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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Newsletter

I hope that you and your child had a lovely half term holiday and are excited about this term and the run up to Christmas. This newsletter will give you some important information about this school term alongside some key dates for your diaries.

School Budgets

You will probably be aware from the media that school budgets are under pressure like we have never seen before. Unfunded increased staffing costs, energy costs and inflation affecting everything we buy has had a massive impact on our organisation. When the 2022/23 budget was set we held healthy surpluses for the next four years but these changes have meant that our surpluses has been reduced considerably. Governors and I will do everything we can to ensure this doesn't have an impact on your child's education however inevitably there will be some things that will be affected.

There are small ways you can help us mitigate the impact on our budgets.

- 1) Making the voluntary contributions for trips, swimming, pantomime and clubs if you are able to do so. Historically we have always made up the shortfall from the school budget but that money is not now there. Payments can be made on the Wisepay link here.
- 2) Join our FOSA committee where you can proactively help raise money that will enable us to continue with some of the things that may be lost.
- 3) Volunteering in school. We would love to have more volunteers to help children read in school, to help organise our library or tend our garden areas. If you feel you could support in any of these areas please contact me directly andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk
- 4) Ordering hot meals from our School Kitchen if your child is in Reception or Key Stage One. The meals are free for you (saving around £400 a year) and supports the running of our kitchen. You can order meals from your Wisepay account here.

We fully appreciate that things are hard for many of our families and please know that your child will never be disadvantaged in any aspect of school life if you are not able to make payments.

Food Support

We are keenly aware that the economy is having an impact on families as much as on school. We are fortunate to continue to receive food from Tesco to distribute to families who need it. If you need food or other support please contact dena.jones@nettleton.lincs.sch.uk.

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Staffing

Sadly, we are losing a member of staff in the very near future. Mrs Nicky Chaplin, our Parent Support Advisor, who has supported the families and children of our school for the last 8 years will be leaving us. Mrs Chaplin has worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for children and families and we will be very sad to lose her. Due to the reasons mentioned above, we will not be appointing a new Parent Support Advisor and any requests of support should now be directed to myself or Mrs Jones

Around January 2023 (date to be confirmed) we will be looking for a temporary Kitchen supervisor to cover Miss Sellars maternity leave; many congratulations to her. If you or someone you know might be interested in this temporary role please have a look at the advert on our website. <u>Kitchen Supervisor Advert.</u>

Swimming Pool

The Swimming Pool at Market Rasen C of E Primary School has closed for the winter but is in need of repairs to the flooring and poolside before we are able to reopen it, hopefully in Summer 2023. We estimate the cost of that to be around £17,000. We are working with grant providers and local charities to find the money to complete these repairs. If you know of any charities that may be able to support us with this please let me know or ask them to get in touch.

BRAKE Road Safety Week

In the W/B 14th November we will be highlighting road safety and teaching children how to keep themselves safe. Road deaths in West Lindsey are much higher than the national average so it is imperative that we keep our children safe.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy has been updated and <u>can be found here</u>. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Andrew Smith or Dena Jones, or if you don't want to contact the school use the LCC safeguarding line on 01522 782111.

Christmas Dinner

We will be serving our usual delicious Christmas Dinner for the children to enjoy on Thursday 15th December. This is available to purchase on Wisepay for the usual price of £2.40. The cut-off date to order Christmas dinner is Monday 5th December 2022.

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Christmas Events and Other Diary Dates

Please find below details of the Christmas events we will be holding.

Date	Time	Event	Further Information
18 th		Children in Need.	More information to follow shortly
November			
20th	12.00pm	Victorian Christmas	More information to follow shortly
November		Market Caistor	
28 th	9.00am	Individual/sibling	FORMS to follow regarding sibling photos
November		photographs	
28 th		Last week of clubs	
November			
2 nd	1.30pm	Christingle Service at St	More details to follow, all parents invited to attend
December		John's Church Nettleton	
8 th	1.30pm	KS1 Nativity in the	More details to follow
December		village hall	
9 th	2.00 -3.00pmpm	Christmas Enterprise	More information to follow – parents invited to attend
December		Day	
12 th	6.30pm for 7.00	Rotary Carol Concert at	All children and parents are invited to the concert to
December	pm start	the Methodist Church	attend. Details to follow.
13 th	10.00am	Pantomime Trip to	Trip paid for by FOSA
December		Grimsby Auditorium to	
		see Cinderella	
15 th	12.00 p.m	Christmas Dinner.	Free for Reception and KS1. £2.40 for KS2. Order here.
December			
15 th	PM	Christmas Party in the	A letter will follow shortly.
December		village hall	
16 th	2.00pm	Celebration Assembly in	More information to follow
December		the village hall	
		End of Term 2	
4 th Jan	8.40 am	Start of Term 2	

I hope your child has a wonderful term with us. If you have any questions about any aspect of this newsletter please get in touch.

Kind regards

Andrew Smith Executive Headteacher

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