

News Flier.....

Thursday 13th September 2018
Week 2

- **Year 6 11+ tests.....**are this Friday afternoon and Friday afternoon, 21st September. The results of these tests are published to parents on Saturday 13th October and to the school on Monday, 15th October. I will be holding Consultation appointments, following the test results, on Monday, 15th October – appointment slips will be issued towards the end of September. The on-line application system, which can be found at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions is now open to apply for secondary school places for September 2019 for current Year 6 children. The deadline to apply for places is 31st October 2018.
- **Year 5/6 Swimming.....**will be in the outdoor pool for the next couple of weeks as there have been delays to the re-furbishing of the indoor pool. If possible please could your child have an additional towel in their swimming bag which can be worn between the changing rooms and the outdoor pool. The water temperature in the outdoor pool is in excess of 30° C.
- **After school blocked clubs.....**Thank you for your prompt response to our schedule of clubs which start week beginning Monday 17th. It's lovely to see so many children interested in the variety of activities we put on. As you know, Fun Club is open every day to 3:30pm too. The Arts Club for Year 5/6 is focusing on planning and creating a 3D outdoor display for Remembrance. Perhaps you could help us with resources for this club – we need some clean 2 litre (or 3 litre) plastic drinks bottles please.
- **Trophies in Week 1 were awarded as follows.....**

Mental Maths-	Year 6
Attendance -	Year 1
Homework -	Shared between Year 4 and Year 5
Singing -	Year 3

The overall attendance percentage was 98.1% - one of our highest figures for some time, likewise with punctuality, which was 98%. A great start to the term!

- **Maths.....**we are now into our second and final year of the Lincolnshire Maths Project (LAMP) for which Mrs Heald is our lead teacher. A key part of her role is providing internal staff training for precision teaching. Mrs Heald works closely with Mrs Osborne, our Maths specialist teacher, in the drive to raise attainment in Maths. This drive begins in Nursery where our staff are also involved in a special Maths teaching project this year.
- **Good Diabetes Award.....**I'm very pleased to tell you that we have secured this national award again following re-assessment. Mrs Larthwell and Mrs Stow continue with their Million Step Challenge to raise money and awareness for Diabetes UK. They have until 30th September to complete their Million Steps, I know they are well on their way to achieving this but if anybody would still like to donate to this cause and spur them on please drop your donation in to Mrs Stow in the office. Thank you.
- **Safeguarding our children.....**may I remind you that we need a prompt start to each school day which means that all parents/carers should be leaving the site at 8:35am not still in the classrooms/corridors. The 'early morning work/activities' are provided for the children to action independently.
Sadly there have been several instances recently, of parents/carers holding inappropriate conversations within ear shot of children, or using their phone on the school site. These should not be happening and it would be a shame if, because of the actions of a minority, our school had to stop our practice of parents/carers bringing their child(ren) into class in the morning so please could you observe our 'rules' – thank you.
- **Uniform.....**following ongoing issues with Trutex over the summer holidays, we are looking at alternative supplier(s). Like many of you, we have had a number of incomplete and incorrect orders delivered resulting in time spent sorting out their errors.
- **Roles and responsibilities in Year 6.....**as you all know the personal development of every child in the school is of key importance to me. During Year 6, that personal development is deepened by the children's involvement in many roles within the classroom and across the school – sporting representations, Query Crew activities, House Captains, lunchtime helpers and many others – all of which are shared out amongst the class and specifically included to develop the 'all round child' by building

confidence, raising self-esteem, offering challenge and promoting the use of initiative in preparation for life ahead.

- **Nut allergy.....**we do have some children and some staff who have an allergy to nuts so please could you avoid packing any nut products in snack/lunch boxes e.g. Nutella and peanut butter spreads. Thank you.
- **Parking.....**I have been asked to mention that sometimes vehicles parked along the A52 are blocking the pavement which forces families to walk on the road. Please can everyone park with consideration for others and as safely as possible. Thank you.
- **PE kits.....**go home for washing this Friday – to be returned to school on Monday 17th September please.

Community News

John Spendluffe School Open Day/Evening is on
24th September 9:30 – 10:45am and 5:00 – 8:00pm.

Alford Squash Club is hosting a taster session for non-members on Friday 28th
September commencing at 6:30pm. For more details contact:
jh2@tinncriddle.co.uk

Contact e-mail address for school: office@huttoft.lincs.sch.uk