



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 2023

HEADTEACHER END OF TERM UPDATE

The end of another term is upon us, the time is going so quickly and it has been nice to enjoy some warm weather and time on the field these last couple of weeks. Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire after parents evening and the chance to share days. It is lovely to see the number of positive responses and the recognition of improvements in our curriculum development as your responses for strongly agree or agree increased by up to 10% for progress in subjects, good leadership of the school and for me one of the most important, 99% of parents saying their child is happy at school up from 93% last year. As always there are things for us to improve, communication being one area which is why we are introducing this more regular termly newsletter with standing items of interest. Please let us know what you think of this new addition and if there is anything else you would like to see included.

We are open to feedback and strongly encourage parents who have concerns to contact us, our policy is on the website but in summary the first point of contact is the class teacher, then phase leader – Mrs Geraghty for EYFS, Mrs Gaylard for Y1/2, Mrs Daley for Y3/4 and Mrs Garland for Y5/6. If your concern is still unresolved please contact the office to speak to me either on the phone or make an appointment.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you in term 6.

Jayne Watson



KEY DIARY DATES

- **W/C 12 June** Year 5 Bikeability
- **Tues 13 June** New Reception Parents Meetings
- **Wed 21 June** EYFS and KS1 Sports day - 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm
- **Thurs 22 June** KS2 Sports Day - 1.30 pm - End of school day
- **Weds 28 June** Choir Rehearsal and Performance at St Wulframs – 12-3.30 and 6-8 pm
- **Thurs 29 June** Years 3 and 4 Belvoir Cricket Day
- **Fri 7 July** Summer Fair – 3.30 pm – 5pm - **NEW DATE**
- **Weds 12 July** Transition morning for new Reception class
- **Weds 12 July** Year 5 and 6 Performance - 5.15 pm - 6.15 pm
- **Thurs 13 July** Year 5 and 6 Performance - 9.30 am - 10.30 am
- **Thurs 20 July** Year 6 Party – 4.30-6.30pm
- **Fri 21 July** Leavers Service - 9.30 am - 10.30 am

Coronation Celebrations



**£342 raised for
the FSA!
Thank you to our
fantastic FSA
team, and thank
you,
parents!**

We all had a wonderful time enjoying the King's Coronation celebrations at school. KS1 children prepared their own picnic to eat at lunchtime, and although the weather stopped us sitting outside, we thoroughly enjoyed having a picnic party in school. KS2 children shared their lunch break with friends and ate their packed lunches together.

All children had a drink and a cake at the coffee morning, and joined their parents if they managed to pop in for some cake at the same time. Well done, FSA!

It was great atmosphere throughout the day, with children also wearing red, white and blue and commemorative clothing.



Year 3 and 4 Council Chambers Visit



As part of our Dimensions unit, 'Law and Order' we took the Year 3 and 4 children to the Town Hall where they went into the Council Chambers. They had an opportunity to work in small groups, come up with a party name and devise a list of actions that they would implement to improve Grantham. Each party then delivered their manifesto through the microphone system, whilst it was being delivered on a live feed. Finally, all the children then had an opportunity to vote for the best party.

We then enjoyed a picnic on the town Green, before sketching various town centre landmarks.



KS1 Visits to school



KS1 have had a busy term with some exciting visitors into school! The Fire Service came in with their fire engine to show the children how they do their very important job, and how everything works.

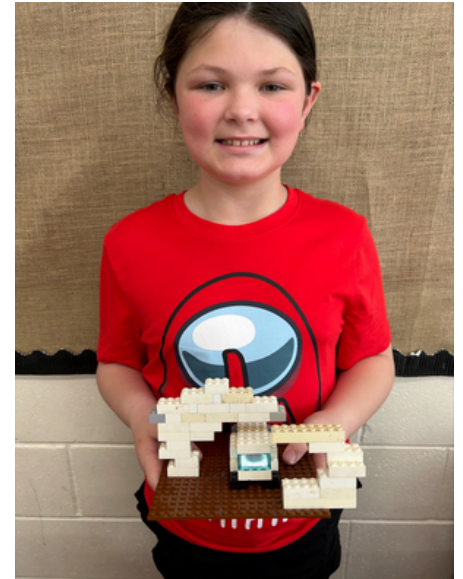
We also had a visit from the Dental Nurse team, who showed our Reception class the importance of keeping their teeth healthy, and nice and clean.

Our Year 2 children had their road safety awareness course, to learn how to cross the roads safely using the crossings and lights.



Wellbeing at school

Every Wednesday lunch time members of year 5/6 have enjoyed taking part in a variety of exciting Lego challenges! Children choose different themes each week and love showing off their creative side with a chance to become the new master builder. Here is Annabelle McGuffie with her wonderful build! Well done!



The Year 6 children had a visit to the park as a much deserved treat for working so hard during SAT week. We also had a visit from Moy Park who donated some lovely upcycled bird boxes to the school.

As always we are always looking at opportunities to develop our wider curriculum to support pupils to develop their own safety and wellbeing. This term, EYFS have had first aid training, Y2 have been learning to cross the road, Y2 and Y3 have had online safety, Y4 in car safety, Y5 Cycle helmet training and Y5/6 safer strangers as part on a group of workshops from PCSOs. We use check in and connect opportunities and CALMS to support pupils managing their wellbeing and we will give you a bigger update about that in the next newsletter. We have had 2 visits from Inspire+ Ambassadors, Jonathon Broom-Edwards and Sophie Devonish both helping us to be well and positive either with mental attitude or nutrition.



Please also see opportunities for parents to learn more about online safety by booking onto the workshop, Ask Dan (details on the back page of the newsletter).





Year 6 Lincoln Cathedral Visit

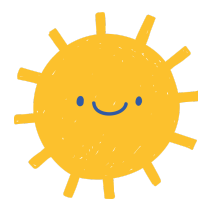
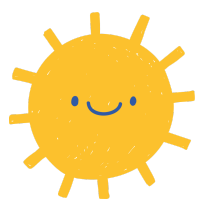
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL AND SCHOOLS
CHOIR VISIT



The Year 6 children had an amazing time visiting Lincoln Cathedral. They were treated to a tour of the impressive building and studied the wonderful stained glass windows, and they also took part in lots of fun games and group activities, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

After a break for lunch, we had hymns and lots of singing. The sun shone and there were lots of smiles and laughter! We all had a great visit.





FRIDAY 7 JULY
GONERBY HILL FOOT PRIMARY
SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD
3.30 - 5.00 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023

SUMMER FAIR

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
• GAMES • REFRESHMENTS

Parent volunteers
welcomed! Please contact
the school office if you are
available on the day to
help the FSA



Please note that the school fair date has been changed to Friday 7 July. We look forward to seeing you and the children there after school as it always proves to be an enjoyable and fun afternoon. We will update you next term with more details about the event. If you are able to help the FSA in any way, big or small, it is always welcomed. Please let the school office know if you are interested.



Keeping Safe Online



Ask Dan Anything for Parents 14th June 2023 6-7pm FREE TEAMS event sign up required:
Over two thirds of students surveyed in the LSCP 2022 Keeping Safe Online Survey indicated that they access their devices once they have gone to bed, and that many parents and carers don't know anything about what they do online. The survey also showed when parents talked openly to their children about their activity online, those students were less likely to experience cyberbullying and more likely to access support.

We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Ask Dan anything for parents and carers Tickets, Wed 14 Jun 2023 at 18:00

Free tickets available:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-dan-anything-for-parents-and-carers-tickets>

May Holiday Special

Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June
10am - 12noon

	<p>Bethesda Evangelical Church, Kitty Briggs Lane, NG31 7JR</p>
	<p>Ages 4-12</p>
	<p>Pre-book or just turn up – please fill in the form on the reverse and bring with you. Forms also available at the church on arrival.</p>
<p>Contact: Emma or Michael Buckeridge, 07385 295751 / evangelicalbethesda@gmail.com</p>	

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS LIST 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Monday
Hockey Club – Years 3 & 4

Tuesday
Athletics – Years 1 & 2

Wednesday
Little Movers – Reception Class

Thursday
Running Club – Years 5 & 6