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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Head teachers Newsletter January 2020**

Everyone at Market Rasen C of E Primary wishes you a Happy New Year! This newsletter will give you some important information about the following term.

#### **New Curriculum**

As of September 2019 we launched a new foundation curriculum that replaced the old International Primary Curriculum (IPC). In this new curriculum, children are taught subjects in a discreet fashion rather than topic based. This has been very well received by both children and teachers. It is lovely seeing children studying subjects like Geography, History, Art & Design and Design and Technology in much more depth than before. Our [school website has been updated](#) to reflect these changes so please have a look at what your child will be learning now and in the future.

#### **Parent Governor**

I am really pleased to announce that Mrs Lydia Rusling has been appointed as a parent Governor for the North Wolds Federation. Mrs Rusling has a range of skills that will enable our schools to improve even further.

#### **Staffing**

Mrs Woodgate will be returning from Maternity Leave after the February half term holiday. We are looking forward to having Mrs Woodgate back in the Kestrels and thank Miss Featherstone for all of her hard work since joining our school.

#### **School Places for September 2020**

The closing date for applications for school is noon on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2020 [please apply using this link](#). If you need any help to apply please let us know.

#### **New Safeguarding Policy**

The Local Authority have updated their child protection and safeguarding policy therefore we have updated ours to reflect these changes. The new version was approved by Governors at their meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and is [available on the school website](#).

#### **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 or trainers to school due to weather conditions they have a pair of black school shoes to change into? Please ensure that your child doesn't wear nail polish in school. If earrings are worn, please ensure they are simple studs and can be removed by the child for their PE lesson. If children are unable to remove earrings, parents will need to supply ear coverings as plasters cannot be given for this purpose.

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#### Packed Lunches.

We have noticed a number of children bringing in squash, carton drinks and fruit shoots in their packed lunches. Please be aware that for health reasons we are a water only school therefore only water should be provided with packed lunches unless there is a medical reason that has been communicated to Mrs McGagh. The only exception to the water only rule is milk. There is water and naturally flavoured water available in the hall every day that all children can enjoy. [A copy of our packed lunch and break time snack policy can be found here.](#)

#### Adverse Weather

In the unlikely event that we have to close the school due to snow we will notify parents via our school website, twitter feed (@northwoldsfd) and the [Lincs FM website.](#)

#### Behaviour Policy

All schools are required to annually make parents aware of the whole school behaviour management policy. In our last full Ofsted Inspection behaviour and safety was judged to be outstanding. [To view our behaviour policy please follow this link.](#)

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

#### Class Collective Worship

We would like to invite you to come and watch your child in their class collective worship. This term the following classes will lead collective worship. We look forward to seeing you then.

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	9.00	Falcons
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	9.00	Kestrels
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	9.00	Harriers
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	9.00	Robins
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	9.00	Martins
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	9.00	Merlins

#### Car Parking

Please can we remind you that if you have to park around the school, particularly on Mill Road, to be mindful of the large volume of pedestrians who are around at drop off and pick up times? We are working with the Local Authority to try and secure a crossing patrol officer as we are very concerned about pedestrian safety. We will keep you informed about the progress we make on this. Please support us by using the park and stride service at the Market Rasen Co-op if you are able to.

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#### **October 2020 London Trip**

A reminder to parents of children who are currently in Years 4 and 5, our parent's information meeting for our London 2020 residential will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 at 6.00. At this meeting you will get information about the purpose of the visit, itinerary, accommodation, costs and how we will keep you child safe when we are there. Please let the office know if you are able to attend this meeting.

#### **Bikeability – Year 5**

If your child is participating in Bikeability, please ensure they have their bike and safety helmet in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Children are able to leave their bike in Claudia's Garden overnight during this week for convenience. Only children that are participating in Bikeability should come to school in non-uniform, wearing warm clothing that is suitable for riding a bike in all weathers.

#### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

**Clubs run for 10 weeks this term. These are the dates for this term.**

##### **Term 3**

W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 1
W/B Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 2
W/B Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 3
W/B Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Week 4
W/B Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Week 5

##### **Term 4**

W/B Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Week 6
W/B Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Week 7
W/B Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Week 8 (No Homework Clubs on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March due to Parents Evening)
W/B Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Week 9
W/B Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Week 10

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a query over any aspect of your child's education.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith  
Executive Headteacher

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#### Important Dates

We try to give parents as much notice as possible for events happening in school. Please find below important dates for Terms 3 & 4.

#### Term 3

6 <sup>th</sup>	January 2020	Start of Term 3
13 <sup>th</sup>	January 2020	Clubs start
17 <sup>th</sup>	January 2020	Termly reports out.
20 <sup>th</sup>	January 2020	Bikeability Mon/Tues/Wed/Thur
23 <sup>rd</sup>	January 2020	Current Y4/5 London trip information evening 6pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	January 2020	Falcons Class Collective Worship 9am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	February 2020	Reception and Year 6 height and weight check – <a href="#">see letter for information</a>
5 <sup>th</sup>	February 2020	Kestrels Class Collective Worship 9am
11 <sup>th</sup>	February 2020	Safer Internet Day
12 <sup>th</sup>	February 2020	Harriers Class Collective Worship 9am
13 <sup>th</sup>	February 2020	End of Term 3

#### Term 4

24 <sup>th</sup>	February 2020	Start of Term 4
4 <sup>th</sup>	March 2020	Robins Class Collective Worship 9am
5 <sup>th</sup>	March 2020	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	March 2020	Parents Evening (3:30-7:00pm)
12 <sup>th</sup>	March 2020	Parents Evening (3:30-7:00pm)
18 <sup>th</sup>	March 2020	Martins Class Collective Worship 9am
20 <sup>th</sup>	March 2020	Mother's Day Service (9.30 KS1 / 1.30 KS2) St Thomas' Church
23 <sup>rd</sup>	March 2020	(W/B) Y3/4 Residential to Rand Farm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	March 2020	Last week of extra-curricular after school clubs
25 <sup>th</sup>	March 2020	Merlins Class Collective Worship 9am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 2020	Year3 /4 Easter Show (9.30am and 2.15pm)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 2020	End of Term 4
14 <sup>th</sup>	April 2020	Y6 Easter School (14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> )

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