

A warm welcome back to the start of our new school year. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, even though the weather wasn't the best. children have returned enthusiastic, positive and



happy in their new classes. We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Mrs Andrew (Teaching Assistant) in our Early Years, as well as all our ten new Reception children. On a personal note, I am pleased to be continuing as Acting Executive Head Teacher and look forward to continuing to move our school forward. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or can help the children and school in anyway please come and talk to the staff.

Mrs C Underwood Acting Executive Head Teacher

The School Day

- Playground gates open at 8.30am
- School Starts 8:40 am.
- End of teaching and learning 3.10pm



Year 6 PGL Residential

Our Year 6 children (from both William Stukeley and Deeping St Nicholas Primary School) have just spent a fabulous three days at PGL in Caythorpe, Grantham. The residential visit was jam-packed with activities, such as canoeing, archery, high ropes and zip wire. All children challenged themselves and many experienced things they had never tried before, despite the weather! The children were well-behaved and a credit to both schools and themselves. The instructors complimented our children on their beautiful manners and the way that they listened to instructions and were encouraging of each other. We hope that the children enjoyed the experience and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September 2024

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school next year, you can apply online: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.You can contact Lincolnshire County Council via e-mail at schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk or on 01522 782030 if you have any queries or difficulties. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

Open Day for September 2024 Admissions

We are holding an Open Day for families of children who are starting in Reception, next September on Tuesday 7th November with tours at 9.30am and 1.30pm. Please phone or email to book a slot.

Updates from last term:



Sports Day

The whole school enjoyed a fun filled morning participating in individual races and team games, followed by a picnic on the field with family and friends. The final game was the most popular with both children and the adults, where the teams of children took part in a relay whilst adult volunteers sprayed them with water.

Key Stage Two end of year production

Two performances of "Summer Holidays" took place on Friday 14th July, where children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 acted and sang for audiences. They did a brilliant job!



Whole School Visit

At the end of Term 6 all year groups went to Burghley House for the day. They visited the Sculpture park, the new adventure playground and participated in workshops. Reception to Year 3 children took part in clay workshops whilst Years 4, 5 and 6 took

part in a wire workshop producing dragonflies.

Annual Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation Team have asked us to share the following information: This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren):

https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu Please enter the following code for EE120407 for our school.

Lunches / Food Policy

Now children have had time to settle into school can we ask that if you are eligible for universal free school meals but wish to send your own packed lunch you cancel the school meal on the Farm Kitchen website (this can be up to 24 hours beforehand) Although the meals are free to you, there is a cost to school and also a lot of food waste, which we should not be contributing to in these times.

If sending your child/children to school with a packed lunch or a snack, please be reminded that these should not include any of the following: • Confectionery, such as sweets and whole chocolate bars. • Nuts and nut products (including peanut butter and chocolate nut spread) due to concerns about children with nut allergies. Our Food Policy is available on our school website: Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

<u>Clothing</u>

Please can we ask that where possible clothing is named and if you are writing on labels, you check every few weeks as they fade quite quickly.

<u> Book bags – Squirrels Class</u>

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to bring their book bags back on Friday morning, when they will be changed and handed back to the children for the weekend.

<u>Homework</u>

Reception/Year 1 - Reading books and vocabulary work, changed every Friday

Year 2 - Reading books and weekly spellings to learn for Friday

Years 3/4 -One task from homework grid- returned on or before Wednesday (plus times tables for Year 4) and weekly spellings

Years 5/6 - One task from homework grid and a piece of maths - returned on or before Wednesday and weekly spellings

School Photographs

Wrates will be in school on **Monday 25th September** to take individual and family photographs. The photographer will be available between 3.10pm and 3.45pm for photos with younger siblings.

Topics for this term are:

Squirrels (Years Rec, 1 & 2) - Deeping St Nicholas

Otters (Years 3 & 4) - Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age

Muntjacs (Years 5 & 6) - Battle of Britain

Dates for Term 1 & 2

- 18th October Sports2day Dodgeball competition KS2
- 20th October Flu immunisation
- 20^{th} October End of Term 1
- 31st October Start of Term 2
- 1st November Sports2day enrichment KS1 throwing and catching
- 2nd November Parents Evening
- 7th November Open day for children starting September 2024
- 8th November Sports2day enrichment KS2 speed stacks
- 20^{th} December End of Term 2