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## News & Updates

We have just one week left of Spring term 2023. The last day of school for all children before we close for the Easter break is **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of April is a staff training day, and we will be in school getting ready for our 'create' summer term, where our curriculum projects will focus on the arts.

The first day of the summer term is **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of April**.

Thank you so much to all our families for your kind donations for Comic Relief. We raised an amazing £360 and had both the children and staff had so much fun dressed as part of our crazy UnFashion Show theme!

Thank you so much also for supporting your child with our World Book Day Sponsored Read! We are completely overwhelmed with raising a massive £870, which Miss Oliver will use to buy even more amazing texts for our children to enjoy in their classrooms and our well used library. We are so proud of the amazing Reading for Pleasure ethos we have created together at our school.

## Staffing

Mrs Maria Smith will be retiring and having a well-earned rest at the end of this term after over 10 years working at our school.

Miss Isla O'Brien will also be leaving us at the end of this term. She will be getting married over Easter and starting a new life in Doncaster. We are sad to say goodbye to both Mrs Smith and Miss O'Brien, who have dedicated so much time to supporting our children for so many years and we wish them both well as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Miss Angela Mountain will be starting her maternity leave at the end of next week. Please also join me in wishing Miss Mountain well. We will see her again at the end of her maternity leave and we are really looking forward to meeting her new baby.

I am pleased to inform you Mr Tyrone Thornton will be joining our KS1 staff team after the Easter break. Mr Thornton will be supporting the learning in Year 1 and 2 and has already been visiting our school and the children to get to know everyone, ready for starting as a teaching assistant in April.

## New Library System

Mrs Thomas is very busy organising all our wonderful books onto our new electronic library system so we can keep track of who's got what and when they are returned to school.

We would really appreciate it if all our children can please keep all their reading books in their bags throughout next week and bring them into school so Mrs Thomas can register them all onto our new system.



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We don't want to take them off the children and we only need each child's books for a few minutes.

Once our new library system is up and running our children will be able to search for books, leave reviews and even reserve them! We are so excited to get this up and running.

### Parent Drop In and Parent Consultations

Please Drop – In after school on the following days so your child can show you their learning environment and how much progress they have been making with their learning:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April      Reception and KS1  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April      KS2

Please can I remind you, however, that this is not a time to discuss your child's progress with staff? If you have any concerns or questions, please do get in touch with us as we are always here to help.

Thank you for attending your child's Parent Consultation this week. We are committed to working in unity with our parents and we are very grateful for your continued support and dedication for your child's learning.

Face to face Parent Consultations will be held for our Nursery children on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 – 15.15 and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.00 – 11.30. Please book your appointment via School Cloud.

### Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every month and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance. In September 2022 the Department for Education published the following guidance, which all schools have to follow and has been designed to help schools and local authorities maintain high levels of attendance -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

The Local Authority has produced the following attendance descriptions:

Boundary	Description
95-100%	As expected
91-94%	At risk of persistent absence
80-90%	Persistent absence
51-79%	At risk of severe absence
<=50%	Severe absence

At our school, we expect 96% attendance from all our children, and we will write to you after our monthly attendance monitoring if your child's attendance is below this expectation. This is to inform you and also so that we can work together to improve your child's attendance. We also appreciate every child is unique and there can be many reasons why attendance isn't where it should be. If you are asked to attend an attendance panel meeting, this is so we can work together to support you to make an improvement.



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A copy of our school attendance policy can also be found on our website on the Policies page.

Please can I remind all parents that term time holidays will not be approved? All children need to be in school - parents will receive a fixed penalty notice warning letter in conjunction with the Local Authority if a term time holiday is taken.

### **FrOGS Easter Events**

Don't forget to enter the FrOGS Easter competition! Children can get creative and decorate a hardboiled egg or design their own Easter egg. All entries need to be in school by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Winners will receive an egg-citing prize and it's free to enter!!

We are also egg-cited to be holding our FrOGS Easter Bingo event in our school hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm. Please come along with your child and support this even. Bingo books are just £1 and it's a great way for you to have some fun together as a family and win some Easter prizes. Refreshments will also be served.

I would also like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers at FrOGS who always go above and beyond to organise events to raise money and continue to make our school the best it can be! You are all very much appreciated.

### **Safeguarding**

The safeguarding of our children is our priority and there are strict policies and procedures that we legally have to follow. If you are concerned about the safety of anyone in our community, please do get in touch with us immediately. Our safeguarding team is Antonia Brooks (DSL), Stuart Spendlow (DDSL) and Caroline Jaines (FSW). You can find a copy of our school safeguarding policy on our website on the Policies page.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. You can call Lincolnshire Children's Safeguarding on 01522 782111. You do not need to know everything about the situation: you may just feel worried or feel that something isn't right. You can also contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk). The service is free and you don't have to say who you are. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.

### **Online Safety**

We are delighted to say that Alan Mackenzie will be returning to our school to deliver another Online Safety workshop for parents. His last workshop was so well received by the parents who attended, with many commenting that it helped them to feel more knowledgeable and more able to support their child's activity online.

The workshop will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and will start at approximately 2pm.



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However, we'll send out exact details nearer the time.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

28 <sup>th</sup> March	FrOGS Easter Bingo 3.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 PGL (3 days)
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception visit to Rand Farm
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term
18 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery Parent Consultations
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Nursery Parent Consultations
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception and KS1 Parent Drop-In
25 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2 Parent Drop-In
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Andrew Whitehouse Autism and ADHD Parent Workshop 2.00pm
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Afterschool Book Fair
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Afterschool Books Fair
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday King's Coronation
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Alan Mackenzie Parent Online Safety meeting 2.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 10am
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term