



Newsletter December 2019

School Lane

Once again near misses involving our children and traffic down School Lane have been brought to our attention this week. Please can we remind all parents that School Lane is a one-way street and children need close supervision when travelling to and from school. This means no one should be using any wheeled method of transportation going the wrong way and pedestrians need to walk on the side, not in the middle of the lane.

If everyone keeps to the right when walking from Main Street to the school and then on the left when walking from school to Main Street, it will be easier for drivers to see pedestrians, as they won't blend into the hedge. Our local PCSO will be making adhoc visits to school to try and resolve the problem.

Speaking to teachers

If parents need to speak to a teacher, please ask at reception where staff will willingly pass on messages or find a teacher if they are available. If the teacher is not available the office will make an appointment for you.

Children in Need

We raised £92.84 for Children in Need – thank you everyone!

School Council

This year the school council have decided to support:

- A local homeless charity
- MIND
- Wish Upon a Star
- Red Nose Day
- Sports Relief
- Children in Need

Christmas Jumper/t-shirt/top day and Christmas Dinner!

The PTFA are cooking Christmas dinner for the whole school again on Wednesday 18th December. There will be no meals from The Farm Kitchen on this day and children do not need to bring a packed lunch. Any allergy information will be taken from our pupil records so if your child has an allergy or is vegan/vegetarian you have not told us about, please let the office know asap.

On the same day children can bring £1 and raise money for a local homeless charity by wearing a Christmas jumper, or Christmas top/t-shirt or just a plain red/green top. Children need to wear school skirt/trousers and shoes. This is a charity which has been chosen by the School Council this year.

Nativity

There are two performances of the Nativity, both in St Helen's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm and 6pm. For the evening performance children need to be there at 5.55pm please, already wearing their costumes. All children were given a letter with information of what they are in the Nativity, in their book bags last week. Please can costumes be brought in to school in a named carrier bag by Wednesday 11th December.

School Closures – Bad Weather

If the school has to close due to bad weather during the night, we will text parents before the start of the school day and put it on our website and Twitter. It will also be on Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM but sometimes it can take us a while to get through on their phone lines.

If bad weather has arrived during the school day and we need you to collect your child, we will contact you via text. Please make sure we always have your current mobile phone number. If you have not received a text from school since September, please contact the office.

We make every effort to remain open but have to ensure both staff and children can arrive and leave safely.



Mobile Phones on school premises

Please can we remind parents, the use of mobile phones in the school building is prohibited. You may take a photo of your own child at special events (assemblies etc) but if you need to answer or take a call you will be asked to leave the premises through the front door, until you have finished the call.

School Meals (UIFSM & FSM)

If your child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) or the traditional Free School Meals but you do not wish to have the meals all the time, please login and cancel the ones you do not require. These meals are not fully funded by the government and there is a cost implication to the school which can be reduced if any meals not required are cancelled. Thankyou.

Lunchboxes

PLEASE can lunchboxes be named on the **outside**. Sorry, we are unable to reheat any food brought in for children's lunches. If you would like your child to have a hot meal please order one from The Farm Kitchen website: <https://www.thefarmkitchen.com/>

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Couchman to our lunchtime team!

Car parking when dropping children off for breakfast club

Please can we politely ask parents not to park in the school car parking spaces when they drop children off for breakfast club. On several occasions staff are either unable to get in empty spaces or parents are parked in the spaces and staff are having to wait for parents to leave. If all 6 spaces are filled, feel free to block us in!

Mrs Moore
Headteacher



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Diary Dates

December

10th Tuesday: Pantomime in school – please don't tell the children, we would like it to be a surprise if possible

17th Tuesday: Nativity at 1.30pm and 6pm at church, details above

18th Wednesday: Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day – details above

19th Thursday: end of term

*****Christmas Holidays*****

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January

6th Monday: back to school for term 3

13th Monday: Junior Online Safety officers (JOSO's) to visit Spilsby Primary

24th Monday: back to school

February

13th Thursday: end of term 3

*****Half Term*****

March

Monday 23rd: Parents Evening for all classes

Thursday 26th: Parents Evening for all classes

April

2nd Thursday: End of term 4

*****Easter Holidays*****

20th Monday: Back to school for Term 5

28th Tuesday: Book Fair after school until Friday. 3.15pm onwards in the school hall

May

4th Monday : School is open on this day, it is NOT a bank holiday

8th Friday: This IS a bank holiday – school is closed

11th to 15th all week: SATs for Year 6. Please do not book any holidays or appointments this week. We cannot reschedule these tests.

19th Tuesday: Class photos pm

22nd Friday: End of term 5

*****Half Term*****

June

1st Monday: Back to school for Term 6

8th – 12th: Phonics week Year 1/2

July

6th to 10th: Sports week

7th Tuesday: Sports Day 9.15am. We will be finished by 12noon at the latest.

21st Tuesday: Leavers service 9.15am.

School Finishes

Term dates for 2019/20 are on the school website.