



Principal Newsletter - Autumn 2020

I would like to thank everyone for making this first term's transition a smooth and successful one. The children have been amazing and so resilient, the staff have worked hard to make sure that the children have felt safe and happy, and parents have been fabulous in supporting us all with following health and safety procedures and supporting children's learning. While the news is constantly stating that the risks for COVID-19 are ever increasing, we will continue to do our best to work together to keep our children, families and staff as safe as we can, while still providing the best education we can for the children.

PE Kit

Children will continue to have outdoor PE lessons, unless weather conditions are very poor and then they will have their PE session in the hall. Plimsoles can be worn indoors. Could I also remind you that earrings need to be removed during PE.

School Uniform

Many thanks to all parents who have labelled their child's articles of clothing and belongings. This is an invaluable help and saves time when something is mislaid. Please note that the uniform consists of grey trousers / skirts / pinafores, not black.



Fruit & Snacks

Please note children are allowed to bring in water to drink. Free fruit is provided for all children in FS1/2, Year 1 and Year 2.

If parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 would like to send their child to school with a piece of fruit to eat at playtime, please put it in in your child's packed lunch box.

Milk

Milk is provided for children in FS1/2.

Dates for your Diary

- 02.11.20 – Parliament Week – Y5/6
- 05.11.20 - Safer Communities Workshop - Lincolnshire Police - Y5/6
- 09.11.20 – Road Safety – FS2, Y1/2
- 11.11.20 – Remembrance Day – All pupils.
- 18.11.20 – Diwali – FS1/2 Y1-4
- 18.11.20 – Anti Bullying – All pupils
- 23.11.20 – Phonics Screening – Y2
- 25.11.20 – Hannukah – All pupils
- 07.12.20 – Christmas Celebrations
- 18.12.20 – End of Term

Safeguarding

Just a reminder that if you have any queries regarding any safeguarding issues, the designated safeguarding lead for the Academy is Mrs. Cook and can be contacted via the main office on 01507 353458. The Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website, under the Parents Information Tab.

Curriculum

The children are in mixed year groups apart from FS2 which is a single year group. The class names with the relevant staff attached to the classes are:

FS1	Sun	Mrs Birt	
FS2	Lynx	Miss Marrows	Miss Bailey / Miss Gill
Y1/2	Carina	Miss Robinson	
		Mr Margaron	Miss Jones
Y3/4	Hydra	Mrs Edwards	Miss Chatterton
Y5/6	Pyxis	Mrs Bull	Mrs North

Each class will have a 'Theme' that they will be studying this Autumn:

FS1	Let's Celebrate
FS2	Celebrating all Around the World
Y1/2	Great and Ghastly Events
Y3/4	Transport and Trade
Y5/6	Rich and Poor

Extra-Curricular Activities

At present there are two extracurricular clubs taking place:

Tuesday Lunchtime –	Years 1 to 4
Wednesday Afterschool –	Years 5 and 6

Principal: Susan Cook



Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to four new members of staff that have joined us this term: Mrs Edwards – Year 3/4 teacher, Mr H Margaron – Year 1/2 trainee teacher, Mrs S North – Year 5/6 teaching assistant and Miss R Bailey – FS2 teaching assistant. Congratulations on being part of the team. The whole Academy welcomes you and we look forward to a successful journey together.

Homework

We are looking to put weekly homework and spellings on the FROG platform on our website.



Homework will be posted on a Friday and the hand in date is the following Wednesday.

Weekly spellings will also be added on a Friday for the following Friday.

All children will be allocated their password in class. However, if this gets mislaid please contact the main office.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival before half term. The amount of food donated to the Foodbank cause was remarkable.



I would like to thank everyone involved in the collection; there truly was an amazing number of goodies!

Daily Mile

As part of our ongoing initiative to be a Healthy School we have introduced the Daily Mile. As more children return to school after such a long time away, it's really important that they are outdoors together being physically active and improving their health and wellbeing.

The Daily Mile is a social physical activity, with children running or jogging – at their own pace – in the fresh air with friends. Children can walk to catch their breath, if necessary, but should aim to run or jog for the full 15 minutes. We know that the children will have different levels of fitness so we will be encouraging them to improve this by gentle jogging/fast paced walking or running if they can.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We have added a new tab to our website 'Mental Health Support' which links to a number of support agencies such as Healthy Minds, wellbeing Action Plan and Shine Lincolnshire. It is important to take care of yourself and your family. Stay safe.



Free School Meals

Lincolnshire County Council has a process for applying for free school meals. If your child has previously been entitled to free school meals or you believe that they may be eligible for them, you need to make an application through the link. <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

Lunches are provided by Aspens Ltd. The cost of a school lunch is £2.25 and meals can be ordered online. <https://www.aspens-services.co.uk>

All meals have to be ordered 2 days in advance. Please see our website for further information or contact the school office.

