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Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term and we are all excited about the busy term ahead as well as the arrival of the festive season.

This term we have some exciting studies topics planned for the children. Muntjac's Class will be learning all about South America, Otter's Class will be finding out about Rainforests (in particular the Amazon Rainforest) and the studies topic for Squirrel's class will be about where our food comes from.



Attendance 2019-2020 OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS **97.5%**



	Term 1
Whole School	94.67%
Reception	96.57%
Year 1	92.99%
Year 2	96.06%
Year 3	95.59%
Year 4	91.06%
Year 5	95.67%
Year 6	96.59%

■ Target Met

Attendance

Well done last term to the 25 children who earned 100% attendance. You will be awarded your badges during Friday's assembly. Please help us improve our school attendance. Our whole school attendance target is 97.5%. Last term we had a whole school attendance of 94.67%.

Dates for the Diary (please see website for full listing)

Wednesday 30 th October	KS1 Throwing and Catching Enrichment Morning
Friday 1 st November	Harvest Celebration Assembly
Thursday 7 th November	New Age Kurling Enrichment Y1-6
Tuesday 12 th November	School Open Day
Thursday 21 st November	Parent Meetings PLEASE NOTE changed to date previously advertised.
19 th – 22 nd November	Book Fair Week
Thursday 28 th November	Farm Kitchen Whole School Trip
Wednesday 4 th December	Throwing and Catching Tournament
Wednesday 11 th December	New Age Kurling Tournament
Thursday 12 th December	Polling Station- School will be open as usual.
Friday 13 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 th December	Pantomime Rapunzel
Wednesday 18 th December	School Disco
Thursday 19 th December	End Term 2
Tuesday 7 th January	Beginning Term 3

Secondary & Reception Places 2020

Reception places for 2020 will be live from next week so make sure you log onto the Lincolnshire admissions webpage and follow the link where you can apply online.

Thursday 31st October was the cut-off date for making applications in regards to 2020 secondary school places. However, if you have not done so, please contact Lincolnshire admissions either by email to lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions or phone 01522 782030.

Breakfast Club & After School Clubs

Children have really been enjoying our Breakfast and After School Clubs.



Breakfast club will continue to run Monday-Friday mornings from 8.00am-8.40am at a cost of £1.00 per child per session and our After School Club will run Monday-Friday from 3.05-5.30pm at a cost of £3.00 per session. If you are interested in sending your child to either of these clubs please see Mrs Ecob.

Enrichment Activities

This term we have a variety of enrichment activities available:

Mondays- Gardening club at lunchtime
Sports2Day Multisport Club 4.00-5.00pm

Tuesdays – Craft Club 3.10pm-4.15pm

Thursday - Code Club 3.10pm – 4.15pm

If your child is interested in attending any of these enrichment activities please see Mrs Ecob.



Team Points

Well done Team Rosen for earning the most Team Points last term. To celebrate their victory, children in Team Rosen were rewarded with a cinema & pizza party. Let's see which term wins this term!

Polling Station

At the time of writing, it seems fairly certain that a general election will be called on the 12th December 2019. If this is the case, the school will need to be made available for polling. As with the previous 'local elections' it is our hope that, during this day, the school will remain open (including before and after school care). All security measures will be considered by staff and governors, prior to the day, to ensure the safety and well-being of our children and staff.

National Democracy Week

South Holland Council invited our children to come up with some questions for the Leader and the Cabinet members at South Holland District Council as part of National Democracy week last term. Children in Muntjac's class asked some fabulous questions. If you would like to see the children asking their questions and the responses given please visit: <https://twitter.com/SHollandDC> or <https://www.facebook.com/SouthHollandDCofficial>.

South Holland District Council were so impressed with our children that they are coming back into school on Monday 4th November to work with Munjac's Class.

P.E. Kits

I know we are only a few days into the new term but we have noticed that many children have not brought their P.E. kits into school. Children will need in school a white or blue school t-shirt, black or navy shorts and plimsolls or sensible trainers. Sometimes we have our P.E. lessons outside. The weather is getting colder so children will also need some black or navy jogging bottoms and a jumper to keep them warm. Thank you.

Sports2Day Tournaments

Squirrel's class enjoyed their Throwing and Catching Enrichment day this week. We were very impressed with the progress they made in such a short space of time. Next week, on Thursday 7th November, children in Y1-6 will be introduced to a new sport called New Age Kurling and will have the opportunity to learn new skills in this unusual sport. They will then get to showcase these new skills in a New Age Kurling Tournament on the 11th December.

Christmas Disco

We have now booked the DJ and have a date in the diary for the Christmas Disco on Wednesday 18th December 5.00pm-6.30pm. We will send out a letter later on in the term with more information.

Pantomime

We're off to the South Holland Centre in Spalding on Wednesday 18th December to watch Rapunzel. Thank you to everyone who paid for their tickets. We are very much looking forward to our visit (and the ice-cream during the interval!)



Open Day

On Tuesday 12th November we are holding an Open Day at school. We look forward to welcoming new families to have a look around our school and see the wonderful teaching and learning which takes place inside. There is no need to book just pop in throughout the day. If you cannot make the Open Day we can arrange a visit at any time.

Thank You Deeping St Nicholas Wind Turbine Trust

We would all like to say a big thank you to the Deeping St Nicholas Wind Turbine Trust for their continued support of our school. With the funding provided, a new path to improve access onto our school field was installed over the Summer break. We are also extremely grateful for their recent approval to support our Afterschool club by agreeing to fund new resources and equipment for the club. Our children will be writing to invite the trust to school very soon to see for themselves the impact their support has had.



Thank You Branch Brothers and Andrews & Co.

We would like to say another big thank you to Branch Brothers in Deeping and Andrews & Co. in Spalding for supplying us with the tools and paint we needed to spruce up the front of school. During the summer holidays staff and governors volunteered to sand down and re paint the fencing and doors to improve the schools kerb appeal. We still have a little left to sand. If anyone is interested in helping with this please see Mrs Ecob.

Millennium Fund Committee.

We would also like to thank the Millennium Committee for donating their remaining funds to our school. We will use the £630.61 donation towards the After-School Club which has been put in place to support families attending this school and the families living in the village.