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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the festive season. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Vicky Toward who successfully completed her final teaching placement at Charles Baines – congratulations! A big thank you and well done, to the children who took part in Young Voices, the parents who supported the event and to Mrs Lambert, Mrs Toward and Mr Smithson – this event only happens because of your dedication and organisational skills! Well done!

Just a reminder, the newsletter will be sent out at the beginning of each month and will also be put on the website. It can also be sent to you via Parent Mail if you supply the office with an email address. Having two children myself who seem to manage to lose letters on their journey home I can thoroughly recommend Parent Mail, if you would like more information please contact the office.

I would like to remind you that my door is always open if you have any queries or concerns. If I can't see you immediately we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

Beverley Riddle



Well done everyone! Thank you!

Thank you for your support at the Foundation Stage/KS1 Nativity Performances. The children performed brilliantly and we were very proud of them all! Well done!

There were plenty of mince pies and Christmas cheer as the choir sang beautifully at the Christmas Coffee Morning. Thank you to staff who organised this super event.

The KS2 Carol Service at the church was extremely well attended and although the Church suffered a break-in a few days before, the community spirit was high! I am very proud of the children who, even though the church's microphones were stolen in the break in, tried hard to deliver their readings without them. A difficult task in such a large space. Well done!

Thank you also for your support regarding the Playing Field Project Raffle – We raised over £200. Prize winners were contacted on the last day of term. The project even got mentioned on Look North! Watch this space!

Reading Update

Thank you to the FOMTs who have provided each class with fantastic reading area resources. The children are thrilled with them and it certainly raises the profile and importance of reading. Thank you!

Don't forget reading with or to your child every day improves their reading greatly and should be fun!



School Closure during bad weather How will I know if the school is closed?



- We will text you as soon as practicable.
- It will be on the local authority school closure website : <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk>
- It will be on Lincs FM 102.2 and Radio Lincolnshire

Please make sure the office have an up to date mobile number.

Working in Partnership Parents and School
The following page explains ways you can help support the school.



PE KITS

PE is a curriculum subject and so all children must participate. To enable them to do this please could you ensure that your child brings a PE kit in. PE times can sometimes be changed so please can they bring their PE kit in every Monday and take it home on a Friday.

PE kit:

Shorts

T shirt

Plimsolls

Jogging bottoms for outside (Optional)

Please ensure that it is named.



Water Bottle

Drinking water improves concentration so please can you provide your child with a named water bottle for the classroom each day.

Please can you ensure it is only **WATER** in their classroom bottle. Don't forget, you can buy a water bottle from the school office for £1.10



LOST PROPERTY

Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own belongings at school and it does help if they are clearly named.

Lost property is usually located in the Red Bear Bins. One at the Yr 2 entrance and one at the Key stage 2 entrance doors.

Parent Helpers!

If you can volunteer anytime to help in school please let the class teacher know.



HOT LUNCH

If you require a hot lunch please can you ensure that the forms are in the Wednesday prior to the week you want them. Thank you

Pack ups

Please do not put fizzy drinks or sweets/ chocolate bars in your child's lunch box.
Thank you

PLAYTIME REMINDER CHANGE OF SHOES REQUIRED

Children will need to bring in a change of shoes this term. This is so that they can still use the grass and the field over the winter months without ruining their schools shoes and treading mud into classes.

Only children with an acceptable change of shoes will be allowed on the grassed areas.

They will need:

- Trainers or wellies (no football boots)
 - A named carrier bag for their peg
- Thank you for your support.

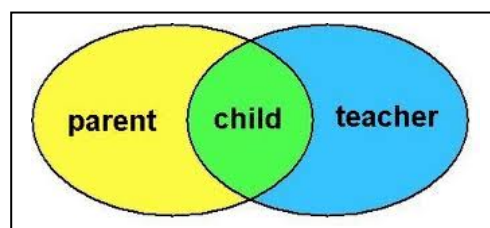
Improving Communication/ keeping you up to date

How can you help?

- Check book bags daily for information letters
- Check the website
- Supply the office with your email address so we can use Parent mail to send you information via email
- Make sure the office has an up to date mobile number
- Contact us before 9 15 if your child is going to be absent

What can we do?

- Inform you of events in plenty of time
- Send out monthly newsletters with up to date information
- Send text messages to remind you of events
- Keep our website up to date



Events this term

Date	Event	Details
January		
Tuesday 24 th	NEW EVENT STARTING: Chill and Chat mornings from 9am to 10.30am	Kay Payne (Parent Support Advisor) is organising special events for parents, carers and grandparents to join in with at school. Chill and Chat This is a time for parents to get together and chill out, have a cup of coffee and if you are lucky biscuits too!(forget that post Christmas diet) I will be there so if you have any problems you would like to share or get support from other parents then this is the place to be. This is a new venture for school so please come along and join us in the family room
February		
Tuesday 7 th	Chill and Chat Coffee Morning from 9am to 10.30am	Feel free to join Kay for a coffee and a chat!
Friday 10 th	Break up for Half term	
Monday 20 th	Return to school	
Tuesday 21 st	Parenting workshop	Kay Payne (Parent Support Advisor) plans to run some workshops for parents, carers and grandparents looking at behaviour, building self esteem and confidence and much more. So watch this space for more information.
Tuesday 28 th	Chill and Chat Coffee Morning from 9am to 10.30am	Do join Kay for a coffee and a chat!
March		
Sunday 4 th	School Open for local running club event	FOMTS serving drinks and food for spectators and runners. Feel free to join us and support this community event
Tuesday 13 th	Parenting workshop	Kay Payne (Parent Support Advisor) plans to run some workshops for parents, carers and grandparents looking at behaviour, building self esteem and confidence and much more. So watch this space for more information.
Tuesday 20 th	Chill and Chat Coffee Morning from 9am to 10.30am	Do join Kay for a coffee and a chat!
	Year 6 Celebration Event 3pm	Parents are invited to join Year 6 to celebrate this terms work.
	Blue Bag day	Chance to have a clear out and raise funds for the FOMTS
Thursday 22 nd	Parent Consultations	Letters will be sent out the week before for appointment times
Monday 26 th	Year 2 Celebration Event at 2 45pm	Parents are invited to join Year 2 to celebrate this terms work.
Tuesday 27 th	Year 1 Celebration Event at 2 45pm	Parents are invited to join Year 1 to celebrate this terms work.
Wednesday 28 th	Yr3/4/5 Dress rehearsal for Performance 2pm	This term Year 3/4/5 will produce a performance relating to their topic work on the Rainforests – this will be their Celebration event for this term.
Thursday 29 th	Yr 3/4/5 Performance 2pm and 6pm	Details will be sent out nearer the time regarding seating etc.
Friday 30 th	Reception celebration event at 2 45pm	Parents are invited to join Reception to celebrate this terms work.
Break up for Easter		

Return to school on TUESDAY 17th April

Attendance figures for each class:

Our school absence target is 3.5% for the whole year, anything higher than 3.5% is too high according to the local authority.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Absence % to date	4.7% ↑	5.8% ↑	4.8% ↓	3.8% =	5% ↑	4% ↑	4% ↓

WINNING CLASS THIS MONTH IS YEAR 3!

Well done YEAR 2 and YEAR 5 your attendance has improved from last month!



HEADLICE ALERT!

We have a recurring problem of head lice in some classes

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY REGULARLY CHECKING AND TREATING YOUR CHILD FOR HEADLICE

Please remember:

- One treatment of a lotion does not get rid of Head lice but only kills the live ones.
- Regular combing with a nit comb is essential to get rid of the eggs and prevent a reoccurrence.
- Read the attached leaflet for more advice

Bug busting treatments:

- The Bug Buster kit is designed to treat head lice and remove nits. The kit is re-usable and only one is needed for a family.
- The Bug Buster kit includes four different combs, and an illustrated guide and instructional booklet. You can buy the kit from some pharmacies or by mail order from the [Community Hygiene Concern website](http://www.communityhygieneconcern.co.uk).

If you would be struggling to get rid of Head Lice please contact any of the following for further advice and support:

- School nurse on 01427 810801
- Your GP (Treatment can be free on Prescription)

Thank you for your support