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Dear Parents/Carers

Headteachers Newsletter January 2019

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas holiday and that your child is refreshed and looking forward to another exciting term in school. This newsletter will give you some important information regarding the next term.

Staffing

Following Miss Fox's resignation after her maternity leave we have appointed Miss Marshall as the Swallows class teacher. We also have Miss Panter join us on a teacher training placement in the Martins class. We are pleased to have both of these people join our school team.

School Places for September 2019

The closing date for applications for school is noon on Tuesday January 15th 2019. If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2019 [please apply using this link](#). If you need any help to apply please let us know.

Toys in School

Many children have begun to bring in a wide variety of items into school for use at playtime and lunchtime. Whilst it is lovely to see the wide range of interests the children follow some items are not suitable for school. Items like books and trading cards (not to be traded) are allowable. Items that we would ask your child not to bring to school, unless agreed with Mrs McGagh or your child's teacher for a specific additional need include, slime, soft toys, fiddle toys, art equipment (felt tips), plastic figures, Lego and electronic items. Please keep these items safe at home. If your child wants to wear a Fitbit type device this is acceptable as long as it does not have the capability to receive/send messages or take photographs or video. The school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of any Fitbit type device however it occurs.

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? Please ensure that your child doesn't wear nail polish in school. If earrings are worn, please ensure they are simple studs and can be removed by the child for their PE lesson. If children are unable to remove earrings, parents will need to supply ear coverings as plasters cannot be given for this purpose.

Reading

As you will know reading is one of the most important things your child will learn here with us and is key to success in education. With the support from a national reading consultant we have completely changed the way we teach reading across the school. From this term children will have daily reading lessons. In the past some teachers have stamped in the children's reading records that they have read in guided reading. Now the children have reading lessons every day we won't do that. We would ask all parents to please ensure their child reads regularly at home and to record this in their reading records as we know those children become better readers.

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We are also still looking for more parent reading volunteers to listen to children read in school. If this is something you would be interested in please see Mrs Allerston.

Adverse Weather

In the unlikely event that we have to close the school due to snow we will notify parents via our school website, twitter feed (@northwoldsfed) and the [Lincs FM website](#).

Behaviour Policy

All schools are required to annually make parents aware of the whole school behaviour management policy. In our last Ofsted Inspection behaviour was judged to be outstanding. [To view our behaviour policy please follow this link.](#)

Allergies

A number of children in our school have allergies, some quite serious. Because of this our school is a **Nut Free Zone**. Please do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school as either a playtime snack or as part of your child's packed lunch. If a child is found with nut products they will be taken off them and disposed of. Thank you for your understanding in this important matter of safety.

Class Collective Worship

We would like to invite you to come and watch your child in their class collective worship. This term the following classes will lead collective worship. We look forward to seeing you then.

Wednesday 16 th January 2019	9.00	Harriers
Wednesday 23 rd January 2019	9.00	Falcons
Wednesday 30 th January 2019	9.00	Kestrels
Wednesday 13 th March 2019	9.00	Robins
Wednesday 20 th March 2019	9.00	Merlins
Wednesday 27 th March 2019	9.00	Martins

Attendance

Attendance continues to be good for most children this year; many thanks for your help with this. **Children who have attendance of over 97% at the end of the school year will receive a special medal to recognise their efforts.**

Car Parking

Our mini police are working hard to encourage people to park safely around the school, particularly on Mill Road before and after the school day. As ever, if you need to drive to school please use the Co-op park and stride.

Town Tidy Up Project

We are going to be working with the Market Rasen Action Group in the week beginning 11th Feb 2019 on their Town Tidy up project that is on the 23rd and 24th February 2019. Small groups of children will be following our value of caring to make sure of school and surround area is as tidy as it can be. More information will be given nearer the time.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Clubs run for 10 weeks this term. These are the dates for this term.

Term 3

W/B Monday 14 th January	Week 1
W/B Monday 21 st January	Week 2
W/B Monday 28 th January	Week 3
W/B Monday 4 th February	Week 4
W/B Monday 11 th February	Week 5

Term 4

W/B Monday 25 th February	Week 6
W/B Monday 4 th March	Week 7
W/B Monday 11 th March	Week 8
W/B Monday 18 th March	Week 9
W/B Monday 25 th March	Week 10 *

***(NB there will be no clubs on Thursday 21st due to parents evening)**

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a query over any aspect of your child's education.

Yours sincerely

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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

7 th	January 2019	Start of Term 3
10 th	January 2019	FAFF Meeting 7pm (All parents are welcome)
11 th	January 2019	Termly reports out.
16 th	January 2019	Harriers Class Collective Worship 9am
23 rd	January 2019	Falcons Class Collective Worship 9am
30 th	January 2019	Kestrels Class Collective Worship 9am
11 th	February 2019	(w/b) Town Tidy up Project
15 th	February 2019	End of Term 3

Term 4

25 th	February 2019	Start of Term 4
13 th	March 2019	Robins Class Collective Worship 9am
20 th	March 2019	Merlins Class Collective Worship 9am
20 th	March 2019	Parents Evening (3.30-6.30)
21 st	March 2019	Parents Evening (3.30-6.30)
25 th	March 2019	(W/B) Y3/4 Residential to Sherwood Forest
27 th	March 2019	Martins Class Collective Worship 9am
29 th	March 2019	Mother's Day Service (9.30 KS1 / 1.30 KS2) St Thomas Church
5 th	April 2019	Year3 /4 Show (9.30 and 2.00)
5 th	April 2019	End of Term 4
15 th	April 2019	(W/b) Y6 Easter School (15 th -18 th)

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