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## *Learning together for life*

### Newsletter 1

Wednesday 7 September 2016

Dear parents and carers,

The beginning of a new school year is a very exciting time. We are all looking forward to the wonderful opportunities for learning that will be taking place in the coming weeks and months. The children seem to have settled in really well already including all the new children in Maple Class and the new children in other year groups that we welcomed into the school on Monday.

#### **Keeping up to date**

As always, we will endeavour to keep you fully informed about everything that is going on in school during the academic year, giving you as much notice as we can. We will also celebrate the many great achievements and exciting events in newsletters, on the school website and on the school's Twitter feed. We are also planning to launch a school Facebook page this year as I know that a number of parents use Facebook in their daily lives. Follow us on Twitter (@KOBPrimary) and remember to check the school website ([www.kobps.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.kobps.lincs.sch.uk)) for the latest news, information and pictures (and sometimes videos) of what your children have been up to.

#### **Curriculum provision**

This week, you will receive a curriculum provision letter from your child's class teacher which provides you with information about the topics and main areas of learning during terms 1 and 2. These will also be available to download from the class pages on the school website.

#### **Class information evening**

We have arranged a class information evening which will take place on **Tuesday 20 September**. This will be an opportunity for the teachers to talk to you about specific arrangements and procedures in their classes. There will be two identical sessions during the evening so that if you have two children in two different classes you can attend both. The first session will run from 6.00–6.30pm, the second from 6.30–7.00pm. As the parents and carers of children in Maple have already attended a similar type of meeting in July, Mrs Scarbro will be delivering two phonics information sessions instead of a class information session. These sessions are intended for all parents of children in Maple although all other parents are welcome to attend if they would like to find out more about the teaching of phonics in school.

#### **Online safety day**

On **Wednesday 28 September**, we will have an online safety day. Dan Hawbrook from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board will work with all of the children during the school day. He will also run two parent information sessions at **3pm** then again at **5pm**. These sessions will last about 45 minutes. Please do attend one of the parent sessions if you can (whichever is most convenient for you) as you will be provided with important information and advice about keeping your child safe when using the internet. The parent sessions are open to anyone interested in finding out more about online safety so please invite other family members or neighbours who may wish to come along.

#### **Hot school meals**



If you would like your child to have hot school meals every day or perhaps just on the odd occasion, you can order from the Farm Kitchen using their online payment system. A link to this can be found in the "School meals" section of the school website. Children in reception (Maple), year 1 and 2 (Chestnut) are entitled to a **free meal every day**. Meals should be ordered online, as explained above, by midnight on the Tuesday prior to the week they are required. Children in Maple will begin staying for lunch the week beginning **Monday 19 September** so should order meals by Tuesday 13 September.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We have decided, this year, to host a Macmillan Coffee Morning in school to raise money to support people facing cancer. It will take place on **Friday 30 September** in our school hall. We have access to plenty of café tiers and we will provide the hot water, milk and sugar but we would welcome donations of real coffee, cakes and biscuits! The coffee morning will take place between 9.00am and 10.30am and we thought it would be a lovely opportunity for parents to spend some time in the classrooms with the children too. So, please put the date in your diary and come and join us (if you can) for a cup of coffee, something to eat and a chance to visit the classes. The children will be treated to a drink of juice and a biscuit at playtime. Please bring coffee, cake and biscuit donations into school on **Thursday 29 September** (the day before). All monetary donations on the day will go to the Macmillan charity.

### **Parking**

For the benefit of new parents to our school, I thought I would outline the advice we give regarding parking at the beginning and end of the school day when it can become congested.

- The car park at the Ebrington Arms pub is available to use to “park and stride” to school. There is a nearby footpath, from the pub, that links the main road to the end of Wharf Lane.
- There is some car parking space behind Kirkby on Bain Nursery on Wharf Lane, opposite the school.
- You are able to use the layby on Main Street as you enter the village from Coningsby, please however avoid parking on the grass verge here.
- Please make use of our “drop off” service. Every morning, there will be a member of staff and two “path monitors” from Oak Class at the Church Lane end of the footpath from 8.50am each morning. We would encourage you to drop your child off here so that they can be escorted along the path to the school doors. You may prefer to bring your child to the school door yourself, particularly if he/she is a younger member of our school. If this is the case, that’s fine.

Wherever you park, please show consideration for the local residents and avoid blocking driveways, parking on grass verges and stopping in places that may cause additional congestion or disruption. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

### **Have you completed the Pupil Premium check?**

A checking service is used to determine eligibility for Pupil Premium. Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium will receive free school meals throughout primary school (not just in EYFS and KS1) and will be able to access certain “paid for” provision in school such as swimming lessons, school trips, clubs and breakfast club for free.

For every eligible child, our school will receive an extra £1,320 from central government to fund valuable support such as extra tuition and learning support. To help ensure that we are able to claim the correct level of funding for our school, please ensure you have completed the Pupil Premium Check Registration Form which can be downloaded from the “Pupil Premium” section of the school website or collected from the school office and return it to school as soon as possible. Lincolnshire County Council will store your data securely and it will be checked periodically for eligibility. Please note, if you have already provided this information, you will not need to do so again.

### **Wrap around care**

Our popular breakfast club is up and running once again for the new academic year. The club runs from 8am every day and the children are provided with a tasty and nutritious breakfast. The price is £3 per child, per day. You are welcome to take advantage of “Kirkby Kickstart” every day of the week or on those odd occasions when you need to resolve a child care issue.

Our after school provision, “Happy Days”, is also available to make use of as and when you require it. It runs from 3.30pm until 5.30pm every weekday and children are provided with a light snack and drink. The price is £6.50 for the two hours (3.30–5.30pm) or £4 if only required for an hour (either from 3.30-4.30pm or 4.30-5.30pm).

To book a place, please complete the relevant booking form which can be found in the “Wrap around care” section of the school website, or from the school front entrance, **and return before 3.30pm on the Thursday prior to the week your child is attending.**

### Term time absence

I would like to remind you that schools may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. This means that holidays and family days out during term time will not be authorised. Please ensure holidays are booked within the allocated holiday periods, details of which can be found on the school website.

### Parent/carer consultations

Parent/carer consultations (otherwise known as parents' evenings) are an opportunity for you to talk privately with your child's class teacher about his/her progress and development in school. Details below:

#### Maple (EYFS)

In Maple Class, fortnightly appointments will take place every other week between 3.40 – 4.10pm. Appointments with Mrs Scarbro can be made on the following dates: **Tuesday 27 September; Tuesday 11 October; Tuesday 1 November; Monday 14 November and Monday 28 November**. If you are unable to attend one of these early appointments due to work commitments, please let us know and we will arrange an alternative, later appointment for you.

#### Chestnut, Willow and Oak (KS1&2)

There will be two evening sessions in term 2 and again in term 4. The two parents' evenings in term 2 will take place between 5-8pm on **Wednesday 16 November** and between 3.45-6.45pm on **Wednesday 23 November**. You will receive a letter with all the details and information about how to make an appointment later on in the term.

### Clubs

I am pleased to provide you with details of the clubs available during terms 1 and 2. The table below provides information about the clubs including when they will take place, the year groups they are for and the start and end dates (please note, dance club begins in term 2). Clubs will be offered to children in Maple Class later on in the year. Attached to this letter is a page of consent slips (your child will be bringing a paper copy home today). If your child is interested in any of the clubs, please complete and return the slip/s (one per club) to your child's class teacher **by Friday 9 September**. All clubs are free of charge.

You will receive a text message to indicate that your child has been allocated a place in his/her chosen club. If you do not receive a message then please assume that he/she has been unsuccessful in gaining a place on this occasion.

A register is taken at every club and parents will be contacted if their child is absent and we have not been informed. Please remember therefore to let school know if your child **will not** be attending a club for any reason. This is particularly important for film club in which members of the club may opt out if parents deem the film to be unsuitable. Details of each film shown are on the school website in the "Clubs" section.

Day	Club	Time	Year groups	Run by...	Start date – end date
Tuesday	Film (unlimited places)	3.30 - 4.30	1-6	Mr Fuller	13.9.16 – 6.12.16
Tuesday	Sketching (20 places)	3.30 – 4.30	3-6	Mrs Emerson	13.9.16 – 6.12.16
Tuesday	Football (25 places)	3.30 - 4.30	1-3	JB's Sports	13.9.16 – 6.12.16
Thursday	Playground games	Lunchtime	1-6	JB's Sports	15.9.16 – 8.12.16
Thursday	Football (25 places)	3.30 – 4.30	4-6	JB's Sports	15.9.16 – 20.10.16
Thursday	Dance	3.30 – 4.30	4-6	JB's Sports (including a dance specialist)	<b>3.11.16 – 8.12.16</b>

## **Forthcoming dates**

Below is a list of forthcoming dates. Please note, not all events are listed and dates are subject to change. We will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible however if there are changes or if new events are confirmed so that, where possible, you have plenty of notice.

### **SEPTEMBER**

Tue 13	Oak Class start swimming lessons (pm) – letter will be sent separately
Fri 16	11+ verbal reasoning test
Mon 19	Maple Class staying for lunch from today
Tue 20	Class welcome/information evening (see above)
Wed 21	Oak Class visiting the gravel pits – details to follow
Fri 23	11+ non-verbal reasoning test
Mon 26	Maple Class in full time from today
Wed 28	Online Safety day (see above)
Fri 30	McMillan Coffee morning (see above)

### **OCTOBER**

Mon 3	1pm Cairn Ceremony – all new children will need to bring in a special stone, parents of new children are invited to attend the ceremony – more details to follow
Thurs 11	Chestnut Class WOW day – details to follow
Tues 18	9.15am Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church – all invited
Wed 19	pm individual photographs taken
Fri 21	End of term 1

### **NOVEMBER**

Tue 1	Term 2 begins
Wed 2	Flu vaccination for children in years 1, 2 and 3 (details to follow)
Wed 16	Oak Saxon WOW Day – details to follow
Fri 18	Children in Need – details to follow
Mon 21	“Health Week” begins – daily exercise in the playground from 8.50am Book fair arriving
Mon 28	Last day of the book fair

### **DECEMBER**

Thurs 8	Church Schools Carol Concert at Lincoln Cathedral
Tue 13	Friends Christmas dinner for the whole school at Coningsby
Wed 14	Carol service (including the Maple Class Nativity) 2pm and 6pm in St Mary's Church
Fri 16	Christmas parties in school
Mon 19	Whole school trip to the pantomime in Skegness
Tue 20	Last day of term 2

Yours sincerely,



Simon Morley, Headteacher

Club permission slip – one slip per club

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Name of club.....

Club run by.....

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