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Welcome

A lovely warm welcome back to everyone.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We do hope everyone has had a restful Christmas, even though it does seem a while ago, and we have certainly enjoyed hearing about the children's news from the holiday.

Having said our 'goodbyes' to Mrs Parry, our new office staff are settling in very well and they are a great addition to our team. It is also lovely to have Miss Belton join our team in the Y1/2 class and she has settled in very swiftly!

We are looking forward to all our Spring activities but in the event of any local severe weather we do remind everyone to check the local radio stations (Lincs FM/Radio Lincolnshire) for school closures. We will use Parentmail to notify parents if our school has to close.

Kind regards

Mrs D Challinor
Head Teacher

SATs & Testing

Please make a note in your diaries as it is important that children are in school for these tests:-

Key Stage 2 [Year 6] SATs take during week commencing Monday, 12th May 2025.

Phonics Screening—week commencing 9th June 2025

Multiplication Tables Check within the two week period from Monday, 2nd June.

Punctuality

We understand that occasionally something unavoidable happens to make us late. However, regular late arrival to school causes disruption to children's education and to the smooth-running of the school day.

We ask all parents to ensure their children arrive promptly and in time for the school day to commence at 8.35 am. Arriving five minutes late everyday equates to more than three school days of lost learning.

Also, regular late collection at the end of the school day means that teachers sometimes miss important input at staff meetings etc.

Please can the last person leaving the school close the gate! Thank you.

Safeguarding Information

It is a statutory requirement that we include our Safeguarding Policy on the school website & is available to all parents. Please visit www.potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk— select the "Policies" tab, and you will see our **Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy** included in the list. The up-dates are due to be ratified at the next Governor meeting.

Mrs Challinor is our Safeguarding Lead should you have any concerns. Mis Barnett is Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

WEBSITE

We are currently updating the school website. In the interim, if you wish for any additional information then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Christingle

Many thanks ~ we're pleased to advise that our Christingle event raised £211 for the Children's Society.



Twitter [now known as X]

Do please continue to check-out Twitter, as this is a means of seeing what is happening in school and an opportunity to celebrate the children's learning.

OFFICE REQUEST

To avoid making additional demands on the school office, please be kind enough to ensure that all letters/communications are read thoroughly before telephoning the office to ask for information. Of course, we are here to help but we are respectfully asking for your support with this.

Attendance and Absence Reporting

A reminder:

- We require a week's notice (whenever possible) of any appointments your child has during school time. Please complete a form (available from the office) if your child will be attending dental/medical/other appointments. We ask to see a notification of the appointment.
- We cannot authorise any holiday requests unless they are deemed as 'exceptional circumstances' or meet the Department for Education criteria.

Absence Reporting

Children's absence due to illness should be emailed to school via their class email. Please also use the class email to notify us of changes to home-time arrangements (eg going home with a friend).

Collective Worship

You are very welcome to join us on Fridays for Collective Worship in Church, which begins at 9.10 am.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PARKING

Following a telephone call from a local resident regarding parking on the yellow lines outside of school, please can we ask those who drive to school to park considerately and legally to ensure the safety of our children and all other road users.

NUT ALLERGY



Can we please remind you we are a nut free school, this is to protect children who have allergies to nuts [almonds, cashews, hazelnut, pistachio, nut oils etc] and can include goods such as chocolate spreads like Nutella, cereal bars, cakes containing nuts.

Labels of all food sent in to school should be checked

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

January

w/c 6th School-led clubs begin

February

Friday, 14th End of Term 3

Monday, 24th Term 4 begins

March

Thursday, 6th World Book Day (further information to follow)

Wednesday, 19th KS2 Railway Safety Assembly

Friday, 28th Mothering Celebration in Church at 9 am

April

Thursday, 3rd Rock Steady Concert in school hall, 14:30

Friday, 4th End of Term 4

Wednesday, 23rd Term 5 begins

May

Monday, 12th Key Stage 2 [Year 6] SATs week

Monday, 19th Group photos by Wrates Photographers

Wednesday, 21st National Numeracy Day [details to be confirmed]

Friday, 23rd End of Term 5

June

Monday, 2nd Term 6 begins

Monday, 9th Phonics Screening

Thurs, 15th- Fri, 16th Year 4 times tables testing

Mon, 23rd -Fri, 25th Y5/6 PGL residential trip

Tuesday, 11th Carre's Grammar School Taster Day

Thursday, 19th Y6 Young Magistrates Workshop

Friday, 20th Sports Day (Reserved date. TBC)

Friday, 26th Y7 Induction Day at Kesteven Sleaford Grammar School

July

Mon, 14th—Thurs 17th Y5 Bikeability

Tuesday, 22nd Year 6 Leavers Assembly

End of Term 6

Summer Production. To be confirmed, awaiting date from the venue.

School Uniform

- PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM
- If your child has to borrow PE kit from school, please can this be returned.
- A polite reminder—please can all children adopt our uniform policy.
- Lost uniform/property will be kept in the main office. If not claimed then it will be sent to charity each term.