



Learning Together for Life

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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### Spring Term Headteacher Newsletter

Welcome back to Term Four. We hope that you had a lovely half term holiday. In this newsletter, you will find lots of important information about the next few weeks and lots of exciting things we have planned.

#### **Parent Consultations**

We are holding face to face Spring Term parental consultations on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. We look forward to telling you about all of the great work your child has done so far this year. A letter has been sent home to enable you to make an appointment. Please be reminded that there will be no after school clubs on these days so your children will need collecting at the usual time.

#### **Mothers' Day Service**

Our annual Mother's Day service, at St Thomas' Church, will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. For Reception, Year One and Year Two the service starts at 9.30 a.m. and for Year Three, Four, Five and Six it will begin at 1.30 p.m. This is an inclusive service and whilst it is a traditional Mothers' Day service we consider all those who care for us and hear the children reflect on why the person who looks after them is so special. If you are going to attend, please consider helping to walk the children from the school to the church; this would really help us!

#### **Easter Service**

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Year 3 & 4 Easter service will take the form of an Easter play again this year. The children would love their parents to come and watch this and tickets (2 per child per performance) will be sent out in the near future. We will be selling refreshments on the day so please bring some change to buy a drink if you wish.

#### **Defeat the Sweet Program**

We are continuing to work with the Local Authority on the "[Defeat the Sweet](#)" project which aims to reduce sugar consumption in children given that 1 in 5 of primary aged children either have decay, fillings or missing teeth. In line with our context specific intent of health and our Church School Vision of caring for all, we are continuing the project to inform, educate and reduce sugar content in school.

The pledges that we are working on over the year are as follows:

- We will have a whole school food policy
- Water/milk are the only permitted drinks
- Our caterer limits sugar to 8g per dessert portion
- We only allow fruit or vegetables at snack time
- Sweets and chocolate are not allowed in packed lunches
- We hold at least one assembly a year on healthy eating
- In cooking lessons, we cook savoury dishes only

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- We provide information to children/families on healthy eating
  - We participate in National Smile Month

We appreciate that many children drink juice at home but part of the pledge is that children bring water to school only. If this is something that needs adapting for medical or SEND reason, please make an appointment to discuss further with Mrs Hardiment.

### Safeguarding and Child Protection

As safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, if you have any concerns about a child please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Nichola Allerston or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads Ben Kennedy or Sam Briston. Adam Shah is the Federation Safeguarding Governor and he can be contacted via the Clerk to Governors, Mrs Tracy Limbert.

### Book Fair

As ever, thank you to those of you who attended our book fair. Your support has enabled us to purchase lots of books to support reading in the curriculum. We have about £600 of free books to add to the children's reading library for them to enjoy.

### Non-Uniform Days

We are holding two non-uniform days this month. Further information regarding these events will follow:

- **14<sup>th</sup> March.** Please can you send in an Easter Egg to support the FAFF Easter Bingo which will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- **21<sup>st</sup> March.** If you can, please send in a small donation for Red Nose Day / Down Syndrome Day. Red Noses will also be on sale via the school office for £2 per nose. These will be sold from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February on a first come, first served basis.

Children should attend school in non-school uniform on these days regardless of whether you are able to donate or not.

### Swimming Pool Update

Following the continued work to update the swimming pool and changing rooms, we are looking forward to reopening the pool after the Easter holidays. We will send further information out in a couple of weeks regarding swimming arrangements and payments

### Parking Around School

Another reminder that we encourage parents where possible to walk to school and avoid parking on Mill Road. The agreed "Park and Strides" are the Co-op car park and the Leisure Centre. Please help us keep our children safe by walking to school or using the park and stride.

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### Dogs in the Playground

A polite reminder that for pupil safety, dogs should not come onto our site at both the top and bottom playgrounds.

### Lateness

Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am. It is imperative that your child is in their line with the rest of their class as the children begin their learning as soon as they arrive in class. We have an increasing number of children who are arriving to school late. This has a detrimental impact on your child's education and means they are missing vital learning at the beginning of the day.

If this is something you need support with, please speak to your child's class teacher.

I hope your child has a wonderful term with us. If you need to contact me about any aspect of your child's education, please e-mail [nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk)

Kind regards

Nichola Allerston  
Interim Executive Headteacher

### Dates For Your Diary

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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March       | World Book Day   |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 9:30am | Reception and KS1 Mothers' Day Service at St Thomas' Church        |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm | KS2 Mothers' Day Service at St Thomas' Church                      |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March        | Non-Uniform Day to support FAFF Easter Bingo (see above)           |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March        | Non-Uniform Day to support Comic Relief (see above)                |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March     | Parental Consultations ( <b>No clubs are running on this day</b> ) |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March      | Parental Consultations ( <b>No clubs are running on this day</b> ) |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March        | FAFF Easter Bingo  |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March        | Year 3 and 4 Easter Performance in the school hall (9:30am/2pm)    |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April         | End of Term 4  |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April     | Start of Term 5  |

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