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Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to the 11 reception children and 1 child who has joined us in year 5. We are very happy to have you all with us.

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and your children are refreshed ready for another year of exciting learning.

Apologies for the length of this newsletter however there is a lot of information to communicate at the start of a school year.

Death of Queen Elizabeth II

We were all saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth last night and the school will join the period of national mourning. All children apart from Reception, who haven't experienced a whole school collective worship yet, attended a service of thanksgiving and reflection today and have had the opportunity to add their thoughts or feelings to our prayer space.

At this point we do not know of the plans for school closures for the state funeral however we will communicate this to you as soon as possible.

The school gives thanks for the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and sends its deepest sympathy to King Charles III and the wider royal family.

New Class Names

Following consultation with the pupils, staff and the wider community we have decided to change our class names. The names we have chosen were picked by the children from a shortlist of local trees, the new class names are as follows:-

Hornbeams	Reception
Hawthorns	Years 1 and 2
Willows	Years 3 and 4
Maples	Years 5 and 6

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the children back in school looking so smart. I have attached a link to the school uniform policy. Please note specifically:

- Only polo type t-shirts should be worn; not button up formal shirts or blouses
- PE tracksuits need to be plain black or blue with no branding
- Children need to wear black school shoes on non-PE days

[NWF Uniform Policy September 2022](#)

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Please don't be offended if staff approach you if your child is not in the correct uniform as they have been asked to do so. If your child cannot wear the correct uniform (school or PE) for reasons of affordability please get in touch with us to discuss what support we may be able to give.

Important School Policies

Each year we share with parents some important policies that you should be aware of. Links to these policies are below. There are also many other policies on our website that you might choose to read.

<https://www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk/parents.policies>

Safeguarding Policy: Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child please speak to the school Designated Safeguarding Leads (Andrew Smith /Dena Jones/Angela Parry) or contact Lincolnshire's Children's services on 01522 782111.

Parent Code of Conduct: All staff and children have the right to feel safe and secure on our school site. Threatening behaviour including shouting at staff, anti-social behaviour or use of foul language will not be tolerated and will lead to a ban from site.

Behaviour Policy: This policy outlines our positive behaviour management system and outlines how we will work with children and parents if things go wrong.

Attendance

Good attendance in school is essential to ensure your child makes excellent progress. Unless your child is unwell they should be in school every day. Please do not ask us to authorise family holidays in term time as we are not able to do this.

Volunteers in School

We always welcome volunteers into school. If you are able to regularly give some time to support us please get in touch with Mrs Jones (dena.jones@nettleton.lincs.sch.uk) and let her know. All volunteers will need a DBS check and will undertake a short safeguarding induction.

Things we need volunteers for include

- Gardening
- Hearing children read
- Organising our library
- Supervising Swimming (Terms 1,5 and 6)

We'd love to hear from you if you are able to help.

Meet the Teacher Events

We are holding an informal "drop in" opportunity **on Thursday 22nd September** between 3.10-4.10 for you to come and meet your child's teacher and have a look around the classroom they are in. There is no need to book, just turn up. We look forward to seeing you then.

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Parents' Evenings

We will hold our formal Parental Consultations on the **4th and 5th October** between 3.30-6.30. this is a formal opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into this academic year, find out what progress they have made and what you can do to help them at home. We will send out a booking form later in the term.

Phonics Sessions for EYFS and KS1

We will soon be sending out some pre-recorded videos to tell parents how we teach phonics and how you can help your child at home. Please look out for these videos and take the time to watch them. If you need any further support with phonics please contact our phonics leader, Mr Briston.

Sam.briston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk

Cost of Living Crisis

We appreciate that inflation and energy prices are making things tough for many of our families. If you are struggling please get in touch as we may be able to provide you with some direct support for things that are school related or signpost you to organisations we work closely with if not school related.

We would encourage all EYFS and KS1 children to access the free school meals from our five-star hygiene rated kitchen and LCC "Gold" rated menus. It is estimated that taking these meals will save families £400 per year per child. For children in KS2 please remember that we offer hot meals (jacket potato, topping, fruit or yoghurt) for just £1.00.

Communication with School

Most of our communication will come out through Wisepay. If your child is in EYFS this will be set up shortly. If you have any issues with Wisepay please contact the main office (donna.hydes@nettleton.lincs.sch.uk or catherine.fussey@nettleton.lincs.sch.uk) You can also follow us on twitter @northwoldsfed

Finally, our school website holds a host of information including all of the letter we send via Wisepay.

<https://www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk/>

Parent Support Advisor

We have our own in-house Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Nicky Chaplin. She is able to support with a wide variety of parenting. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss with Mrs Chaplin please contact her on 07542 937857. She is available on Monday and Tuesday each week.

Packed Lunches

If your child has packed lunches please make sure you follow the policy which has been written with pupil health and wellbeing in mind. Children are only allowed water in school (no juice, squash or fizzy drinks please), and as always, **nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.**

[Packed Lunch Policy](#)

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Food Orders

Please remember to order your hot meal from the school kitchen via Wisepay by the preceding Monday each week. If you have any issues with Wisepay or if you don't have access to the internet please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help you.

Clubs

We are really pleased to be able to offer 6 extra-curricular clubs this term. These clubs will start on the week beginning 19th September. We will send you a FORMS link via Wisepay to sign up for clubs in the near future.

Well done for getting to the end of this lengthy newsletter! I hope it has given you lots of information that you have found useful.

On a personal note, I would like to say how happy I am to be back and able to come up to the Nettleton building and seeing our wonderful children and parents again. Many thanks for all of the kind wishes that have been expressed to me on my return.

As ever, if you have a query or concern about any aspect of school life please get in touch with me directly. (andrew.smith@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith
Executive Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

6 th September	Start of Term One
w/b 12 th September	London Trip Y5/6
w/b 19 th September	Clubs start
22 nd September	Meet the Teacher Event 3.10-4.10
4 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00
5 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00
13 th October	Prospective Parents' Day (Sept 23 starters) 9.30am to 2.00pm
14 th October	Harvest Festival Service (Church) 1.30pm to 2.30pm
21 st October	Celebration Assembly 2.00pm to 3.00pm
21 st October	End of Term One

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