

MAY NEWSLETTER



The summer term has certainly got off to a flying start and is set to get incredibly busy with many exciting events planned. These dates are all listed so you can add to diaries- further specific details will be issued nearer the time.



As you are aware, Year 6 pupils completed their SATs last week and I am so proud of their incredible attitudes to learning shown and their fantastic efforts.

Equally, our Year 2 pupils are now in the midst of their assessment week and again their behaviour and focus is superb! They have truly shown our school values of Determination, Courage, Excellence, Pride and Success.

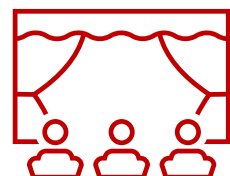
Well done Year 6 and Year 2 😊

Production

Following the success of last year's Alice in Wonderland, we are excitedly waiting to reveal more about our forthcoming whole school production.

Tickets will soon be available for performances which will be held at 1.45pm and again at 6pm on both Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July. Details of how to obtain tickets, costumes and arrangements on the days will be sent out next week.

For now, please save the date and watch this space...



Sporting update

Netball Tournament

Children from our netball club entered the Boston and District Schools Sports Partnership netball tournament at Peter Paine College. We won our first match 2-0, but unfortunately lost the next 2 games. The team showed amazing team spirit, determination and courage. We are very proud of them!



Links with Cowley Academy

A group of twelve Year 10 students who are studying the Sports Leaders award had the opportunity to deliver team building sessions for Years 3 and 4 students at our school.



The aim of the sessions is to use sport to develop and improve communication skills as well as creating a lifelong love of physical activity. The Sports Leaders planned and led a variety of inclusive PE activities that were run over two separate days.

Thank you to the Year 10 Sports Leaders, our Year 3 and 4 students had a great time and we look forward to our next session.

New playground markings

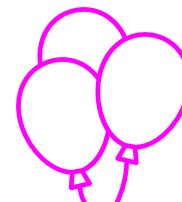
Children in EYFS and KS1 are really enjoying our new playground markings. We now have a road with traffic lights, zebra crossings and spaces to park!

PTFA

Thank you to everybody who supported our Easter Squares event, we raised an amazing £167.25!!

The PTFA have been busy preparing for the May Fair which is taking place on Saturday 20th May. We hope this will be another great success!

As a reminder, the funds raised by the PTFA are for the recreation of a sensory garden in school. This will benefit all pupils and plans are already being made for this exciting new space in our school.



We have signed up to Easyfundraising which is a cashback site that donates to school when you shop online and click the link. If you haven't already signed up, please do. We get a £1 donation for everybody who signs up before the 22nd May. Just follow this link:

<http://efraising.org/gdnplIN5BJ>

It only takes 2 minutes and all you need is your email address.

On the 1st Friday of the month we have our pre-loved uniform sale – all items are 50p and the next sale will be 9th June.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us raise money for the school. You do not have to join the committee and attend meetings but if you are able to spare some time to help with events we would love to hear from you. The PTFA now has a dedicated email address: ptfa@cowley.lincs.sch.uk so please feel free to email with any questions, ideas or to simply offer your help.

Finally, thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you at the May Fair!

Facebook



As you will have seen our school Facebook page is now up and running. Please ensure you sign up to this so you can see the many exciting things happening in school.

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Photographs

Due to Child Protection and Safeguarding implications we regret that photographs will not be able to be taken at any of our forthcoming events as we do have children without permissions in school. Please do look at our website and Facebook page which will be regularly updated with photographs.



Welcome

We are delighted to welcome two members of staff to our Ladybirds and Dragonflies team following half term:

Luke Smith is an experienced Early Years teacher and leader who has worked in various schools both here and overseas. Luke will be developing our EYFS provision and leading transition for our EYFS pupils moving into Year 1 and our new intake children for September.



Tracy Williams will be joining our support staff team having gained fantastic EYFS experience within nursery settings. In September we will also be welcoming Georgina Ward, an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher.

Social Media Use

It has been brought to our attention that pupils are using social media inappropriately. This has resulted in unwanted and unkind comments being directed at individuals which has caused great distress.

We would like to remind parents that they are responsible for monitoring their child's use of social media, especially as the minimum age for most sites is 13 years and 16 years for WhatsApp.



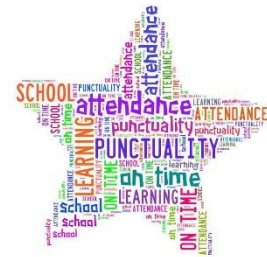
Multiplication Check and Phonics Screening- Reminder

Year 4 pupils will sit the multiplication check **5th – 16th June**

Year 1 pupils will sit the phonics screening week commencing **12th June**

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend School please let us know by 9am. You can do this via parentmail, telephone (we do have voicemail that is monitored) and by speaking to the office directly. If your child is on prescribed medication and well enough to attend school then they should do so. A consent form can be completed enabling school staff to administer medicine.



Lateness – Every Minute Counts

There has been an increase in the number of pupils arriving late for the start of the day. The school day starts at 08.55. Children should be in their classrooms at this time.

Lateness = Lost Learning (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

If your child attends Breakfast Club they should arrive to school for 8.15am. A member of staff from the Breakfast Club will be at the gate to welcome the children in, and the gate will then close at 8.20am. Unfortunately, if your child/children arrive after the gate has closed, they will have to wait until a member of staff is available to open the gate again. Breakfast Club has become very busy and it is important that the Breakfast Club staff are in the hall making breakfast and supervising the children.

Forest School

As you will see from the diary dates we are heading into a very busy summer term. With this in mind, we have decided to change how we deliver Forest School next half term to avoid clashes and so the children are not overwhelmed. Instead of weekly sessions for specific classes, each class will have a Forest School Day. Mrs Taylor and Mrs Poutney have been busy planning lots of exciting activities and experiences for all children to enjoy. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing with them on their class day.

Forest School Dates

June

Mon 12th - Hawks
Thurs 15th Kestrels
Fri 16th- Falcons
Mon 19th- Squirrels
Fri 23rd – Badgers
Mon 26th – Moles
Thurs 29th- Hedgehogs
Fri 30th – Rabbits

July

Thurs 6th- Dragonflies
Mon 10th- Ladybirds





Key Dates

May

- 20th – PTFA May Fair
- 22nd – 26th Y6 Top up Swimming
- 26th – End of Summer Term 1

June

- 5th – Start of Summer Term 2
- Week commencing 5th June- Bikeability Y5
- Week commencing 12th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check
- 5th - 16th – Y4 Multiplication Check
- 19th - 5pm-6pm New Reception Intake evening
- 20th - Ladybirds and Dragonflies Ark visit
- 22nd - Roots to Food Y6 Gala Dinner

July

- 3rd - AM KS1 sports morning
 - 4th - KS2 Sports morning
 - 5th - Orienteering
 - 5th - Singsation
 - 7th - New Reception Transition morning
 - 13th - Y3/4 pm Capture the Castle
 - 14th - Trigolf- Y3/4
 - 14th - Disco
 - 18th - Production dress rehearsal
 - 19th - Production (1.45 and 6pm)
 - 20th - Production (1.45 and 6pm)
 - 21st - AM Leaver's assembly
- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR!!!