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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Headteacher's Newsletter**

Welcome back to the new school year and a very warm welcome to our 41 new Reception children and the other children who have joined us in other year groups across the school. We are delighted to have you all with us and hope you have an amazing year.

I apologise for the length of this newsletter, however there is a lot of information to communicate at the start of a school year.

### **School Uniform**

It is wonderful to see the children back in school looking so smart. I have attached a link to the school uniform policy.

[NWF Uniform Policy](#)

Please note specifically:

- Only polo type t-shirts should be worn; not button up formal shirts or blouses
- P.E tracksuits need to be plain black or blue with no branding
- Earrings need to be a stud only and taken out for PE lessons
- Children need to wear the correct P.E uniform on their P.E days

Please don't be offended if staff approach you if your child is not in the correct uniform as they have been asked to do so. If your child cannot wear the correct uniform (school or P.E) for reasons of affordability, please get in touch with us to discuss what support we may be able to give.

### **Important School Policies**

Each year we share with parents some important policies that you should be aware of. Links to these policies are below. There are also many other policies on our website that you might choose to read.

<https://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/parents.php#Policies>

**Safeguarding Policy:** Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child, please speak to the school Designated Safeguarding Lead (Andrew Smith) or contact Lincolnshire's Children's services on 01522 782111

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**Parent Code of Conduct:** All staff and children have the right to feel safe and secure on our school site. Threatening behaviour including shouting at staff, anti-social behaviour or use of foul language will not be tolerated and could lead to a ban from site.

**Behaviour Policy:** This policy outlines our positive behaviour management system and outlines how we reward children and also how will work with children and parents if things go wrong.

### **Volunteers in School**

We always welcome volunteers into school. If you are able to regularly give some time to support us please get in touch with Mrs Allerston ([nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk)) and let her know. All volunteers will need a DBS check and will undertake a short safeguarding induction.

Things we need volunteers for include:

- Gardening
- Hearing children read
- Organising our library
- Supervising Swimming (Terms 1,5 and 6)

We'd love to hear from you if you are able to help.

### **Meet the Teacher Events**

We are holding an informal "drop in" opportunity on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** between 3.30-4.30 for you to come and meet your child's teacher and have a look around the classroom they are in. There is no need to book, just turn up. We look forward to seeing you then.

### **Parents' Evenings**

We will hold our formal Parental Consultations on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October** between 3.30 – 6.30. This is a formal opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into this academic year, find out what progress they have made and what you can do to help them at home. We will send out a booking form later in the term.

### **School Photographs**

We will be taking individual and sibling photographs on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. If your child has P.E or swimming that day please send them in school uniform with their P.E Uniform to get changed into.

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### **Attendance**

Good attendance in school is essential to ensure your child makes excellent progress. Unless your child is unwell they should be in school every day. Please do not ask us to authorise family holidays in term time as we are not able to do this.

Can we take the opportunity to remind you about the importance of your child being at school on time every morning. It is essential that your child comes into school with their class ready to start the day and doesn't miss out on the important start to their day. **School starts at 8.45am.**

### **Cost of Living Crisis**

We appreciate that inflation and energy prices are making things tough for many of our families. If you are struggling please get in touch as we may be able to provide you with some direct support for things that are school related or signpost you to organisations we work closely with if not school related.

We would encourage all EYFS and KS1 children to access the free school meals from our five-star rated kitchen and LCC Gold rated menus. It is estimated that taking these meals will save families £400 per year per child. For children in KS2 please remember that we offer hot meals (jacket potato, topping, fruit or yoghurt) for just £1.00.

Please note that from Year 3, fruit is no longer provided as a break time snack for the children. If your child would like a break time snack we would appreciate if you could send a piece of fruit in with them each day.

### **Communication with School**

Most of our communication will come out through Wisepay. If your child is in Reception this will be set up shortly. If you have any issues with Wisepay please contact Gemma Hall at school the office ([gemma.hall@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:gemma.hall@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk)). You can also follow us on twitter @northwoldsfed Finally, our school website holds a host of information including all of the letters we send via Wisepay. [www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk)

### **Packed Lunches**

If your child has packed lunches please make sure you follow the 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.**

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Please can you ensure you only put water into your child’s bottle for school. If this is something you need to discuss, please speak to your child’s teacher.

**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.

**Clubs**

We are really pleased to be able to offer lots of extra-curricular clubs this term. These clubs will start on the W/B 16/9/24. The information outlining what clubs we offer and how to book on will be sent out shortly.

**Swimming**

Please see timetable for swimming sessions for each class, which will continue until the October half term. After the October half term holiday, the swimming slot will change to P.E so there will be two P.E sessions per week. Swimming will re commence at Easter.

Class	Day and Time
Finches	Tuesday 9:00-10:30
Swallows	Wednesday 9:00-10:30
Robins	Wednesday 10:30-12:00
Merlins	Tuesday 10:30-12:00
Martins	Thursday 10:30-12:00
Kestrels	Thursday 9:00-10:30
Harriers	Friday 9:00-10:30
Falcons	Monday 10:30-12:00
Eagles	Monday 1:00-2:10
Ospreys	Friday 1:00-2:10
Kites	Friday 2:10-3:20

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We are very lucky to have our own on-site swimming pool as water safety and learning to swim are essential life skills. The governor agreed contribution for swimming is £1.40 per session.

You will understand that the running costs of the pool are very expensive, especially in the current climate of rising gas and electric prices, and it is only through your contributions that we will be able to continue to offer swimming lessons.

To pay, please log on to your child's Wisepay account and click on the swimming link. Alternatively, you can pay in cash at the school office if preferred. **The cost for the full 6-week term is £8.40.**

### **Civil Unrest**

You will have been aware of the civil unrest that took place in some parts of the U.K over the summer. As part of your child's usual PSHE lessons we will address this, at an age-appropriate level, with a focus on promoting British Values and the protected characteristics.

### **Children in Reception**

All Reception children have to undertake a statutory baseline assessment which will take place over the next few weeks. Information about this assessment can be found by following this link.

[DFE Reception Baseline For Parents Information](#)

### **End of Year Reports 2023-2024**

We were very pleased to share your child's end of year report at the end of last term via e-mail. We are aware that some parents did not receive their child's report. If you have still not received it please let our office staff know, by calling 01673 842395 Option 4) so we can get this to you.

There was a short form to complete to acknowledge receipt of the report. If you did not complete that we'd very much appreciate you doing that. The link can be found below.

[Report Acknowledgement Form](#)

I hope this newsletter has given you lots of information that you have found useful. If you have a query or concern about any aspect of school life please get in touch with me directly.

([andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk))

Yours sincerely,  
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#### **Dates For Your Diary**

4 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Term One
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher drop ins (3.30-4.30)
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5/6 London Residential Meeting 5.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> September	After school clubs begin
23 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 5/6 Residential to London
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evenings
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual/sibling school photos
18 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term One
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term Two

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