Nettleham Church of England Aided Junior School - January News 2022

The New Year has started very well in school and things are calm and purposeful, especially given the very uncertain times.

We love being in school with our pupils!

A few key messages from us

Break time snacks

To encourage healthy eating throughout the day we would like to share with you the following guidance for break time snacks at school.

Children are asked to bring in a healthy snack including:

• Any variety of raw fruit and vegetables, Cheese portions, Fromage frais/ yoghurt, Bread sticks

Children should not have the following as morning snacks in school:

• Fizzy or sugary drinks, Chocolate, Sweets, Nuts of any description (due to allergies in school), Crisps, Pastries

Snow and School and Closure and Clothing and Hot School Meals

Previous winters have proved that it is always good to be prepared for extreme weather! In the event of severe weather conditions which you suspect could result in the closure of the school, please tune in to BBC Radio Lincolnshire between 5:30am and 11:00pm Monday to Friday on 94.9FM or to LincsFM 102.2. Obviously staff will make every effort to arrive at school in poor weather conditions, but in the event of the school being understaffed or there being a heating failure, we would have to close the school and this will be announced on BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs. FM. We will also place a notice to this effect on our website and contact families through our email and text message service.

Should the school be open and your children are unable to attend, we ask that you contact us and inform us of this. At the same time, if the children do come to school and there is snow on the playground, we will let them out at break if they are correctly dressed with warm clothes and boots/ strong shoes for outside with another pair of shoes/ trainers to wear in school. Please ensure all footwear is named; a carrier bag for wet footwear is also very helpful.

We have been informed by William Farr School that if they are closed because of snow that their kitchens will not be providing hot school meals. Such a closure will be notified by 7.30am on local radio and the William Farr Website. Should this be the case, all children will need to bring packed lunches in on that day if our school remains open.

Caring for Others

Our Foodbank Fridays have been a great success – keeping alive the belief that we should have the needs of others central to our thoughts and actions throughout the year. Our Christmas Collections, including an amazing Foodbank collection and items for the homeless was very much appreciated.

The next Foodbank Friday is 4th February 2022 – please send in your non-perishable items to school for collection and distribution.

Sports success on the horizon (again!)

We have a very busy term ahead with sport including:

Our sports teams finally being able to take part in a range of events and competitions

Our Cross Country teams beginning their challenge to retain individual and team titles in the league of more than twenty schools. (We have held these titles for three years consecutively now...thanks to Covid!)

The expansion of a wide range of extra-curricular activities to promote physical well-being.

Update your details / reporting absences

Could you please ensure that our office has your latest contact details? It is fantastic to have the technology to contact parents immediately now in the case of school closure or to discuss the children's education and well being. However this does depend on us having your latest address, phone and email details.

ABSENCE If your child is absent from school, could you please report this to school by 9:30am? Please note that you can do this by phone, email or through our website.

Yours

David Gibbons

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Headteacher

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Key Dates for Spring and Summer Term 2022

Some are subject to confirmation and there will be plenty more to come!

Please note that, due to the need to incorporate an additional bank holiday into the school year, we will now return to school after Easter on $20^{\rm th}$ April.

TERM 3 Tuesday, 4th January 2022 to Friday, 11th February 2022

TERM 4 Monday, 21st February 2022 to Thursday, 31st March 2022

TERM 5 Wednesday, 20th April 2022 to Friday, 27th May 2022

TERM 6 Monday, 6th June 2022 to Friday, 22nd July 2022

Monday 24th January – rugby tournament (at Lincoln City FC – LNER stadium) – 4-5pm

Friday 4th February - Foodbank Friday

Thursday 10th February - Y3 to visit Flag Fen - all day

Thursday 24th February – cross-country race (William Farr School) – 4.30-5.30pm

w/c 28th February - SEN Review Week

Thursday 3rd March - Y4 trip to Lincoln Cathedral

Thursday 3rd March – cross-country race (North Kesteven School) – 4.30-5.30pm

Thursday 3rd March - Travelling Book Fair arrives

Friday 4th March - Foodbank Friday

Wc Monday 7th March - Parents' Evening Week

Thursday 10th March – cross-country race (Pembroke) – 4.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 15th March - Y3 trip to Cathedral - all day

Thursday 17th March – cross-country race (Bishop Grosseteste) – 4.30-5.30pm

Monday 21st March - class photos - pm

Thursday 24th March – cross-country race (Sir Francis Hill) – 4.30-5.30pm

Friday 1st April - Training Day

Thursday 28th April - Y3 trip to Creswell Crags - all day

Monday 25th April - rugby tournament (Saxilby) - 4-5pm

Friday 6th May - Foodbank Friday

w/c 9th May - SATs week for Year 6

w/c 23rd May - Y6 Bikeability training in school

Tuesday 7th June - Scholastic Book Fair arrives

Thursday 9th June - Y3 Hinduism Day - all day

Friday 10th June - PTA Summer Fayre - 6-8pm (TBC)

w/c 13th June - Year 6 Kingswood residential visit

Thursday 23rd June - Y3 trip to Gibraltar Point - all day

Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day - pm

Friday 1st July – Foodbank Friday

Tuesday 5th July – Move up day to new classes including Y2s to visit for morning and spend time in classes

Tuesday 5th July – William Farr School Transition Day 1 for Year 6

Wednesday 6th July – William Farr School Transition Day 2 for Year 6

Thursday 7th July – Priory LSST Induction Day 1 for Year 6

Friday 8th July - Priory LSST Induction Day 2 for Year 6

Friday 15th July – End of year reports sent to parents and carers

Wednesday July 20th - Leavers' Treat Day for Year 6

Wednesday July 20th - Leavers' Service for Year 6 - 7pm

Friday 22nd July - Last Day of Term