

News Flier.....

Wednesday, 7th September, 2016
Week 1

A very warm welcome....to the new school year! We have a full intake in Reception and several new families higher up the school. I am sure everyone will quickly make friends and settle into their new classes.

- Staffing – Mrs Skinner is now our Reception teacher and we are trying hard to remember to use Miss Owen’s married name – Mrs Malbon – following her wedding in May. Mrs Peet is our new Year 1 teacher – her class were very fortunate that she could spend our two Transition Days in July, with them. We still have a vacancy for a permanent Year 3 teacher. Despite several re-advertisements we have not been able to appoint the quality of teacher we want so at the moment we are using supply staff. Mrs W. Smalley, the class’s HLTA, maintains continuity and consistency for the children.
- IT/Computing – installation of some new IWB’s has taken place over the Summer enhancing the provision we already have. In addition, we have purchased a weekly computing session taught by IT staff from Alford Grammar School, for Year 6.

The secondary schools tell us that their Year 7’s who transfer from Huttoft are notably competent with IT skills, so this new initiative should point this year’s Year 6’s towards excellence.

- Curriculum matters – this week, Week 1, includes a focus on e-safety in each class’s IT and PSHE lessons. CEOP has produced new resources for parents to support their children’s safety online. You might like to visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.
- Skegness Academy (PE) and WOP’s (Lincolnshire Music Service) – begin their weekly schedule of lessons next week. Year 3 and Year 4 take part in WOP’s every Tuesday. On Wednesdays, the following PE will take place – Year 5 (Gym); Reception and Year 6 (Dance), Year 3 and Year 1 (Multi Skills).
- 11+ Testing (for Year 6) – takes place on Friday afternoons 16th and 23rd September.

- Year 5/Year 6 weekly swimming starts this Friday (9th September). The details and requirements for the activity were published last term in a specific Information Sheet. A weekly donation of £4.00/£28.00 per half term or £56.00 for the Autumn Term would be appreciated – thank you.
- Invoices from school – please check your invoices carefully when they come in (usually Monday) and raise any queries immediately. We can only double check up to a fortnight in arrears.
- Learning at home – we hope you found our 'Summer Holiday Reading List' useful. Maybe the Library Service activities took your interest too. Our term-time Tuesday family Maths activities resume this week – where these are linked to class work they are 'stamped' in the corner. I am looking forward to seeing the entries for the Summer Holidays Safety in the Home poster competition due in this Friday – 50p entry fee.
- A very special thank you to last year's Year 6 and their families for the most generous gift token they gave at the end of term, along with the many cards, personal messages and other thoughtful presents. I will be spending the token on a new trolley for our Year 6 Reading Corner.

Community News

- On Thursday, 8th September Mrs Robinson from the Willoughby Garden Show Committee will be coming to present us with the Trophy for the inter-schools competition which last year's Year 6's entered in July with a fabulous collage of flowers. Well done Year 6!
- On Saturday, 17th September Mrs Stow will be holding a coffee morning at 10:30 in Hogsthorpe Village Hall supporting Macmillan and St Barnabas. Gifts for the tombola and raffle stalls would be greatly appreciated.
- National Trust Heritage Open Days...these are for families and are taking place this Sunday, 11th September at Gunby Hall (11:00 – 5:00) and Tattershall Castle (11:00 – 4:00). For further details visit the National Trust website.
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust...there are a wide variety of family activities organised by this group. This Saturday, 10th September, at Gibraltar Point there is an Autumn 'Migration' Watch – on from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Also, there is 'Lives and Times of Gibraltar Point' which includes children's activities, talks and a family trail – open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more details visit the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust website.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

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| Tuesday, 27 th September | Non Competitive Sports Afternoon commencing at 1:20 pm on the playground/field. (All parents/carers welcome) |
| Wednesday, 5 th October | 2:15 Club for Year 6 parents/carers – Writing |
| Thursday, 6 th October | 10:45 Harvest Festival in the Hall. (All parents/carers welcome) |
| Friday, 7 th October | 2:15 Club for Reception parents/carers – Understanding Phonics |
| Tuesday, 11 th October | Year 5 Geography Field Trip to Gibraltar Point £4.00 donation per child in a name sealed envelope or via Parentpay please |