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Thursday 5th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. It was lovely to see the children looking so happy and smart at they came back in to School. A special welcome to our 45 new Reception starters and a number of other children across the school who are having their first days with us.

Site Improvements

As ever we have worked hard to make the school site even nicer for our wonderful children. Over the summer we have decorated the hall and installed new glazing around the Quad corridors. Many thanks to Mr Davison for all of his hard work over the summer period.

Staffing

We are really pleased to have a number of new staff joining us this term. Miss Bates joins us as the Merlins teacher and Mrs Hardiment is joining us as a Year 1/2 teaching assistant. Mrs Matthews, who has worked in school for many years as a teaching assistant, re-joins us this year as a trainee teacher in Falcons. We also have another trainee teacher in Martins, Miss Willers. Finally we have Miss Fowler supporting in the Swallows. Miss Walford was married over the summer; congratulations to her. She will now be known as Mrs Gaskin.

Packed Lunches

If you child has packed lunches please make sure you follow the [packed lunch policy](#) which has been written with pupil health and wellbeing in mind. Children are only allowed water in school (no juice, squash or fizzy drinks please), and as always, nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.

Food Orders

Please remember to order your hot meal from the school kitchen via Wisepay by the preceding Monday each week. If you have any issues with [Wisepay](#) or if you don't have access to the internet please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help you.

Meet the Teacher

The teaching staff will be available after school on Thursday 12th September between 3.30-4.30 pm for you to meet them, have a look at your child's new classroom and 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 16th and 17th between 3.30-7.00 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 they have 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 2020

We will be holding our prospective Reception 2020 Parents evening presentation on 10th October at 6.00pm. In addition to this we will be holding tours during the school day in the week beginning 30th September. If you would like to book onto one of these tours please contact the school office. If you know anyone with children who are due to start school in September 2020 please let them know about these events.

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Year Six Residential Meeting

The meeting for parents of children attending the Y5/6 residential will be held on 10th October at 5.30pm. We hope to see you there.

Spelling and Phonics Open Afternoon

We will hold a phonics session at 3:30pm on 3rd October for parents of children who are in Reception and Key Stage One. This session will help you support your child with reading and spelling at home.

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival service, led by Year Five, will be held at the Church on 18th October 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.

School Photographs

We have a Tempest photographer coming into school to take individual photographs on Monday 16th September from 8.30am. Could we please kindly ask you to ensure your child is in school promptly and comes to school in the correct school uniform. The photographer will also take photographs with siblings that do not attend the school. Please wait by the entrance to the hall on the main playground from 8.30am and the photographer will be happy to take these photographs for you. If your child has a sibling in school, joint photographs will be taken during school time.

Parent Support Advisor

We have our own in house Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Nicky Chaplin. She is able to support with a wide variety of parenting. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss with Mrs Chaplin please contact her on 07542 937857. She is available on Monday and Tuesday each week.

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.](#)

Daily Mile

We will continue with our "Daily Mile" In a bid to improve wellbeing and health for children in Years 1-6. At some point each day, children will run or jog for 10 minutes. This will take children's formal exercise in school to over 3 hours per week. Please ensure your child has shoes in school that they are able to exercise in each day. Children in Reception will complete additional exercise after play each day that is appropriate for them.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for children to make good progress in school. Children who attend well have a number of rewards throughout the year including fruit treats, certificates and medals. If your child is not going to be in school please ensure you call the school office before 9.30am on their first day of absence. Please note that we are not able to approve a leave of absence for family holidays. Last year a number fixed term penalties were issued by the Local Authority for unauthorised leave; please help us to reduce this over the coming year.

Medication

Please bring inhalers/epi-pens to the school office. Please contact Mrs McGagh to discuss any medical needs your child might have if we don't already know about them.

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Swimming

Swimming will run from next week until the 18th October. We rely on swimming contributions to provide these sessions. Each session is charged at £1.20, and we kindly ask that all payments are made through [wisepay](#) rather than by cash at the office.

Marking and Feedback

Governors have approved a new marking and feedback policy which changes the way that staff will mark pupils work. Like many schools in the country, our new policy focusses on giving children much more verbal feedback in lesson and less written feedback as research shows us that this is more effective in ensuring progress. [If you would like to see a copy of the new marking and feedback policy please click here](#). If you have any questions about the policy please contact your child's teacher.

Curriculum Changes

As a school we have decided to move away from our International Primary Curriculum (IPC) which taught many different subjects under one topic. We will now be teaching children individual subjects following a theme with a focus on both skills and knowledge. Your child's curriculum newsletter, that will come out at the end of the week, will outline what your child will be learning this term. We will be continuing with WOW days and Exit days as we know they motivate the children and provide a good way to celebrate all the progress the children have made.

Diary Dates

Please see below for important diary dates.

We look forward to a busy, productive and fun term. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of your child's school life please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith
Executive Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary			
Market Rasen Church of England Primary School			
4 th September	Start of Term		
12 th September	Meet the teacher	3.30-4.30	In your child's class
3 rd October	Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Phonics Workshop	3:30	School
10 th October	Year 5/6 Residential Meeting	5.30	School
10 th October	2020 Reception Starter Open Evening	6.00	School
16 th October	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30	In your child's class
17 th October	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30	In your child's class
18 th October	Harvest Festival Service (Y5 Led)	9.30	St Thomas' Church
18 th October	End of Term 1		
30 th Oct – 1 st November	Year 5/6 Residential		

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