

News Flier.....

Wednesday, 25th January, 2017
Week 4

- **DT Weeks** – are fast approaching! The week before half term is for Y3 – Y6 (Juniors). You are most welcome to come and see the products made by the Juniors at our Assembly on Thursday afternoon, 9th February at 2.00 pm. Infant DT Week (YR – Y2) commences immediately after half term and their Assembly is on Friday, 24th February at 2:10 pm. We hope you can join us.
- **Student Teacher Placements** – next week we have 3 students from Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln beginning their teaching practice with us –
 - Miss Parker will be in Reception
 - Miss Lawrence will be Year 4
 - Miss Ramsey will be in Year 5

Their placements involve two weeks observing us teaching, working with groups of children doing Reading, Maths, Science and Phonics activities and helping with the delivery of other lessons. After half term the students will begin to plan lessons and teach groups in their class, leading to teaching some whole class lessons as their knowledge, skills and confidence grow.

- **Staffing** – Mrs Denton is absent at the moment following a minor operation. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return to school soon. Mrs Whitehouse will be very pleased to help if you have any queries and of course, I am always available too.
- **Maths....is fun!** Alongside our Maths curriculum we endeavour to show the children how valuable Maths is and how it is all around us in our daily lives. We'd love to have your help in passing this message on – we can enjoy using Maths in sport, nature, time, shopping, board and card games, cookery, and music....to name but a few!
- **2:15 Club** – our next 2:15 Club is about Maths. Mrs Ayres-Smith will be explaining about the Year 6 Maths SAT's and sharing some sample questions with parents of children in Year 6 on Tuesday, 31st January at 2:15 pm.
- **Online Games** – please may I remind you to check carefully, the designated age for games your child is playing online. The 'age' category is designed to protect children from inappropriate material - such material includes a range of topics

- **Weekly Class Trophies** – winners for the week ending Friday, 20th January:
 - Spelling Trophy – Year 5
 - Mental Maths Trophy – Year 5
 - Attendance Trophy – Year 2
 - Homework Trophy – Year 5
 - Singing Trophy – Year 3

- **Swimming Gala** – both our teams took a fantastic second place in their respective competitions last Thursday. Our children were a pleasure to take out and gave some fantastic individual performances. Congratulations to everyone but especially Sophie C and Alfie Crow (Y2's), Sophie F and Maisie B (Y1's) who swam in our Year 3/Year 4 team.

- **Blocked Clubs** – have commenced this week. Please could I remind you payment for these Clubs should have been received by Friday, 20th January. Any outstanding monies can either be paid via Parentpay or by forwarding to the office in a named sealed envelope – thank you.

- **"Burgers at the Gate"** – the Friends are all organised and looking forward to serving you on Friday, 27th January – 2:45 p.m. at the 'field end' of the cul-de-sac. Pre-orders can be made by returning the slip sent home this week – including for those children who may be attending Fun Club. Payment needs to be forwarded along with the order – thank you. In addition to burgers, 'hot dogs' will now be available.

Community News

- **Junior Cricket Coaching** – Alford Cricket Club commences weekly coaching for Years 3 - 6 on Monday, 6th February. Contact David Whitehill on 07825919491 for further details.

- **Junior Swimming Club** – Skegness amateur swimming club is looking to recruit new members. Visit www.skegness.asc.org for further details.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Tuesday, 31 st January:	2:15 Club for parents/carers of Year 6 children – Maths
Friday, 3 rd February:	2:15 Club for parents/carers of Year 3/Year 4 children – Reading
Friday, 3 rd February:	Children's Film Afternoon – 2:45 to 4:45 £2:00 a ticket (available from the office)
Thursday, 9 th February:	Canon Chris leading Assembly
Thursday, 9 th February:	Big Breakfast – breakfast in school for every child served from 08:40 – free of charge