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Term 5 Newsletter
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Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This term, we have lots of exciting learning planned for the children. Our whole school topic is 'The Seaside'.

Attendance 2018-2019

THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Whole School	97.09%	96.31%	96.22%	94.93
Reception	97.69%	91.54%	95.00%	95.42
Year 1	98.53%	93.75%	97.50%	92.05
Year 2	95.74%	97.50%	97.50%	94.63
Year 3	96.76%	98.16%	96.61%	98.03
Year 4	99.41%	97.18%	100.00%	94.76
Year 5	98.71%	97.51%	94.63%	95.19
Year 6	95.00%	95.91%	93.52%	92.16

■ Target Met

Attendance

Please see the table above for a breakdown of this year's attendance percentages. Our whole school target is 97.5%. Well done last term to all those children who earned 100% attendance and congratulations to our year 3's who won the attendance cup for beating our school target in term 4 with a percentage of 98.03%. Whilst we understand there are many valid reasons for children not to be at school, we want all children to have the best possible attendance to enable each and every child to reach their full potential.

Breakfast Club

Firstly, we would like to thank the local parish council for their £500 donation. We are almost ready to start our breakfast club and hope to confirm a precise date to begin in the next few weeks.

KS2 SATs

It's that time of the year again when our Year 6's will be sitting their SATs. This year, SATs week falls on the week commencing the 13th of May and will end on Thursday 16th of May. Children can only sit their tests on these dates so it's important that they attend school. We will be organising a breakfast for all Year 6's during this week. We do try to keep these tests as stress free as possible for the children. At the end of the day, they're just tests and we know there is no way to test all the amazing and awesome things that make our children who they are. Our advice for our Year 6's is to sleep, rest, believe and shine!

KS1 SATs and Phonics Screening

These will take place the week commencing 17th June and 10th June respectively. Again as above, we do try to keep these tests as stress free as possible for the children. Just like the above, these are just tests and the teacher assessments are the most important tool for the school to use which we discuss with you at parent's evening and explain in pupil progress booklets.

Sporting Tournaments

Well done to the children who represented Deeping St Nicholas last term at the Kho Kho tournament at Holbeach. Both our teams played really well especially our Year 5/6 team who took first place! We have lots of enrichment days and competitions scheduled for this term too including Danish Long ball, Ultimate Frisbee and Athletics.

Father's Day

We are holding a Father's Day celebration assembly on Thursday 13th June at 2.30pm and would like to invite all fathers to attend. We plan to hand the assembly over to the children so they can show their appreciation to their fathers. We hope you can make it. Also, we plan to hold a Father's Day pop up shop during the week commencing 10th June. We will provide you with more details as soon as we know.

Reading Buddies

A big thank you to our reading buddies Mrs Sharma and Mrs Woolner who have been volunteering to help hear the children read. We have all really enjoyed having you in school and appreciate the time you have given.

Tesco Competition

We have entered a competition run by Tesco to coincide with the Deeping Literacy Festival which is running from the 23rd-26th May. The children had to design a book cover depicting their favourite character or story. Entries have now been sent off and we're hoping to see these displayed in the Market Deeping Tesco store very soon. Keep your eyes peeled!

School Fundraising

Our Mother's Day pop up shop was a great success this year and raised a fabulous £78.49 for the school fund. We'd like to thank Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Neave for all the hard work and time they gave to organising this. We'd also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Quant and Mrs Woolner for organising a successful Mother's Day cake sale. The cakes looked delicious and their efforts raised £51.80. Thank you.

Solar Panels

You may have noticed the new solar panels that have been fitted onto the roof of the school. Fenland Green Power Cooperative selected us as one of the schools to benefit from the installation of solar panels. As well as reducing our carbon footprint, children are monitoring the saving the school is making on its energy bills.

School Trip

We are currently planning a whole school trip for Term 6 linked to our whole school topics for the summer term. As soon as we have something finalised we will be in touch with details.

Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist Award

Deeping St Nicholas has been selected as a finalist for the Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist Award. On the 23rd of May, some of the children will be giving a presentation, along with fellow finalists, at the Education Centre at Whisby Nature Park.

Swimming

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed their first swimming lesson last Wednesday. Their lessons will continue this term. It's so lovely to see the progress they make week after week. Next term, it will be Year 5 and 6's turn. Their first session is planned for 5th June. Letters will be sent out soon.

Cheese Plants

We have lots of baby cheese plants left over from our Mother's Day pop up shop. If you are interested in giving one of these lovely little house plants a home, they are available from the school office for a donation. Any money raised will be added to the school fund.

Polling Stations

On the 2nd and 23rd of May our school is being used as a polling station for part of the village. We are closing school on the 2nd May but will however be open on the 23rd May. The decision to open on the 23rd is due to the expectation of a lower turnout and the disruption we felt it would cause to learning.

Playground in the Mornings

Recently, we have noticed an increased number of accidents occurring with younger siblings on the playground first thing in the morning. We would appreciate it if younger siblings were supervised whilst on the playground to prevent accidents happening.

Parking

Could we politely remind parents to park courteously in both the school car park and lay-by.

PLEASE KEEP SAFE

Dates for the Diary

Please see below some important dates throughout the summer term. Obviously, if there is anything else you need to be made aware of, we will be in touch via letter, parent mail or email. The School website is also updated with information.

29th April	Sport2day enrichment - Danish Long ball Years 2-5
2nd May	School closed due to polling station
13th - 16th May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
22nd May	Sport2day Danish Long ball tournament at Holbeach Years 2-5
23rd May	Polling station at school – school open
24th May	Last day of term 5
3rd June	First day back for term 6
3rd June	Sport2day enrichment - Athletics Years 3-6
4th June	Sport2day enrichment- Ultimate Frisbee Years 3-6
10th – 14th June	Phonics Screening Check (Year 1)
13th June	Father's Day assembly 2.30pm
13th June	Sports Day (weather permitting!)
14th June	Induction session - new intake EYFS. (New intake parents evening TBC)
17th – 21st June	KS1 SATs (Year 2)
21st June	Induction session (new intake EYFS)
10th July	Sport2day Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at Holbeach Years 3-6
17th July	School Disco
19th July	Leaver's assembly
19th July	Last day of term