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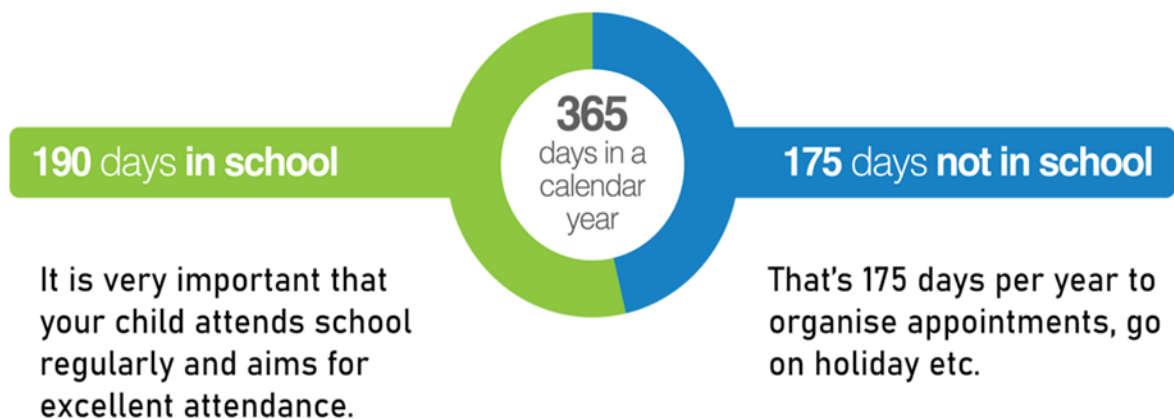
The Autumn term has certainly got off to a busy start and we are fast approaching the half term break. It has been lovely to see our new children in reception and in other classes settle in so well. All classes have enjoyed many exciting enrichment opportunities including Roots to Food and Year 5/6 Residential and we have greatly enjoyed the many new clubs which have started this term. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages to see our amazing activities. After a much-needed rest, we now look forward to the incredible opportunities that next half term brings...

Have a lovely half term break!

A reminder that our school website is: -

<https://www.stgilbertspointon.co.uk>

Attendance & Inclusion



Attendance every day at school is really important not only for your child's academic achievement but also to develop social skills and friendships.

Every child who achieves 97% or more attendance each term will be entered into a draw to win an Amazon voucher.

All the classes are competing against each other to achieve the highest attendance each week. At the end of each term the class with the highest attendance will be rewarded with a whole class treat.

SEND

We are very excited to inform you that a couple of our amazing teaching assistants will be completing training in a new intervention called 'Drawing and Talking'. This intervention allows individuals to discover and communicate their emotions through a non-directed technique of drawing and talking.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming coffee afternoon at Pointon on **Tuesday 12 November 2.45pm**

Maths

This term we have continued to develop our times tables through TTRS competitions and tournaments, and we are looking forward to our first Mathematician of the Month on Friday. The children are excited and looking forward to this event. Our TTRS club has been hit with the Year 4 children and they have loved coming to this club. Soon we will be taking part in the England Rocks TTRS competition, and we will be battling it out to see which class is the best.



English

The Reading Ambassadors this term have organised our school library and planned some new displays to promote our love of reading in school. In our next meeting we will be planning fundraising events to purchase new books.

Music

This term the school choir have been working hard to practise their choral worship songs and to prepare for Young Voices in January! They are practicing songs ranging from Bob Marley to a Hairspray. Details for Young Voices are coming through via email message so please keep checking if your child is attending the trip.



We have learnt plenty of new songs that can be found on the choir page on our school website. We are now beginning to learn British Sign Language (SSE) to support our singing!

Sports

All of our children were lucky enough to spend some time with Mr Johnson from Elite Sports and learn about the sport of Archery.

KS1 children took part in target games, which involved catching and throwing and they competed against their peers to score points by throwing the beanbags into hoops.

KS2 children were able to use the bows and arrows and practice their shooting and aiming skills, again, competing against their peers to score as many points as they can.



Aylmerton

The children have just come back from a fabulous residential trip to Aylmerton.



This was an incredible experience for children and staff as we walked around Blakeney Point: the children loved walking through the mud. We also loved the monster trail where we were finding different clues to solve a problem whilst avoiding the monsters hiding in the woods.

As well as partaking in amazing activities, our children learnt so much about team-building skills, communication and independence. It was a truly wonderful experience, and the Aylmerton team were, once again, superb. The children were a credit to the school with their behaviour and resilience.



We have booked again for next year, and the pupils currently in Years 4 and 5 will be receiving details regarding this in the coming weeks.

Keep an eye on the website to see some amazing photos of our experiences.

Roots to Food

The children were excited to have Darren in school this week from Roots to Food.

They have improved their culinary skills and made a mouth-watering Szechuan Chicken dish which they then got to taste. Some of the children's feedback was 'This is delicious' and 'I can't wait to make this at home.' The recipe will be shared later in the week, and we would love to see any photos of the children cooking and enjoying the dish at home.



ROOTS
TO FOOD
Active Education in Health & Wellbeing



Parent Volunteer Group

Our group of volunteers are busy planning the school disco which will be held on **Friday 29 November**. More details will follow soon.

29 November will also be non-uniform day. Please can we ask that children 'bring a bottle' to school on this day. This can be anything from bottle of wine to a bottle of shampoo. We will then use all the donations for a stall at our Christmas Fair.



Preparations for the Christmas Fair are also underway. This year it will be held on **Friday 13 December 5-7pm**, we hope to see lots of you there!

If you or anyone you know would like to donate a prize for our raffle or have a stall for the evening, please get in touch using Kayleigh.timings@pointon.lincs.sch.uk or by contacting the school office.

Black History Month

The children have enjoyed celebrating Black History Month across the school this half-term with children learning more about influential black people through stories and discussions in both the classroom and assemblies to link with this year's theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives'. All classes have celebrated Black History Month in an assembly.

Hedgehogs have enjoyed listening to the CBeebies series to discover more about Black History.

Red Squirrels have looked at different inspirational black heroes throughout history.

Badgers have discussed courageous advocates who have stood up for the rights of all people of different ethnicities; they are planning an assembly on the lives of some of these individuals after half term.

School Council

This year, our children have decided to become 'Global Neighbours'. We are working hard to achieve our Bronze Award.

This term, we have discussed how we can save our planet! We started small and thought about what we could do from our classrooms. We decided that recycling bins would be our first project, so our councillors set to work designing and decorating new recycling bins for each class. At the end of each week, our school councillors will collect these bins and ensure any paper waste is recycled properly. Two of our school councillors are so passionate about recycling, they delivered their own assembly educating other children on how to recycle and why it is important.



The school councillors took inspiration from the bible for their next assembly where they read and performed their own version of 'The Good Samaritan' to show the younger children what it means to be a 'Good Neighbour'.

We are already working hard to come up with plans for next term!

After School Clubs

Choir: Mr Adams will continue the after-school choir club each Monday as the children will start practising Christmas songs and continue with our preparations for Young Voices.



Mindful Mondays: A reminder that Mindful Mondays Club starts on **Monday 4 November**.

Gardening Club: What an amazing first term we have had in Gardening Club! We started the term off with de-weeding the vegetable patches in the EYFS area. If you have a look round the front of the school, you may have



noticed our incredible flower bed which the children have created by planting tulips and violas. To wrap up the term, Gardening Club designed their own rock drawings ready to be placed in our flower bed. We are very excited to continue adding pops of colour to the outdoor areas around our school.



Netball Club: Netball Club has started off really well as a lot have never played netball before. We have learned the basic skills but there are lots more to learn after half term.

Children in Need

Children in Need day is **Friday, 15 November**. We are asking the children (and staff) to dress us as their favourite **Superhero** – all donations will be sent to Children in Need.



Key Dates



Term 2

October

18 October	Pupils Break up for Half Term
28 October	Staff Training Day
29 October	Start of Autumn Term 2
31 October 1.30 - 3.00pm	Stop Understand and Move On course SUMO 2 - At Donington

November

7 November	Recycling workshops
7 November 1.30 - 3.00pm	Stop Understand and Move On course SUMO 2 - At Donington
14 November 2- 3pm/4.30 – 5.30pm	Reception Class 2025 Open Day (Flyer attached)
14 November 1.30 - 3.00pm	Stop Understand and Move On course SUMO 2 - At Donington
15 November	Children in Need – Dress up as a Superhero , donations to Children in Need
21 November 1.30 - 3.00pm	Stop Understand and Move On course SUMO 2 - At Donington
29 November	School Disco – Bring a Bottle

December

5 December	Y5/6 Asian Discovery workshop
10 December	KS1 Nativity
11 December	Christmas Pantomime
13 December	Christmas Fair
19 December	End of Autumn Term 2



