



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2016

Late Again!?

Start the Day: 8.45am – 8.55am

Whether it's the weather or faulty alarm clocks we don't know, but we have seen a rise in the number of children arriving late for school. Mr Fox goes out onto the playground from 8.45am each morning and blows the whistle for the children to **line up at 8.55am**. This means children will be in school, registered and ready for the first lesson or activity by just after nine o'clock. Children who arrive at school after everyone else has gone in **miss lesson introductions** or even whole tasks. It might only seem a few minutes a day, but these add up to many valuable hours lost over time. So, **please can we all make every effort to get to school before the whistle blows at 8.55am!**

NEW PTFA CHAIRPERSON



After many successful years, Mrs Charlotte Hopkinson has passed on the baton of Chairperson of the PTFA. We would like to thank Mrs Hopkinson for all the tireless work she has undertaken for the school including, (to name but a few), school fayres, discos, Easter races, Christmas cards, production DVDs and Year 6 end of school mementos. She will be greatly missed. Mrs Suzy Davy has been elected to take over the reins, we wish her every success in her new role and trust that the new team will be well supported.

Road Closure!

We have been informed by Lincolnshire Highways that Church Street, at the junction with Newmarket, is to be closed for the next 4 weeks.

Traffic will be diverted via Monks Dyke Road and St Bernard's Road / Wood Lane for the duration of the works. This is going to make Monks Dyke Road far busier than usual, particularly at the start and end of the school day, when parents are trying to cross town to and from Kidgate, Eastfield Infants, Lacey Gardens, Tennyson College and ourselves with a combined total of some 2000 pupils!

We do have a School Crossing Patrol at the start and end of the school day, but can we please remind children to take extra care over the coming weeks.

FS Parents – Save the date!

Mothers' Day Tea Party
Wednesday 2nd March - pm



Wrates Photographers

will visit the school on
Tuesday 1st March



Class group photos will be taken on this day and then will be available to buy later in March.

Please look at the **school website diary** pages for coming events which apply to you or your child. **Parent Consultations** are on the horizon, lots of sports events and not forgetting **I'm a Pupil Get Me Out of Here!**

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Could we please remind parents that **Statutory Assessments** occur each summer and must be taken by all children of that age.

MAY: SATs take place for Y2 and Y6.

JUNE: Phonics Screen taking place for Y1.

As it is very important that the children undertake these tests we therefore we ask that parents avoid booking term time holidays during these months.

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Thursday 11th February 2016
Year 1/2 will be holding a 20 minute event in the hall from **3.00pm**.

Please feel free to **come along to enjoy the party** with your child(ren) and share their literacy work.



Please wear a hat!



The draw has now taken place to decide which children will be in the four teams for "I'm a Pupil Get Me Out of Here!" on **Wednesday 10th February 2016**.

Teams are as follows:

**Yellow Jaguars
White Eagles
Green Snakes
Blue Macaws**

Staff Team : Pink Sloths

This will be a great event, please come to support us and witness, first hand, our very own staff team competing in exciting bush tucker trials and challenges alongside the children.

Tickets, priced £3 for adults and £1 for children (team members free of charge), will be available from the school office from Monday 1st February

Children must be accompanied, either by their parents or a responsible adult during the evening.

Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis.

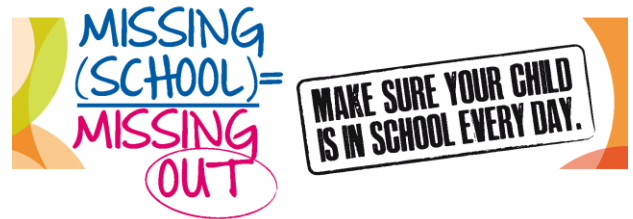
ATTENDANCE = ACHIEVEMENT!!

It is a logical conclusion that the better a child's attendance, the better a child's achievement.

Our whole school target from the Local Authority is to achieve a minimum of 96% overall attendance for the school year-something we have failed to achieve for the last two years.

We are continually trying to raise our attendance levels and you may have seen on Facebook that we are now rewarding the class with the highest attendance each week with a certificate during Friday worship.

Children with tummy bugs or sickness should not be in school, however, those with a 'bit of a cold' could be!



**Please try and get your child to school on time!
We start at 8.55am!!**

Midday Supervisor Job Opportunity

We are looking to recruit additional Midday Supervisors to cover school lunches as and when necessary on a 0 hours contract. Do you know someone who would be just right for the role? Would it upset a child who comes to this school to see a family member/friend in that role?

Please contact the school office to give details if interested.

The successful candidate will need to be DBS checked and undergo a medical questionnaire as well as being committed to ongoing Safeguarding and First Aid training. They will be expected to sign and adhere to a number of school policies covering Confidentiality, Acceptable Use of systems, E-Safety and Disqualification by Association.

WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 3rd March 2016 Non-Uniform/Dress Up

Children can bring their favourite book to share with a "reading buddy" and are very welcome to come dressed as a book character or in casual clothes. No charge.



Could we please remind parents to clearly label their child's school uniform and belongings.

Once again, we have a large number of school uniform which has built up in lost property which cannot be returned as we cannot identify its owners!

Please feel free to check lost property (in the disabled toilet) for any missing items and take any unlabelled items as required.

