

Newsletter 6.3.26



What an exciting week! We've had 2 new children join us this week, with another two joining us next week! Currently we're almost completely full up! The children had their photographs taken on Tuesday...this is quite a unique year, the only year where we will have a mix of red AND green uniform as we gradually transfer over to our new uniform over the next 2 terms. Year 5s had an amazing Assembly on Thursday and lots of our year 6s are currently at The Deeping School for a STEAM day, having found out they will be attending there in September...doesn't time fly!

Food Bank Donations

Currently the local food bank is running low on the following items:

- Biscuits
- Tinned items including Soup, Vegetables, Meals and cold meat
- Rice pudding
- Coffee
- Squash



if you are in a position to donate. Donations can go straight to the food bank or brought into the school office to be passed on.

Supporting children's vision and eye health

Healthy eyesight underpins so much of children's learning and day-to-day life. Specsavers have shared a set of resources that families may find helpful, especially as children grow and their visual needs change. Their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Specsavers-Kids/videos> includes guidance on:

- How to balance screen time with reading and active play
- Ways to talk to children about looking after their eyes
- Everyday habits that support long-term eye health



For quick questions, their *Chat with an Expert* service is available every day from 9am–10pm:

https://www.specsavers.co.uk/help-and-faqs/ask-the-optician?utm_content=ask_an_expert&utm_campaign=O_dsWelcomeOnboarding1&utm_term=WOB_EM1_NP_UK_U11&utm_source=crm&utm_medium=email&ref1=N00806&ref2=73766PQL

Arbor Parent Portal

We've had a busy few weeks in school with the start up of our Parent Portal, you should all have access now, Parent Mail will cease completely on Friday 20th March.

What you can do so far in Arbor...

- View attendance
- View and edit details like telephone numbers, address etc.
- Check all personal information is correct and up to date
- Notify us of your child's absence
- Book termly clubs (term 4 were successfully fully booked)
- Book Disco tickets (available to book now)
- Book Guardian consultations aka parents evenings via the portal when available (October and February)
- All communication is now being sent through Arbor, either pushed to your email account or through In-App messages - please make sure your notifications are set up
- Book school lunches - please note all previously booked meals on Parent Mail will be honoured, only make new bookings on Arbor. Next terms menus will be live soon, exclusively on Arbor. You will notice when ordering meals there is now just a choice for main meals. A choice of desserts will be offered to all children who have a meal booked (fruit, yoghurt or an option of school favourites will be available every day). All options will comply with school food standards and our team serving each day will be fully aware of any certified dietary requirements and only offer suitable choices to each child.

Coming soon...

- Book wraparound clubs, Orchard Breakfast & Orchard After school club will be live to view and book very soon (Communication will follow)
- All future trips will be bookable through the portal as and when events occur
- End of year reports will continue to be emailed via Arbor, but these will also be accessible via the Portal

We ask that you familiarise with the portal (web based or app) and refer to user guides if needed.

We do appreciate your continued patience as we move across to this new system, we ask that you familiarise with the portal (web based or app) and refer to user guides if needed. If this does not help, please be kind and courteous with any requests for help from the school office.

Books for years 5 and 6

We are currently looking for some more challenging books for our year 5 and 6 readers. If you have any of the following books/book series you are able to donate, or would be kind enough to buy to donate to our library, we would be incredibly grateful!

Individual Books	Book Sets
https://tinyurl.com/ydcyp8u3 (£4.99)	https://tinyurl.com/6np8dz46 (£16.14)
https://tinyurl.com/4bnc38ur (£6.71)	https://tinyurl.com/ay8chcb3 (£16.99)
https://tinyurl.com/ye2ynbc4 (£7.59)	https://tinyurl.com/mrmw2mtw (£17.90)
https://tinyurl.com/yc58fykd (£7.35)	https://tinyurl.com/5xjpbwbp (£18.99)
https://tinyurl.com/4kxxcsdt (£7.35)	https://tinyurl.com/6v5nn557 (£19.99)
https://tinyurl.com/mrhe2fnh (£12.25)	https://tinyurl.com/ytup8t89 (£22.95)
https://tinyurl.com/3sbdj7bu (£12.25)	https://tinyurl.com/mrea8yj8 (£24.99)
https://tinyurl.com/2mxyx5nn (£12.25)	https://tinyurl.com/yf4da88d (£12.25)
https://tinyurl.com/yf4da88d (£12.25)	https://tinyurl.com/yeynayab (£32.99)
https://tinyurl.com/4jh5vy2k (£12.25)	



Volunteers



We have received some offers of support from adults who would like to come in to school and help make a difference to our children's learning. We're working hard to place you all with the right children and find you somewhere comfortable where you can enjoy the reading experience together. We would very much appreciate even more offers of help, no matter how short a period of time you can donate. If you can spare a regular couple of hours each week to pop in and support with reading, that would be amazing! Please contact Mrs Tomlins via enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk

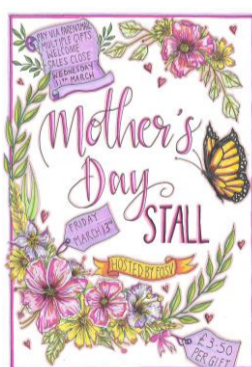
Donations – toys, books, Not UNIFORM!

EYFS - We always appreciate the lovely donations you send in. As we will be setting up for a third EYFS class in September we would really appreciate donations of any of the following:

- Construction area: wooden building blocks, wooden Meccano, tool sets – wooden or plastic, children's building hats/hi-vis jackets, any toys for construction i.e diggers, excavators etc.
- Hairdressing/role play equipment: Role play hair salon resources, hairbrushes, hair bobbles, clips, headbands, plastic jewellery (necklaces/bracelets), tiara's or dressing up shoes
- Cars: Metal cars or any wooden car tracks/garage
- Barbies, magnetic blocks, counting cubes, wooden kitchen items, play mats, wooden threading beads, felt tips, playdough, marbles, wooden storage boxes, wicker baskets for storage.



Books - If you have any good quality reading books your child has finished with, we would be very grateful for them. Please can we ask you don't send in phonics specific books as we follow a very prescribed scheme so it would be unlikely we'd use them. Any donated books which can't be registered onto our reading scheme will be sold and money added to our school fund to spend on the children.



We are thrilled to be able to hold our Mother's Day Stall again this year.

All items will be £3.50, this must be pre paid via your ParentMail account no later than midday on Wed 11th March. We welcome the purchase of up to six items.

On Friday the 13th March, each child that has paid will be walked through to the library to select from a beautiful range of gifts for Mum, Carer, Nanny or loved one.

Thank you all for your continued support as all our events help raise much needed funds for the school.

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Calendar of Events for Term 4

9th March – Happy Chicks arriving!

12th March – Year 2 Assembly & Year 6 swimming

12th and 13th March - Mother's Day Breakfast and Mother's Day Stall – Information to follow

19th March - Year 6 swimming & Book Fair in school (more details to follow)

20th March – Red Nose Day – Dress down

23rd March – 14.30 Rock Steady Concert for parents (communication via Rock Steady)

26th March – Year 6 swimming

27th March – School disco's (more details to follow)

Term Dates are on our school website – please click [here](#)

Head Teacher Awards

Class	Childs Name	Awarded Reason
Catkins	Eleanore L	Eleanore has produced some wonderful writing this week linked to our focus story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.
Acorns	Henry S	Henry has been very enthusiastic when answering questions in all areas of his learning, in particular Maths and during our sessions about Spring.
Hazels	Kobe M	For working really hard to improve his handwriting so that his letters sit on the line. Keep up the hard work.
Maples	Eden K	For great effort in maths this week. Showing real enthusiasm and great knowledge of multiplication.
Chestnuts	Ellora L	For the creativity that she shows in her writing, and her increased awareness of the reader. Keep it up Ellora!
Willows	Oliver I	For having a great attitude towards his learning. He is really focused in lessons and it is lovely to see. Keep up the great work!
Beeches	Evie W	For her growing confidence in all areas, but her beautiful sketches in art this week, preparing to design an egyptian scroll were amazing. Great job. * :) *
Aspens	Isaac J	For being a superstar mathematician in class this week. Isaac has shown lots of great knowledge and understanding about fractions. Keep it up!
Poplars	Mila-Mae M	For always working hard. It is great to see your increased confidence and sharing
Junipers	Molly G	She continues to work hard in every lesson and pushing herself everyday. She has made fantastic progress in her TTRS Soundcheck scores showing that hard work pays off!:)
Laurels	Abbey I	For her superb, clear voice in assembly, helping others to project their own.
Elms	Andreea P	For the effort you put into maths this week. You showed a great understanding of tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals - well done Andreea. :-)
Oaks	Vienna S	Vienna could receive this award every week. She is a wonderfully polite, hardworking member of Oaks who always gives her absolute best in everything she does.
Redwoods	Isaac H	Amazing effort in maths and English this week, resulting in amazing achievements

Mental Health Padlet



Children: If you are worried about your child's mental health, and would like information or signposting to help, Miss Stanojevic has created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful: <https://padlet.com/zoestanojevic/f9n5vfk8qytx6c3b>

Adults: Likewise, if you are struggling with your own mental health or are just looking for someone to talk to, please see our new Mental Health for Parents/Carers padlet which has a wealth of local and national charities that you can tap into for support: <https://padlet.com/corrinemitcham/mentalhealthparents>

SEN Padlet

If you are worried about your child's additional needs and would like help, Mrs Mitcham and Mrs Henderson have created a suite of resources for you find them helpful: <https://padlet.com/corrinemitcham/SouthViewSENDSCO>



information or signposting to to look through. We hope you

Safeguarding Padlet



If you are worried about your safeguarding and would like information or signposting to help, Miss Turner and Miss Creasey have created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful.

If you do see anything of concern in relation to a child, we ask that you make a telephone referral to Social Care by calling 01522 782111. This can be done anonymously. If you have a genuine concern about an adult in the local community, please telephone the police.

<https://padlet.com/nikitacreasey/safeguarding-guide-for-parents-carers-z16tu0bjogxihhd>

School Leave of Absence Requests

- If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child(ren) from school i.e. for a holiday, then you must apply either by;
- Requesting the school office send you a copy of the leave of absence form. This will be sent via ParentMail.
- Or you can apply:
- In writing, to Mrs Tomlins, the Head Teacher. In the letter you must state what you believe to be the exceptional circumstances requiring the leave of absence.

You should only then remove your child(ren) if the absence has been authorised, and notified to you in writing by the School.

If you then choose to take your child out of school during term time and it is **not** deemed to be exceptional circumstances and/or has not been approved by the School, then this will be coded as an unauthorised absence and a Penalty Notice may be issued for the period of absence. We are unable to authorise holidays during school terms. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in further legal action being taken against you.

We would like to remind all families of the legal framework surrounding term-time holidays and the issuing of penalty notices for unauthorised absences, in conjunction with advice from the Local Authority.

Please be aware that **there is no right of appeal** against a penalty notice once it has been issued. The decision to authorise or unauthorise an absence rests solely with the school. It is important to remember you should discuss any concerns you have with the school **before** a leave of absence is considered.

We understand that some employers may restrict when holidays can be taken, and that travel costs can vary significantly throughout the year. However, **neither of these factors constitutes an exceptional circumstance**, according to guidance from the Department for Education, [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#) and [Resources for families | Children's Commissioner for England](#) and therefore cannot be considered, as a valid reason for authorising term-time leave.

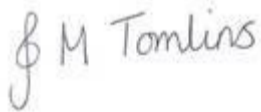
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

- Please note: A Penalty Notice can also be issued if your child is seen in a public place within the first 5 days of an exclusion from their school.
- Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.
 - Where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 444 of the Education Act
 - In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a penalty of either **£160 per parent, per child** if paid within 28 days or reduced to **£80 per parent, per child** if paid within 21 days.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that your child's education remains a priority.

Please see attached additional information regarding Penalty Notices.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher
Mrs Tomlins

School Attendance and Absences



5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

**A school day has 2 sessions:
1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day**

An unauthorised absence threshold can be reached with any mix of missed sessions over 10 school weeks, even if those weeks span different terms or school years. These absences don't need to be consecutive and can include late arrivals after the register closes. A school week counts as long as there's at least one school session.

How do I request an absence?

To request an absence, please provide a minimum of 4 weeks notice, either by:

- Requesting the school office send you a copy of the leave of absence form. This will be sent via ParentMail.

Or you can apply:

- In writing, to Mrs Tomlins, the Head Teacher. In the letter you must state what you believe to be the exceptional circumstances requiring the leave of absence. **We are unable to authorise holidays during term time.**

What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences will result in criminal prosecution.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)
- Reduced to: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days) There is no reduction in the amount.

Third Offence or Any Further Offences

(in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for an unauthorised absence a Penalty Notice will **NOT** be issued but will be referred to Lincolnshire County Council for consideration of prosecution in a Magistrate Court for prosecution which may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education.'

Families are reminded that term-time holidays are subject to strict legal rules, and unauthorised absences may result in penalty notices with no right of appeal. Only the school can decide whether an absence is authorised, and factors like travel costs or employer restrictions do not qualify as exceptional circumstances. Please speak with the school before requesting leave, and thank you for prioritising your child's education.

Lincolnshire county Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

If you have registered your child as unwell and we are later presented with evidence which casts reasonable doubt over the reason given for your child's absence, and they were in fact taken on holiday, the absence marks will be retrospectively be altered to 'unauthorised' in the register. If this absence meets the national framework, this will be reported to Lincolnshire County Council.

Who is a "Parent"?

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.