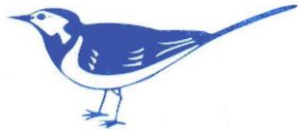
Head of School

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school					
My child feels safe at this school					
My child makes good progress at this school					
My child is well looked after at this school					
My child is well taught at this school.					
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.					
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.					
This school deals effectively with bullying					
This school is well led and managed					
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.					
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.					
I would recommend this school to another parent?					
Sports provision is excellent in this school					
The school curriculum is exciting and engaging.					
The school teaches my child e-safety effectively.					
I believe a kitchen in school will be a benefit for the children in school.					
I agree with the school key values of caring, commitment to achieve, honesty, fairness and respect.					
The school prepares my child well for life in British society.					

Please Turn Over

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1) Are there any positive aspects of the school that you would like to comment on?

2) What do you think we could improve further?

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