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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. This newsletter will let you know about some important dates and events going on in school between now and the end of the year.

Twitter

We are starting to build up our "followers" on Twitter. If you would like to follow us please search for @northwoldsfed where we will send reminders about things that are happening in school and share the exciting things that are happening.

Trim Trail

As the weather has improved the children are now able to use the trim trail that FOSA kindly funded on the days below. We please 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.

Monday	Harriers and Swallows
Tuesday	Kestrels and Martins
Wednesday	Eagles and Finches
Thursday	Robins and Falcons
Friday	Kites and Merlins

National Tests Dates

The Year Six National curriculum tests will take place the week beginning 11th May 2015.

The Year One Phonics Screening will take place the week beginning 15th June 2015.

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 have learned phonic decoding to an appropriate standard by the age of 6. All year 1 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 2. 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 Six National Curriculum Tests

The children will undertake their national tests soon. They will be tested in maths, mental maths, reading comprehension, grammar, punctuation and spelling. If you have any questions about the Year 6 tests please speak to your child's teacher.

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Attendance

Our whole school attendance continues to be excellent. Thank you for your help with this. Please remember that we cannot authorise any absences that are not considered exceptional and this includes family holidays. **Can we please remind all parents of the importance of punctuality at the beginning and end of the day?** It can be upsetting for children to arrive late or be picked up late. Many thanks for your help with this.

General Election

As part of our commitment to ensuring children understand and can recognise British values the children will be taking part in their own “Big Vote” on general election day of 7th May 2015. We will have one candidate standing from each of the house teams who will be trying to secure votes on how to spend £250 that will improve the school for all pupils. We look forward to the children making their cases, campaigning and taking part in our big vote. We will let you know what the children have democratically decided. For more information on our commitment to teaching children British values please visit <http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/key.html> and scroll to the document on British values.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the parents who returned the parental questionnaire in Term 3. We were really pleased to have 150 responses. The results, which were very positive, are below.

Statement	Agree +	Notes
My child is happy at this school	97%	
My child feels safe at this school	97%	
My child makes good progress at this school	95%	
My child is well looked after at this school	99%	
My child is taught well at this school	97%	
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	86%	
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	91%	
This school deals effectively with bullying	73%	20% don't know
This school is well lead and managed	93%	
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	87%	5% don't know
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	88%	
I would recommend this school to another parent	95%	
Sports provision is excellent in this school	95%	
The school curriculum is exciting and engaging	94%	
The school teaches my child e-safety effectively	82%	16% don't know
I believe a kitchen in the school will be a benefit to the children	92%	
I agree with the schools key values of caring, commitment to achieve, co-operation, respect, fairness and honesty.	100%	
The school prepares my child well for life in British society	93%	

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We will, in the near future, send out an information sheet about how we deal with allegations of bullying and how we teach e-safety as a high % of parents say they don't know what we do. The results of this questionnaire will go to our next Governing body Quality and Standards meeting to see what more we can do to improve the school further.

Report Writing consultation

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our end of year report writing consultation. All of the information gathered will be used to change the way we report to parents in July.

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.

29 th April	Falcons Collective Worship
6 th May	Martins Collective Worship
17 th June	Swallows Collective Worship
24 th June	Finches Collective Worship

Sports Day

Our annual sports day will be held on 9th June 2015 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 16th June 2015. We hope you can join us for this event.

Key Stage Two Summer Performance

We will be performing our summer show on 7th July at 2.00 p.m. and the 8th July at 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale nearer to the event. If, due to the kitchen building works, dates or venues have to change we will of course let you know.

Buildings update

Our newest classroom has now been handed over to us. It looks lovely and is a welcome addition to our growing school. The Quad area development has been booked in for the summer term so it will not be long before the children are out there, enjoying this outdoor learning space. This learning area will be dedicated to the memory of Claudia Burkill; one of our brightest and bravest pupils. Finally we are moving ahead with the installation of a kitchen on site with support from the Local Authority and external consultants. This is likely to mean that the hall will be out of use for some of the summer term however we will work around this to achieve our aims. Sadly as part of the kitchen installation we are going to have to remove the stage that has served us so well over the years. Please be assured that a modular stage will be bought so we can continue to put on our wonderful productions through the year.

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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.

Class Photographs

We have a Wrates photographer coming in to take class photograph's on Tuesday 2nd June from 9.15am. Could we please kindly ask you to ensure your child is in school promptly and comes to school in full school uniform.

Swimming

There are 6 swimming weeks this term for all classes except Kites and Robins, who due to the bank holiday and start of term will only have 4 sessions. The cost remains at £1.20 per week per child. Please ensure that payment is sent in clearly named envelopes.

Letters home

We are working at improving the way correspondence is send home. If you would like to receive non urgent letters by email, please let the office staff know your email address and you will be added to our mailing service. We are looking into a new system for communication and payments for school that will should make things easier for staff and parents. We will let you know when we have sourced a suitable product.

Diary Dates

Overleaf you will find some important dates for your diary.

Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the school team if you have any queries regarding anything in this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

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Forthcoming dates for your diary

W/B 27 th April	Clubs start for 4 weeks.
29 th April	Falcons Collective Worship
6 th May	Martins Collective Worship
7 th May	Big Vote Day
W/B 11 th May	National Curriculum Tests Week (SATS) for Y6 children.
W/B 18 th May	Religious Education Week
2 nd June	Class photographs
9 th June	Sports Day attempt 1 (KS1 AM, KS2 PM)
9 th June	E Safety for parents after school
W/B June 15 th	Phonics Screening for Year One Pupils
June 16 th	Sports Day attempt 2 (KS1 AM, KS2 PM)
17 th June	Swallows Collective Worship
24 th June	Finches Collective Worship
1 st July	Induction Evening for new Reception Parents
7 th July	KS2 Show-2.00 p.m.
8 th July	KS2 Show-2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.
July 16 th	Year 6 Leavers Trip
July 17 th	Year Six Leavers Church Service 9.30
July 17 th	End of year reports out
July 20 th	FOSA leavers disco
22 nd July	Year Six Leavers Service 2.00
22 nd July	End of Term

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