



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2016

Summer Days!

Each term of the school year is busy and we try to create as many learning opportunities and fun activities into the year as we can. The Summer Term, however, always seems to be the busiest! **In May we have all the government directed assessments for Year 2 and Year 6 and more of the same for Year 1 in June. It is really important children attend school the maximum amount of time over this period to give them the best possible chance to do well.** With the warmer weather, we try to get out and about more be it for outdoor sports, day trips or the Year 6 residential visit. During Term 5 we will be welcoming **Louth Cricket Club's overseas player, Keaton Critchell** from Perth Australia, to lead cricket during Y5/6 PE on a Thursday followed by an after school club for junior age children. Very soon we will be talking of Sports Days and other competitions so please keep an eye on the school website Calendar. It will be great to see the children out on the grass again! Anticipating a warm couple of months ahead it is very important that we educate the children as to how to **keep safe in hot weather, avoid sunburn, headaches and dehydration.** If the sun shines please send your child to school with a **named sun hat** each day (no sunglasses please), an hour outside for PE or half an hour at lunch time is a long time to be in full sun. A named water bottle should also be sent in daily.

Also, can you please **apply sun cream to exposed areas before your child comes to school** – a high factor cream will last most of the day. If you wish your child to bring sun cream, they may do so, but they are responsible for it and please no sharing of lotion as it may not be suitable for another child. Sadly, we are not allowed to apply cream to children ourselves. Finally on this theme, please remind your child that covering up is still the best way to avoid burning - so keep your shirt on! **Slap on a hat-Slop on the sun cream-Slip on a shirt!**

Footwear: Many parents of younger children ask if their child may wear sandals with open toes and without socks to school when it is hot. This issue caused much debate at governors previously where it was discussed how far we balance parental choice with school health and safety. **Sandals without socks** could lead to nasty cuts and grazes to toes should a child trip when running on the playground. *It was agreed that although Governors felt that the practice was inadvisable, it is ultimately a parents responsibility and sandals could be worn, but at the parents' own risk* (no trainers please)

Shorts & Skirts: We do want the children to remain as smart as possible, even in the summer, so if children wish to wear shorts could you please ensure they are of the grey tailored variety and not sport or fashion shorts. Some creative parents recycle old trousers that have holes in the knee and turn them into shorts! **The whole point of a school uniform is to create a school identity, look smart and avoid competitive dressing by wearing the 'right label' or 'in' style.**

School Hours

We have noticed that more and more children are arriving early and being left unaccompanied in the playground on a daily basis. Also that children are staying late at the end of the school day. We have witnessed children arriving as early as 8.15am and departing as late as 4.15pm in all weathers. **Could we please remind parents that there is no supervision on the playground until 8.45am each day and after 3.30pm (unless attending an after-school club).** School is **not** responsible for your child's welfare beyond these times.

For parents who need to drop off early/collect late, The Limes Play and Learn offers pre and after-school care and is conveniently on site at the school.

Forthcoming Sporting Events

Tri-Golf at London Road Sports Ground on Wednesday 13th April - Y3/4

New Age Kurling at Cordeaux School on Monday 25th April - Juniors

Details to follow to parents whose children will be attending.

St. Michael's are re-investing in e-learning!



IXL – Practice that feels like play!

Your child will have free access to the IXL system which is used in school – please encourage your child to logon and practice/play Maths and English (KS2 only) at home.

Reading Logs

Please remember that it should be your child reading to you for 10 minutes in order for the reading log to be signed and not parents reading to their child!

Easter Events

The P.T.F.A. have had lots of fun organising and running events in school over the past couple of weeks.

16th March - The Easter disco raised a fantastic £639!

22nd March - Children took part in an Easter Egg Hunt and were awarded prizes for the most eggs found, finding the Golden Egg and winning Egg and Spoon races!
Everyone received a Crème Egg on the day!

Future Events - Summer Fayre will take place on Thursday 30th June.

The P.T.F.A. would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped organise and assist with the events. Please feel free to give P.T.F.A. Chair Suzy Davey a call on 07970 045687 if you are interested in becoming a member of the Association.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!



TOTAL RAISED FOR
SPORT RELIEF - £250



TOTAL RAISED FOR LOUTH
SKATE PARK - £216.93

Term Dates

Inset Day – Monday 11th April

Term 5 begins – Tuesday 12th April

Term 5 ends – Friday 27th May

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 5

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF TERM.

Monday - **Grimsby Town Football Club** - 3.30 - 4.30pm for **Years 1, 2 & 3**

Commencing Monday 18th April for 5 weeks - £15 per child



(Please collect a GTFC consent form from the office if your child wishes to attend this club)

Tuesday - **Football Club**- Mr Marritt - 3.30 - 4.30pm for **Y3 to Y6**

Commencing Tuesday 19th April

Wednesday - **Change for Life Club** - Mrs Lyons - 3.30-4.30pm for **Y3 to Y6**

Commencing Wednesday 20th April

Thursday - **Homework Club** - Mrs K Wood - 12.00-12.30pm for **Y3 to Y6**

Cricket Club - Mr K Critchell - 3.30 - 4.30pm for **Y3 to Y6**

Baseline Club - Louth Christian Fellowship - 3.30 - 4.30pm for **Y1 to Y6**

Commencing Thursday 21st April

So all children have the opportunity to join in, previous club registers will be cleared. Please call into the school office for a slip if you wish your child to continue or join any of the clubs.

If once signed up, your child will not be attending the club for any reason on a given date, please let the office know as we have a duty of care to know that they are safe if not here.