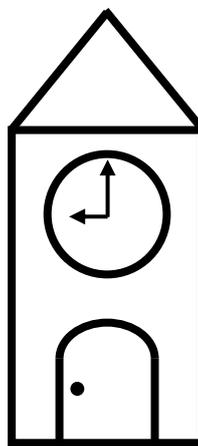


NEWSLETTER

18th May 2018



This year certainly seems to be whizzing by! Already it is mid-May and summer is (hopefully) just around the corner!

End of year assessments have been taking place with Key Stage 2 SATS this week followed by Key Stage 1 SATS the following week leading up to half term. Week commencing 11th June we will lead the phonics screening checks with Year 1 children. As soon as results are available these will be published on our website. I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of all of the children and the efforts made throughout the year. Their academic progress is evident in their work across the subjects as are their superb attitudes to learning. I would like to thank all parents and staff in supporting school improvement in order to raise standards and ensure high quality learning for all of our children.

Attendance

The Wisbech Schools' Partnership Attendance Policy has recently been updated and adopted by Governors. It is available to view on our website. Raising attendance is a key priority for the school and we continue to promote this through attendance rewards and through communication with parents. Recently, Jacob Lowe (Y6) was selected by the Wisbech Schools' Partnership, winning a prize and certificate, for his superb 100% attendance. Last term Class 4 had the highest level of attendance and they will be enjoying their reward next week.

Playground Safety

Concerns have been raised by families and staff about safety in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can we ask that all members of the school community follow this safety guidance:

- bicycles and scooters should **not** be ridden in the playground
- children should not be allowed onto the car park area beyond the cycle stand

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

Farewell

At the end of this academic year we will be saying farewell to two members of staff. As Class 3 parents are already aware, Tony Pallett has decided to take early retirement. Tony has made a significant contribution to the life and work of the school over the last three years and will be missed by the whole school community.

Shirley Hurrell has also made the decision to take early retirement in July. Shirley is a much loved and greatly respected member of staff and has worked at Friday Bridge Primary School for over 22 years. She will be greatly missed and whilst we hope that she makes the very most of her well-deserved retirement we hope that she will continue to visit us and remain at the heart of our school community.

Staffing

Last week we conducted interviews for a Class Teacher and Higher Level Teaching Assistant and I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have made two excellent appointments for September 2018. Helen Murphy has been appointed as Class Teacher to job-share with Miss Gathercole. Helen has already been teaching in Class 3 since Easter and has established excellent relationships with children and staff.

Cheryl Lenton has been appointed as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant to provide cover for PPA and leadership and development time. Cheryl is an experienced HLTA and is also a qualified gymnastics and sports coach. I am looking forward to working with both of these staff members and drawing on their skills and expertise in ensuring further school improvements.

School Production

As soon as we return from half term preparations and rehearsals for our first Whole School Production will be underway. We have an amendment to make to the dates originally set due to a diary clash; please note the new dates below. There will be 2 evening and 1 afternoon performance and further details will follow shortly.

Trim trail

Many of you will have hopefully had the opportunity to see our fabulous new trim trail which we have recently purchased using our sports funding to promote outdoor play, improve balance and co-ordination and most importantly to be enjoyed by our children.



Summer Sun

We've had a glimpse of summer and hopefully there is more to come. With this in mind please can you ensure that, as appropriate, you apply sun cream to your children before they come to school. When the sun is strong it is also advisable to send a named sunhat to provide additional protection and ensure that they have a water bottle in school. Please also ensure that your child has suitable footwear which has a strap around the ankle and over the toes to minimise risk of accident. If you wish for your child to wear sandals it is advised that their toes are covered and that they have a pair of trainers or plimsolls in their PE kits to wear at playtimes and when using the trim trail.

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Race for Life

On Friday 15th July we will be participating in School's Race for Life in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK. To donate on line please use the following link to access our fundraising page which is now open: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/friday-bridge-primary-school>
Alternatively, please send monies into the office on the day of the event.

Head Lice

Cases of head lice are still being reported to us; please check and treat if necessary. Advice is available from the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Jack & Jill Playgroup

Jack & Jill now open all day (9:00 am - 3:15 pm) including Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please pop into Playgroup or speak to Jane Goodley on 07426 979350.

Summer Fayre

Our summer fayre will be here very shortly and lots of preparations are already underway. If any local or independent businesses would like a table, for a charge of £10, at the Summer Fayre please let the office know by Mon 11th June. More details regarding what events and attractions will be on offer during the afternoon will be provided after half term.

May

Mon 21st - Fri 25th KS1 SATS Week
Mon 28th - Fri 1st Half Term Week

June

Mon 4th School reopens
Mon 11th- Tues 12th Phonics screening check Y1
Mon 11th- Fri 15th Bikeability (for Y5 and 6 registered)
Fri 15th Race for Life
Wed 20th am Year 5 Safety Zone Visit to Wisbech Fire Station
Sat 30th Summer Fayre 12 - 3pm

July

Mon 2nd Sports Afternoon
Wed 4th Class 1 and 2 Trip
Fri 6th Class 3 India Day
Tues 10th Wisbech Reads Festival: Year 1
Fri 13th Jump up day (Children to move into their new classes for the morning)
Mon 16th Whole School Production (evening performance)
Wed 18th Whole School Production (afternoon and evening performance)
Sat 21st School's Out for Summer Party
Mon 23rd Y6 End of year celebration
Tues 24th 2:00 pm Leavers' assembly

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