

January 2020 Newsletter

...Education for Lifelong Learning

Spring Term- Dates for your Diary

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
January	
6 th	<i>Pupils return to school</i>
13 th	<i>Curriculum Newsletters Sent home</i>
21 st	<i>Reception Pirate Experience Day</i>
31 st	<i>Year 3 MSP Competition</i>
February	
11 th	<i>Safer Internet Day</i>
11 th	<i>Reception Trip to The Deep</i>
13 th	<i>Pupils finish</i>
14 th -21 st	<i>Half Term</i>
24 th	<i>Pupils return to School</i>
March	
5 th	<i>World Book Day- come to school dressed as your favourite book character!</i>
9 th - 13 th	<i>Science Week</i>
10 th & 12 th	<i>Parents Evening 4-7pm</i>
16 th	<i>Literacy in Action Sessions (Further details to follow)</i>
WB: 23 rd	<i>Learning Showcase Sessions (Further details to follow)</i>
30 th	<i>Forest School Learning Experience for Year 1, 2 and 3</i>
April	
2 nd	<i>Pupils Break-up at 2pm</i>
20 th	<i>Pupils return to school</i>

* You are invited to attend these events

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term and the New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas break and feel refreshed as your child returns to school. We would all like to take this opportunity to wish you a successful and healthy year for 2020.

As we enter the new year, we look forward to the many challenges and opportunities for your child to learn. We look forward to watching them as they further develop resilience, drive and independence along the way.



End of Last Term

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas productions. We were incredibly proud of how well the children did and the fantastic performances that they produced.

We would also like to thank you for your generosity in raising money for “The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance” at the end of the performances. Altogether, we raised a staggering total of **£316.84**. We would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all of the pupils and staff.



We would also like to thank you for supporting the ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ which raised **£112.40** for the charity “Save the Children”.



Finally, we would also like to say a great big thank you to all of you for your support towards our PTFA Christmas Fair. This was a great success. Thank you to all members of our PTFA for their continued support and commitment- we really do appreciate all that you do.

Creative Curriculum

Despite working hard within the classroom on the academic aspects of the curriculum, our curriculum embraces much more than the academic. Alongside our Philosophy, Enterprise, Health and Life Skills Curriculum, we have worked hard this year to introduce a **Forest Schools** experience to complement many other areas of the Curriculum. We have also been working hard with your child to complete **Life Simulation** sessions whereby they learn real skills e.g. how to make a bed, clean your teeth, cook a basic meal etc. We are hoping to enhance the way in which these skills are shared with you so that you can practise them at home with your child too.

In addition to this, in order to support the children’s learning around a **wide range of beliefs and cultures**, we would very much

welcome any support that you, or someone that you know, would be able to offer us in supporting this area of learning. This might be by either coming in to talk to the children about a particular faith or in helping us lead an activity such as: art, cookery or dance, where the children can learn about a culture different to their own.

PE Uniform

As ‘PE and Health’ remains a core aspect of our Curriculum, pupils spend at least 2 hours of their week taking part in a sporting activity. We would ask for your support in checking your child’s PE clothing so that they are suitably dressed during this time. The School policy states that the pupils should be wearing the following items:

- A Plain White T-shirt or one with the academy badge
- Plain Black Shorts or Jogging Bottoms/Leggings



The items above should be without a logo or brand (other than the academy badge). With regards to footwear, outdoor trainers need to be provided for the outdoor PE curriculum. When it is cold weather, pupils may need to wear jumpers or hoodies. Please can these be plain black, again without logos or additional images.

Please label all clothing as items can unintentionally be swapped when pupils are getting changed for PE lessons. All PE bags should be left in school for the week and taken home for washing on a Friday evening. Thank you in advance for your support in this area.

Spare Clothing

Occasionally, for one reason or another, some of our children will need to change their clothing during the day. Our stocks of socks

and tights has become quite low and we would very much welcome donations of these items that your child has grown out of or no longer wears. Thank you.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Giles has now returned to Manor Farm Academy and has done so in a covering role. She will work across all four classes providing cover for teaching staff as required. I am sure you will all join me in giving her a warm welcome back.



Learning Showcase

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to the Year 3 Learning Showcase Session at the end of term. These sessions are designed to give pupils the opportunity to share their learning with you and strengthen their own understanding of the topics which they have covered. We have found that they love to celebrate their achievements and talents! This is repeated at the end of each term and we look forward to seeing you at the next session if you are available

Costumes

As throughout the year, we have a number of “Dress-up” days, we thought that it would be a nice idea to ask all of our families whether they would be interested in *gifting* any costumes that are no longer needed to the

academy. The idea would be that when we have an upcoming experience day where we would like to invite the children to come to school in a costume, we could put out a rail of costumes for parents/carers to help themselves to- with a view to returning them to the rail once they have been used. This way, these costumes can be used by others and therefore avoiding unnecessary costs and waste. We hope that you agree that this is a positive idea and hope that some of you will be able to support us in this. Please do let any family and friends who may be interested in supporting this initiative know. Thank you.

Adverse Weather Reminder

During adverse weather, details of any closures, should they need to be made, will be communicated directly using our text messaging service. In addition, closures will also be broadcast on LINC FM and BBC Radio Lincolnshire as well as on the Lincolnshire County Council snowline webpage. Please let the office know if any of your mobile phone numbers have recently changed. Additionally, the gritting plan for the Academy is published on the School notice board next to the Foundation Stage Playground. Thank you.

Reception 2020 Intake

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2020** for entry to Reception in September 2020. Please make sure all applications are in by this date. The Academy does not have any input in this process so please contact Lincolnshire County Council should you need any further information. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Andrea Collins
Headteacher

Time for Road Safety



**Lincolnshire
Road
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Partnership**

The newsletter from the LRSP Education Team

Term 3 – Parents update

This term's theme is all about travelling safely in a car. During the colder weather you may travel to school by car more often. This is a reminder of the importance of always wearing seatbelts and using correctly fitted child restraints.

With the additional car journeys, there will inevitably be additional parking problems and congestion outside your school. Reducing congestion will make the environment outside your school both healthier and safer.

Ask if your school has a designated park and stride or walking bus and use these facilities if possible.

Always park where it is safe and legal to do so and make sure your child gets out of the car on the kerb side.



Yellow Zig Zag Markings

These markings outside schools are there to provide a clear safe area outside school where children can see and be seen. Please never park on them, even for a moment.

Look out for the next newsletter in term 4.

Further information

For current advice and legislation on the use of seatbelts and child restraints see:

<https://www.rosipa.com/road-safety/advice/in-car-safety/>

<https://www.childcarseats.org.uk/the-law/>

Or watch the following film:

<https://brakezebras.org/index.php/watch/item/55-choosing-the-right-child-seat>

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