



Friday 23rd September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

WOW! What another busy week we have had!

Cannon Valerie came into school on Tuesday to do assembly. She told a great story about the importance of working as a team and the children loved the activity which involved eating cake!

Pat Claxton, our Lincolnshire County Council Education Advisor, came into school on Wednesday and she was pleased with the progress that the school has already made. We agreed to focus on the following targets:

1. Secure 'Leadership and Management'.
2. Ensure we have a reliable and purposeful 'Assessment System' in place.
3. Continue to develop 'Teaching and Learning' to ensure all pupils can achieve their full potential.

It has been great to see so many children enjoying the great range of after school clubs including art club, singing club and various sports clubs.

All of the children have coped really well with completing their Baseline Assessments. The teachers are now busy analysing the data to ensure that every child's needs are met in the classroom, so that they can all achieve their full potential.

I have seen some fantastic pieces of homework being brought into school. Thank you for your continued support with regards your children's education.

Have a lovely weekend.

11+ Tests

The Year 6 children who chose to sit the 11+ have now completed both of the tests. They have been extremely focused throughout the support sessions offered in school and during the actual tests. Well Done!

Results letters will be posted out to parents (first class), by the Grammar Schools, on Friday, 14th October 2016.

School Reading Books

It has been noted that we are missing lots of school reading books. If you have any lurking under the bed or in a cupboard, please could you return them to school as soon as possible!

Thank you.



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our 'Harvest Festival' at St. Vincent's Church, Caythorpe, on Friday 30th September, at 2pm. If any parents are able to help us to walk the children to school then please let us know.

Each class will be singing a 'Harvest Song' and Canon Valerie will be sharing a 'Harvest Blessing'.

It would be lovely if Parents/Carers are able to join us in church for this special occasion.

We have decided to support the Grantham Foodbank again this year so would be really grateful for any donations to be brought into school from Wednesday 28th September 2016. Please see the list of suggested items below and remember that all produce must be in date.

Tinned food and sauces
Packet food
Snack pots
Bags of pasta or rice
Jars of food and sauces
UHT Milk

Cartons of fruit juice
Breakfast cereal
Coffee
Tea bags
Sugar
Toiletries



Our School Rules

The School Council Representatives have worked hard with Mrs Hiley to establish a set of 'Whole School Rules'. They have done a super job of linking the school's current golden values with the rules.

Respect - Always use your manners when talking to others.

Understanding - Listen to others and say sorry for your mistakes.

Honesty - Always tell the truth.

Determination - Keep going even when you find things difficult.

Friendship - Be kind and helpful to others.

Enjoyment - Look after and use equipment properly so we can enjoy ourselves.

Teamwork - Work together to make the school a happy and safe place.

Pride - Look after our school and keep it tidy.

Excellence - Aim high and always try your best.

The Governing body

We have continued to hold both internal and external meetings to explore options for the school's future direction. We have taken legal advice and have established a clear time line for consultation which we will issue as soon as we have fulfilled all of the necessary statutory obligations.

Pat Claxton, Lincolnshire County Council Education Advisor, visited the school this week to review leadership and teaching & learning standards. She had an extremely productive and positive meeting with the Head of School and Executive Headteacher. Her initial feedback to the school and Governing Body is that good progress has been achieved since the beginning of September and she is looking forward to coming back in November.

We have had some technical problems with our email account so if you have sent an email and have not yet received a response please try again using the slightly updated email address below. If you would like to contact the governing body our email address is caythorpegovernor@gmail.com

Have a good weekend.

E-safety

The beginning of the school year is a great time to reinforce the school's e-safety message. Please reinforce the need to be SMART if your child is able to access the internet.



Y6 visits to secondary schools

We are aware that Y6 children will be visiting various secondary schools over the next few weeks and would just like to remind you to ensure that you let the school know in advance please.