



Newsletter

This half term has flown by and we are approaching the final term of this academic year. We have been incredibly busy in school and have many exciting upcoming events and activities to look forward to. Please ensure your diaries are updated!



Here comes the sun...

As the weather turns warmer (fingers crossed), we would like to remind you that any sandals should have a secure strap and toes should be covered to minimise any risk of injury. We will contact you if footwear is considered unsafe to be worn in school, particularly on the playground and field. Please do send in named suncaps on particularly sunny days and we request that suncream is applied in the morning before school. We will not keep children outside in direct, strong sunshine for any long periods. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school.

Suncream: ideally this should be applied before school but if you are sending it in please can it be in a named bottle; children will apply it for lunchtime play only.

Staffing

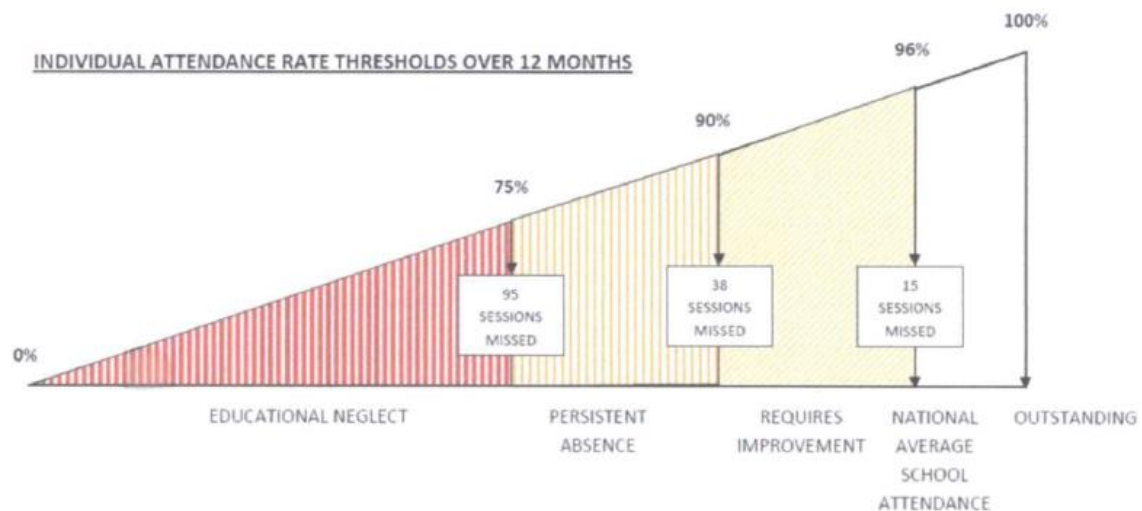
Laura Wilson will be leaving us at the end of this half term. We wish her the very best for the future and thank her for the fantastic contribution she has made to our school.



Attendance

Well, we are into our final term - only 35 school days left this academic year!! I will once again be sending out attendance letters for your information.

It is important that children are attending school regularly and arriving on time at the start of the day – Children should be in their classrooms ready to learn at 8.55 am. The impact on a child’s education when they miss school is immense. The graphic below shows how quickly a child can become at risk of educational neglect due having time off school.



Please remember to contact the office as early as possible to advise if your child is absent from school.

Wellbeing

To support parents and carers I will be arranging some informal meetings with professionals from other agencies that can provide advice, information and signposting to services available.

The parenting course ‘SUMO’ Stop, Understand and Move On was very popular and I am in the process of booking dates for this course and the follow up course to take place next academic year.

Please feel free to contact me for information and advice.

Sarah-Jane Millard, Inclusion Lead.

SEND

If you wish to discuss any concerns around Special Educational Needs, then please call the school to arrange an appointment with our SENDCo, Mrs S Ogden.

Statutory Assessments

We would like to congratulate our amazing Year 6 and Year 2 pupils for their incredible efforts and attitudes demonstrated during SATs weeks. As always, we are incredibly proud of them all!

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) (Year 4s)

The MTC takes place over a two-week period starting on **Monday 3 June**. The test takes approximately 15 minutes, and the children will have opportunities to practise beforehand. The sound check on TTRS also allows the children to practise the style of questions.



Phonics Screening (Year 1s)

There is a phonics screening check for all Year 1 children which takes place during the week beginning Monday 10 June and takes approximately 20 minutes per child.



Sports

Sports day is scheduled to be held on **Thursday 20th June**, starting at 10:00am. Keep your fingers crossed for some sunshine!

This will, as previous years, be held at Pointon Playing Field.

As always, you are invited to spectate on this day, and we respectfully ask that you sit on the opposite side of the track to the children and remain in the spectators' areas whilst the staff organise the children and the events (this will be clearly marked).

Please feel free to bring with you blankets and or chairs to sit on as there will be no seating provided.

There is limited parking at the playing field so please be considerate to residents if parking on residential roads.

The PTA will also be selling refreshments during the morning.

On the theme of the Summer Olympics, the children and staff are currently taking part in a virtual 'Path to Paris' event, registering our activities and generating virtual miles. We have done fantastically so far, and it is exciting for the children to see on our map how far they have travelled. At the time of writing, we are on our way to Brazil from Sydney so keep logging those activities!

We will also be participating in some events linked to Euro 24 when we return after half term.

Another event we are looking forward to is The Brownlee Foundation Mini-Triathlon in Lincoln, in which children from Badgers class will get the opportunity to participate in the three activities, swimming, cycling and running.

Reading



To continue to grow our love of reading and to show our commitment to further developing our reading provision, we have signed up to the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge, and are currently working towards achieving our Bronze Award. The ultimate aim of the Lincolnshire Reading pledge is to ensure that every child, regardless of their background, needs or abilities, becomes a confident, fluent and enthusiastic reader. Over the term ahead we will be establishing our Summer Reading Challenge and identifying our future 'Reading Ambassadors' who will be chosen for their love of reading, their willingness to share this passion with others and enthusiasm to promote reading throughout the school. The extremely important role of a Reading Ambassador will be to encourage others in their class to read. Look out for more details over the coming weeks.

Parent Volunteer group

We are busy organising our Summer Fair which will be on Friday 5 July 4.30 - 6.30pm. Please let us know if you are interested in helping either at the fair, or before or after. If you would like to donate a prize to the raffle, please contact Kayleigh Timings.

The money we raise will be spent on improving the outdoor areas around the classrooms so that the children can experience a wider range of learning opportunities.

Online Safety Information

To further support parents in supporting children and young people with staying safe online, we have introduced a dedicated section on these monthly newsletters.

We aim to provide parents, carers and wider family with information about staying safe online in our increasingly digital world. Please see below for our first attachment, provided by Lincolnshire safety partnership, concerning malicious communication.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other aspect of staying safe online, please contact the school office.



MALICIOUS COMMUNICATION

Over the last few years, we have seen a rise in children across Lincolnshire receiving criminal records for offences covered by the Malicious Communications Act. The act has existed since 1988, so what exactly is it, and how can we, as parents, protect our children?

What is it?

Malicious communication is sending messages, pictures, and videos **intended to cause distress or anxiety** to another person. It can happen through various ways, online and offline, and can be categorised into a few types:

- **Threats:** This includes verbal or written threats of violence or harm to someone or their property.
- **Harassment:** Repeatedly sending messages that are insulting, offensive, or upsetting also known as spamming someone.
- **Offensive Messages:** This includes sending messages that are sexually suggestive, extremely rude, or discriminatory.
- **Inappropriate Images:** Sharing embarrassing photos or videos without someone's permission.
- **False Information:** Knowingly spreading false information about someone with the intent to cause them harm. Pretending to be someone else to trick someone.

The key point is that the sender's intention is to cause distress or anxiety. A single message might not be considered malicious communication, but a repeated pattern of messages intended to bully or frighten someone would be.

Impact on Children

Malicious communication can have a serious impact on children's emotional well-being. It can make them feel scared, anxious, and depressed. In severe cases, it can even lead to self-harm or suicide.

On the other hand, if your child is found guilty of malicious communication, they could be excluded from school and face criminal charges.

Key Dates

JUNE

Monday 3 June – Wednesday 5 June

Week commencing 3 June

Week Commencing 10 June

Thursday 6 June

Week commencing 10 June

Thursday 13 June 4pm

Monday 17 June

Thursday 20 June 10am

Monday 24 June 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday 26 June

Friday 28 June

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Year 6 PGL

Y4 Multiplication check

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EYFS Trip Sundown

Phonics Screening Check

EYFS Transition Presentation

Years 1 & 2 Trains, Planes and
Automobiles

Years 3 & 4 Ancient

Greek Day at Donington

Sports Day, Pointon Playing Field

EYFS Transition

Year 5 & 6 Triathlon, Lincoln

Non-Uniform School Fundraiser

- Bring a Bottle

Disco

JULY

Thursday 4 July

Thursday 4 July 10.30-11.30am

Friday 5 July

Monday 8 July

Thursday 11 July

Friday 12 July

Friday 19 July

KS1 Trip – Yorkshire Wildlife Park

EYFS Transition

Summer Fayre 4.30-6.30

Year 5 & 6 Cadbury World Trip

KS2 Production

Reports Out

Break up for Summer Holiday

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4 September

Return to School

