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Welcome

This brochure should give you an idea why our popular school is so special.

We like to think it is a mixture of irresistible learning, wonderful children, committed staff, high standards, super grounds and a supportive community that makes us an excellent place to start your child's primary education.

Our school, catering for over 300 children between the ages of 4-11, is situated in the market town of Market Rasen, on the edge of the beautiful Lincolnshire Wolds. Children who attend the school come from many of the surrounding villages as well as from the town itself.

The school was last inspected by Ofsted in November 2013 when 'Leadership & Management' and 'Behaviour & Safety' were judged to be outstanding and 'Teaching & Learning' and 'Attainment' to be good.

This brochure will give you a flavour of our school that the Diocese of Lincoln described as "outstanding", however it is only by visiting us you can see what a special place our school is. So please contact us and we'd be glad to show you around.

Andrew Smith
Executive Head Teacher

Facilities

Inside

Housed over two buildings we have 11 lovely classrooms, a fully equipped computing suite, a large school hall, a nurture room, group rooms and a small, but well-used, library. Our classrooms have been refurbished recently to ensure the best learning environments for our children and staff. We are so lucky to have a swimming pool thanks to the efforts of the whole community who built it in the early 90s and fully refurbished it more recently.

Outside

We have an attractive quadrangle, named Claudia's Garden, that is home to a multi-sensory learning and play area, as well as fruit trees, a rockery, a pond and a vegetable garden that our children tend. We also have extensive grounds in which to work and play, including three playgrounds, a bespoke outdoor play area for our youngest children and a huge field which houses our exciting trim trail.

Our locality

In addition to our wonderful school we use the locality in which we live to learn. Children love to visit the market square, St Thomas' Church, the high street, Market Rasen Racecourse, the very supportive local shops and many other locations. Our locality really enriches our pupils' learning.



Wellbeing

Values

We are very proud of our six key values that everyone in our school community endeavours to follow.

These are: being caring, being respectful, commitment to achieve, co-operation, fairness and honesty. These values are threaded through lessons, collective worship and our positive behaviour management system.

Being happy and healthy

Ensuring a happy, healthy environment in which children enjoy learning is of utmost importance to us.

We try our hardest to make it easy for children to approach us with any problems or concerns. We teach children from a very early age that bullying is never acceptable behaviour. A lot of time is spent teaching children about e-safety and staying safe online. By promoting healthy eating and the importance of drinking water through the whole day, we hope to create the foundations for a healthy life. We hold an annual safety week to teach children about all different kinds of safety including road safety, stranger danger, water safety, e-safety and safety around the railway.

Behaviour

Our philosophy is to catch children being good.

We believe this is the reason behaviour in our school is outstanding. We constantly praise success in all of its different forms. Children are routinely rewarded with house points, merit awards, golden jumpers and golden coins. When things do go wrong we work with parents and carers to get things back on track quickly.



Early Years Foundation Stage

Reception is where it all begins.

In this year we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. We see the Foundation Stage as just that; the foundations to a child's lifetime of learning. The children will, of course, learn all about reading, writing, maths and many other areas of learning but also about taking turns, good manners, getting along and being a good friend.

A successful start to the Foundation Stage builds on the experiences of the children in their pre-school learning. We have positive partnerships with a variety of nurseries and other pre-school providers in the local area. Before children start with us we offer an enhanced induction to ensure that by the time the children start they are very familiar with our staff, their learning environments and our routines.

The children in Reception learn through play. We offer a whole host of well-structured activities which are sometimes child led and sometimes adult led, but always fun and creative. Through practical activities, purposeful play and talk, pupils develop an understanding of the world and the basic concepts they will need for their later learning.

We strongly believe in forging excellent relationships with parents and carers to ensure each child makes fantastic progress with us and fulfils their potential. Parents play a major role in fostering good attitudes to learning, developing language skills and promoting good behaviour.

We are also lucky to have our very own kitchen on site. Our kitchen staff work hard to ensure our reception children have hot, well-balanced tasty meals every day.

Teaching and learning

Our Curriculum

As a school we follow the 2014 National Curriculum however we have enhanced it to meet the needs of our learners and our school community.

We aim to put children at the centre of their own learning and put a great emphasis on the values of co-operation and the commitment to achieve.

Irresistible learning

We endeavour to make learning irresistible.

We do this through a cross curricular, topic-based approach to learning. We have a range of exciting topics the children and staff have chosen including 'chocolate', 'the circus is coming to town', 'amazing buildings' and 'the jungle'.

Children start their new topics with a WOW day which may involve dressing up, a visitor to school, a visit out of school or something else special that the children won't forget. Throughout the topic most lessons will be contextualised around the topic theme which immerses the children in their learning. At the end of the topic the children have an 'exit day' where all of the learning culminates. This could be a presentation to parents, a gallery displaying their work, a café for parents to attend or something else that helps to demonstrate what they have learnt. When we talk to our children they tell us they love this mode of learning.

Beyond the classroom

We don't believe in keeping children in a classroom all day.

Teachers make great use of our extensive grounds to aid children's learning for a whole range of subjects.

We regularly take children outside of school for their learning. This could be through educational visits around the town or visits to places of interest further afield. Our most popular educational visits include the seaside, London and the National Space Centre.

We take our older children on overnight residential visits that they really enjoy. Recently these have been to Rand Farm Park for our younger children and to an outdoor pursuits activity centre in North Yorkshire for our older learners. These visits are not only educational but foster skills of independence and resilience.

More information on our current curriculum content can be found on our website www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk



Physical education

We really value physical education in our school.

We feel that PE, games and swimming give children another area to shine apart from their academic achievement. Our commitment to PE is demonstrated by our full time PE and swimming teacher, our excellent swimming facility, at least 2 hours of PE a week, our whole host of sporting extra-curricular activities and the competitive opportunities that we give to our children.

Swimming pool

Our children tell us that they feel really lucky to be able to have their own swimming pool!

Children have at least 18 swimming lessons per year with our fully qualified swimming teacher and lifeguard. This enables us to ensure that the vast majority of our children can swim by the time they leave our school; something we feel is a real life skill and is imperative to keeping children safe.



Extra curricular activities

We see our extensive range of extra curricular activities as not only a way to improve children's abilities in a number of sport, music, technological and artistic activities but also a way to get to know our learners better. Our staff put on a huge range of activities, usually around 20 a week, that they have specific skills or interest in. Some of our older children, supported by adults, like to run clubs themselves in areas where they excel.

Clubs have included football, tennis, tag rugby, netball, swimming, hockey, Glee, hama beads, cartoon drawing, Welsh, German, skipping, cheerleading, nature, computing, gymnastics, film club, drama, rounders, debate, games, roots, circuit training, sewing, newspaper and gardening. We truly believe that we offer something for everyone.

School and home

It is only in partnerships with parents that our children will fulfil their full potential.

We communicate with our parents in many ways, both formally and informally, throughout the school year.

We encourage two-way communication through the use of reading records, parents' consultations, homework books and workshops on a range of topics.

We endeavour to give you lots of information about what your child is learning through regular curriculum newsletters, termly reports and our Head Teacher's newsletters.

Our door is always open if you want to discuss any aspect of school life.



School and church

Church links

We are proud to be a voluntarily controlled Church of England School that caters for children and families of all religions and none.

We have strong links with St Thomas' Church in Market Rasen and, as such, we regularly visit the church throughout the school year. We also welcome parents to join us in our various services throughout the school year including Harvest Festival, Christingle, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and the Leavers' Service.

Although we are a Church of England School we are proud of the links we have with other churches in the local area including the Methodist Church, the Catholic Church and the New Life Church. The children also enjoy learning about other cultures and religions through religious education and other subjects.

Collective worship

Collective worship (some schools call it assembly) is a special time in our school because our whole school community joins together.

In our school the aim of collective worship is to develop a community spirit, reflect on our key values and to give children the opportunity to worship their God, if they wish.

Children regularly lead collective worship and parents are invited to attend when they do so.



Admissions

How to join our school family in Reception

We welcome children into our school in the September that follows their 4th birthday.

As a Local Authority maintained school our admissions are managed by Lincolnshire County Council. Information about how to apply for our school can be gained by contacting us, your pre-school or the Local Authority.

As an inclusive school we welcome all pupils, including those with special needs, medical needs and disabilities. We work closely with parents, pupils and outside agencies to ensure that admission arrangements meet the needs of the individual pupil.

Once your child has been accepted we will contact you to give details of our enhanced induction period. This enables new starters to experience school before they start, so that they can familiarise themselves with their new surroundings.

Mid-year admissions

From time to time children join our school later on in their school life.

We make every effort to ensure they are welcomed, looked after and monitored so that they quickly make friends and can find their way around our school. We will assess your child soon after joining so they start making progress quickly.

To join our school you will need to contact the Local Authority's admissions team but please pop in and see us first so we can show you around.

