

News Flier.....

**Week 1
Spring Term 2018**

- **Happy New Year everyone.....**and welcome back to school! The term promises to be as busy as ever and there will be opportunities for you to join us at many of them. On behalf of all the staff I'd like to reiterate my sincere thanks to you for the many generous gifts you gave us at Christmas. Thank-you.
- **Welcome Mrs Heald**our new permanent Year 6 teacher. As you may recall, her strengths are in Maths and Science and she has been a subject leader for both at her previous school. Mrs Heald will be working Monday to Thursday and I will cover Fridays still.
- **Reception Class 2018.....** just a reminder that applications for places need to be submitted on line to Lincolnshire County Council by Monday 15th January 2018. An application still needs to be made even if you already have a child in the school.
- **Friday 12th January**is Disco night. The timings for Infants and pre-school Nursery children is 5:10pm – 6:10pm. Please note that Nursery children must be accompanied by a parent/adult carer throughout. The disco for Junior children will run from 6:15pm – 7:15pm. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at £3.00 per child including a drink and cake. A request for cake donations on the day would be very much appreciated.
- **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG).....**as you know, all the children from Year 1 upwards have at least one timetabled lesson in SPAG each week. We are now going to be focusing on the application of the content of those lessons across the curriculum to further embed the teaching. Included in the weekly spelling list you receive there will now be your class's SPAG terminology e.g., 'modal verb'. This word (or phrase) has always been on display in each classroom for the week in order to encourage the children's understanding so now you will be able to talk about it at home too which will be very valuable to us and them.

- **Year 5/6 Swimming.....**resumes this Friday, 5th January. We ask for a per-child donation of £4.00 per week towards the cost of this activity which is subsidised by the school. The individual cost of the swimming lesson and proportion of the coach transport totals just over £5 per child – without your donation the cost to the school simply increases.
- **Weeks 1 and 7 are e-safety focus weeks.....**within our Computing and PSHE schemes of Work. You can support this by regularly talking to your child(ren) about what they are doing on line. We recommend www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents as a very useful site for parents/carers to visit.
- **Query Crew Non-Uniform Day.....**is Thursday 11th January. In support of Cancer Research UK the children can opt to wear home clothes for £1.00.
- **The weekly Sports Partnership Activities with Mrs Breen....**move to Fridays this term . Starting off at Breakfast Club with 'Friday Frolic' every class has a session with her during the day. Gym, Dance, Games, Athletics, Musical Movement and Netball are all featuring. Mr Kirkham will be coaching Year 6 at hockey each Thursday morning.
- **Recorder/Cello/Violin lessons.....**resume on Tuesday 9th January. The £50.00 termly fee must be paid in advance – by cash or Parent Pay.
- **Tiny Tofts.....**just a reminder, is on Wednesday afternoons this term. Mrs Whitehouse will be very pleased to welcome parent/carers with their babies/young children from 1:50pm – 2:40pm, in the Hall.
- **Sponsorship with Lovelle's Estate Agents.....**I'm sure you will have seen the photo and article in the local press about the Winter Wonderland design competition won by Isla – with second place going to Hadyn and third to Joshua K. Year 6 have been preparing the development designs for the tyre park (on the field) which Lovelle's are funding for us through local businesses. What a fantastic project this is going to be!

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