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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Head Teacher Newsletter January 2025**

Happy New Year to all of our school community. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and that your child has enjoyed returning to school for the exciting Spring Term. It has been busy already with WOW days, including a fantastic Greek visitor workshop.

The start of this term has been difficult for us with the passing of Mr Smith. Thank you to everyone for your kind emails, cards and words when we have seen you in the playground. It is lovely to hear so many stories of how Mr Smith has supported yourselves and your children over the years.

This newsletter will give you some important information about this term.

#### **Lateness and attendance**

As you are aware, updated guidance was published in August to support children's attendance in schools and ensure they attend school when they are well enough to do so. We have had a positive start to the year and our attendance levels are above the national figure however we have an increasing number of children who are coming to school late each day. This has a detrimental impact on the start of the day as they are missing vital teaching from the first lesson. Please ensure your child is at school on time every day. If you would like any support with this, please let us know.

#### **School Places for September 2025**

The closing date for applications for school was the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2025 or know anyone who has not yet applied, please follow the link or contact Lincolnshire County Council.

[Applying to primary or junior school](#)

If you need any help to apply, please let us know and we will be happy to support you.

#### **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy**

Just a reminder that the policy named above can be found on our website alongside a wide range of other policies that may be interesting to parents. These can all be found here:

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

Please remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child in our school please get in touch with one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Allerston, Mr Kennedy or Mr Briston.

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### **Behaviour Policy**

All schools are required to annually make parents aware of the whole school behaviour management policy. In our last Ofsted inspection, the children's behaviours and attitudes were identified as a strength. To view our behaviour policy please visit our website <https://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/parents.php#Policies>

### **Adverse Weather**

In the unlikely event that we have to close the school due to snow we will notify you via our school website, X (formally Twitter) feed (@northwoldsfed) and the Lincs FM (Hits Radio) website.

### **Letting You Know How Your Child is Doing**

We like to regularly let you know how well your child is doing in school. We do this in the following ways:

Term 1:	Parents' Evening
Term 2/3:	Termly Report ( <i>This will come out this week</i> )
Term 4:	Parents' Evening
Term 5:	Termly report
Term 6:	End of Year Report

If you ever want any information regarding your child's progress outside of these times, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

### **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.

Children need to wear their P.E uniform on P.E and club days. This is a black or blue tracksuit (no logos or brands please), their house coloured t-shirt and trainers.

### **Swimming Pool**

We are pleased to let you know the work has begun to improve the changing rooms and shower/toilet area in the swimming pool. This work started before the holiday, and we hope that it will be completed when the pool reopens in April 2025 for the Summer swimming season. These changes should also support us in continuing to open the pool more to the community in the holidays as we started to do last year.

### **Scooters and Bikes**

Please be reminded that bikes and scooters are not permitted to be ridden across the playground. If you arrive/leave school on a bike or scooter, please walk them across the playground.

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### **FAFF**

Our FAFF committee have been busy planning lots of exciting events for this and next term. This includes Easter Bingo, Colour Run and the Summer Fete. Look out for further information regarding these events in the near future.

### **Clubs**

You will have received a letter to confirm which club(s) your child has secured a place in. Please pay for your child's club at the school office using either cash or cheque.

Clubs restart next week and will run on the following weeks:

W/B Monday 20th January	Week 1
W/B Monday 27th January	Week 2
W/B Monday 3rd February	Week 3
W/B Monday 10th February	Week 4

Half Term

W/B Monday 24th February	Week 5
W/B Monday 3rd March	Week 6
W/B Monday 10th March	Week 7
W/B Monday 17th March	Week 8
W/B Monday 24th March	Week 9
W/B Monday 31st March	Week 10

**Please note, clubs will not run on the following dates due to Parents' Evening:**

Wednesday 26th March 2025

Thursday 27th March 2025

If your child is one the above clubs, you will not have been charged for these dates.

I hope your child has a lovely Spring Term with us. As ever, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a query over any aspect of your child's education.

Yours sincerely

Nichola Allerston  
Head of School

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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 2025	Start of Term 3
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Curriculum Newsletters Out
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Termly Reports Out
w/b 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Term 3 Clubs Start
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Safer Internet Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	End of Term 3

#### **Term 4**

24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Start of Term 4
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Book Fair in school
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Non Uniform Day for Easter Bingo
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Comic Relief Day
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	FAFF Mothers' Day Crafts
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parents Evening (3:30-7:00pm)
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parents Evening (3:30-7:00pm)
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Mother's Day Service (9.30 KS1 / 1.30 KS2) St Thomas' Church
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	FAFF Easter Bingo
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Start of Year 3/4 Residential
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	End of Term 4

14-17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Easter School

#### **Term 5**

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 Start of Term 5

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