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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I can't believe we are into October already especially with the weather being so hot for this time of year. However don't get too used to it as I do believe snow is forecast! For this reason I have included information regarding school closure procedures!

Welcome to the new families that have joined the school and it is lovely to see how settled the new Reception children are; it feels that they have been at school longer than a few weeks.

Please find attached to this newsletter the feedback regarding the new Whole School Homework Policy, thank you so much for your input and positive comments.

Also attached is information regarding academy status and FAQ. There are also details of an opportunity to meet to discuss any unanswered questions.

Thank you for your continual support and please do remember my door is open if you would like to discuss anything further.

Beverley Riddle  
Headteacher



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

12<sup>th</sup> October 2011

to

14<sup>th</sup> October 2011



Browse through the book fair from  
**3 30pm to 4.30pm**  
Wednesday/  
Thursday/Friday



Come in and share your favourite stories with the children!

## Southlands entrance!

Thank you for your support and patience regarding the Southlands gate being closed at the moment. The large tree that is causing the risk is a protected tree. This makes it a more complicated matter to sort out.

Update on local residents:

The local resident who had mentioned the parking issue has thanked us all for the recent calmness outside the Southlands entrance, I am not sure they are aware that the gate is closed at the moment but hope that when it is opened you will continue to consider safety and access for local residents and their driveways!



## Reception Intake 2011/12 OPEN AFTERNOON

FOR NEW INTAKE AND THEIR PARENTS  
You are invited to drop in on the afternoon  
of  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Between  
1 30pm to 3pm

You can apply for your three chosen  
schools from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Either by:

Complete online application at:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Or by:

Complete a hard copy: These can be  
obtained by calling: 01522 782030

**Closing date for applications: noon 20<sup>th</sup>  
January 2012**

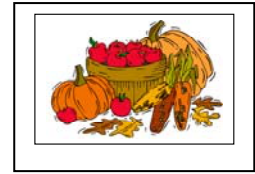
## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

October

At

9 10am



We have arranged to take our Harvest to  
Gainsborough House, a Community Centre for the  
Elderly living alone.

Please send in non- perishables e.g. packets/ tins  
from the week beginning  
17<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you

## School Closure during bad weather

How will I know if the school is closed?

- We will text you as soon as practicable. Please make sure the office have an up to date mobile number.
- It will be on the local authority school closure website : <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk>
- It will be on Lincs FM

## Parent Involvement!

### Meet the teacher session success

Thank you for the positive feedback from those who attended the meetings. Many parents stated how useful the meetings were, especially regarding getting first hand information about homework, reading, rewards at school topics etc!

We will certainly repeat these get-togethers. It would be helpful if you could let you me know if there was anything else that would have been useful to discuss at the meeting so we can ensure the meetings continue to be informative and useful!

### How can you be more involved in your child's school life?

- *Become a Parent helper! (Grandparents are more than welcome too!) Please let the office or your child's class teacher know if you would like to offer your help in school. This can be a drop in time when you are free or a regular arranged time slot or just at events for things like serving teas and coffees or setting up! Please let us know! A CRB check will be required*
- *Give feedback when we send out questionnaires – tell us what works and what needs improving*
- *Attend our events! Assemblies! Celebrations!*
- *Read with your child regularly. Sign the reading record diary even if they have read alone or you have read to them. Visit the book fair with your child: Open from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October to the Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.*
- *Sign your child's homework book when they have completed an activity. We can then talk about this with them.*

**NEXT is our Celebration Event:** You will be sent an invitation for an open afternoon during the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November! You will be invited to come in and see a range of topic work and activities that the class has completed over the term.

## Celebrating Pupil Voice at our school!

I have to say a huge thank you to the children who have enthusiastically and responsibly taken on the job of being a Play Leader.

The Play Leader team have already organised activities and games in each zone, they are there to encourage children to play positively and fairly with each other. They have already made an enormous difference to playtimes! Thank you for giving up your playtimes to support the staff, help your peers and look after our equipment!

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## Dates for your Diary

Date	Details	
<b>October</b>		
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Morton Vikings AGM 6pm All welcome	Please come along if you would like to join our friendly committee or to offer ideas/ support. <b>Please note the change in date</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> BOOK FAIR</b>	Scholastic Book Fair in school  Open for browsing: 3 30pm to 4 pm	Each evening the fair will be open from 3 30pm to 4 pm for you to look round with your child. If you can't get in don't worry each class will have the opportunity to visit the book fair in the school day. Book Week: We are having lots of reading activities e.g. staff will be reading their favourite book to all the children; paired reading with different ages; drama production - If you are interested in coming into read your favourite book or support the activities please let the class teacher know
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	FOMTS AGM 9 15am All welcome!	Friends of Morton Trentside school play an active role in fund raising for the children – we are always looking for new members so please come along!
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival 9 10 am All welcome!	Children will present a selection of Harvest songs or poems. Again we will be asking for non-perishable food items to be brought into school over the week before. They will be delivered to Gainsborough House
	Break up for half term	Please note this is a Thursday!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1 and 2 trip to Conisbrough Castle	Details nearer the time
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>School closed for INSET Day</b>	
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Return to school</b>	
	<b>Talent Week</b>	Please let your child's class teacher know about any talents your child has outside school. This week all our assemblies will be about the children's talents!
<b>November</b>		
Thursday 3rd	Open afternoon for New Intake 2012	Is your child starting school in September 2012? Come to our open afternoon and find out more!
Week beginning 28th	Celebration Event	Over this week parents will be invited into their child's class to celebrate the achievements of this term!
<b>December</b>		
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>	Letters will be sent out for times prior to this date. As this now clashes with Young Voices we have had to re-arrange the date. <b>Please note the change in date</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Dress rehearsal	
Wednesday 14th	Foundation Stage/ KS1 Nativity performance	Afternoon performance at 2pm Evening performance at 6pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Carol concert 9 30 am	Please come and join in our Christmas celebrations!
	Break up for Christmas	
<b>January</b>		
Tuesday 3rd	Return to school	Please note this is a Tuesday!