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## Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer and from the first few days, we can tell the children are fully recharged and ready to start a new school year; they have settled back into school quickly and are looking really smart in their new school uniforms.

Coming back after the holiday can always be a little difficult, but our children will be comforted to know that as they walk through the school, they are surrounded by people who deeply care and who are passionate about helping them achieve.



### Federation Consultation Event

The consultation regarding a Federation with William Stukeley CE Primary is moving on, we are having a meeting on Wednesday 18th of September at 6 pm, all are welcome. We will be discussing the reasons and benefits and listening to any concerns you have. Please do come along.

### Breakfast Club & After School Clubs

Breakfast club will continue to run Monday-Friday mornings from 8.00am-8.40am during term time. If you are interested in sending your child it is still available on a free drop in basis.

This term, we have an After School Club available also at a cost of £3.00 per session. The club will run Monday-Friday from 3.05-5.30pm. Snacks will be provided for the children. These are bookable sessions, please see Mrs Ecob if you are interested in your child/children attending.

### Enrichment Activities

Some curriculum based enrichment activities will also begin next week. Currently, we have Code Club with Mr Neave available to KS2 pupils on Thursdays after school and Gardening Club available to KS1 and KS2 pupils with Mrs Jones on Monday lunchtimes.

Some parents may recall that at the end of the last school year Lauren our sports coach and Alice from Act 2 were leaving to pursue new opportunities. At present, we are trying to organise further enrichment activities and will let you know as soon as these become available. If any parents would be willing to volunteer to run an afterschool enrichment activity from 3.10pm-4.15pm please see the school office.

### Class Names

We have decided to give our classes names. The children decided upon a theme for their new class names just before the summer break.

Reception will now be known as The Kittens,

Year 1 and Year 2 will be named The Squirrels,  
Year 3 and 4 will be The Otters  
Year 5 and 6 have named themselves, The Muntjacs.

### **Team Points**

As well as new class names, we have introduced a new whole school reward system. Children have been grouped into three teams: Team Dahl, Team Rosen, Team Donaldson. Team points are earned for good behaviour, manners and attitudes towards learning. Team Captains will collect weekly totals from individual classes. The winning team each week will be notified during Friday assemblies and rewarded the team trophy. At the end of term, the team with the most points for the whole term will earn themselves a reward which will be decided by the children.

### **School Council**

New school councillors have been chosen for 2019-2020. Well done Faith, Annabelle, Harriet, Kaleb, Kai, Kyron, Layla, Freya and George on being voted to represent the school council by your peers.

### **Snacks**

Reception, Year 1 and 2 have free fruit as part of their healthy snack during morning break. Children in Years 3-6, who are no longer entitled to free fruit from the government, are allowed to bring in their own healthy snacks. Please can children get these out first thing in the mornings and keep them in their classroom drawers until break. Thank you.

### **School Uniform**

Can we just say again how beautifully smart the children are looking in their new school uniforms. Just to remind you, our school uniform is available from Shotbowl in Market Deeping.

### **School Photographs**

The children had their school photographs taken this week. We are expecting proofs to be sent to school and therefore sent home in the next week or so. Watch out for the sparkly background!

### **School Frontage**

You may have noticed that during the summer holidays we have begun sprucing up the front of school. This is still a work in progress. So far we have added some flower beds and hanging baskets, added a little gravel and given some of the railings their first lick of paint. Obviously we have a lot more to do in order to give our school some much needed kerb appeal. If anyone is interested in helping to sand down the remaining fencing or can spare a few hours to help paint please see Mrs Ecob.

### **Sports2Day Tournaments**

We have our first enrichment day booked for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September for Years 3-6 which will be Tag Rugby. Other enrichment days planned for Term 1 and 2 include Throwing and Catching for KS1 and New Age Curling for KS2. We shall be practising these new skills during our P.E. lessons in school and are looking forward to showcasing these at the tournaments.

### **Christmas Disco**

After the success of our Summer Disco, we will be organising a Christmas Disco during the last few weeks of Term 2. As soon as the DJ is booked, we will confirm the date.

### **Pantomime**

This year Polka Dots Pantomime Company will be performing Rapunzel at the South Holland Centre. For many year's we have arranged a whole trip for the children. Letters for this year's Christmas Pantomime have just been sent home. We have to book the tickets by 20<sup>th</sup> September so we do need completed permissions slips and payment by WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019. Please see the letter for further information.

**Christmas Production**

This year, there will be changes to our Christmas production. Throughout the year, we will now be holding three separate productions:

EYFS and KS1 will be putting on a Christmas production,

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will be organising a production during the Easter Term

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) will perform their production in the Summer Term.

We have pencilled in a date for our Christmas production on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Communication**

We send all our general and emergency messages via Parenthub. Parents need to download the free app to their mobile phones in order to keep up to date with communications from school. The app is available on Google play or App Store. The school handle is @DSNSchool. If you need more information or help downloading the app, please call into school office.

**Red Post Box**

When returning any permission slips, forms or letters etc. to the school, please place in the red post box just outside Mrs Manders-Jones classroom. The box is emptied every day so need to bring to the school office.

PLEASE SEE OVER RE 'DATES FOR THE DIARY'

# Dates for the Diary

Please see below some important dates for the school year. Obviously, if there is anything else you need to be made aware of, we will be in touch via letter or Parenthub.

<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> September 6pm</b>	Federation Consultation Event
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Sports2Day Tag Rugby Enrichment Morning Yrs 3-6
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Sports2Day Tag Rugby Tournament Yrs 3-6
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	End of term 1
<b>Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Start Term 2
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	KS1 Throwing and Catching Enrichment Morning Yrs1-2
<b>5 &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parent's Evening
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	New Age Kurling Enrichment Morning Yrs 1-6
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Day Reception 2020
<b>19th – 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Book Fair Week
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Throwing and Catching Tournament Yrs1-2
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	New Age Kurling Tournament Yrs 1-6
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS &KS1 Christmas Production
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pantomime Rapunzel
<b>TBC</b>	School Disco
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End Term 2
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Start Term 3
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Volleyball Enrichment Morning Yrs 3-6
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tchoukball Enrichment Morning Yrs 3-6
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Volleyball Tournament Yrs 3-6
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Tchoukball Tournament Yrs 3-6
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End Term 3
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Start Term 4
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Korfball Enrichment Morning Yrs 3-6
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Dodgeball Enrichment Morning Yrs 3-6
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Korfball Tournament Yrs 3-6
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Dodgeball Tournament Yrs 3-6
<b>TBC</b>	School Disco
<b>TBC</b>	Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) production during the Easter Term
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Golf Enrichment Morning Yrs 2-5
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	End Tem 4
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Start of Term 5
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	End Term 5
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Start Term 6
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Golf Tournament Yrs 2-5
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	KSI Mini Olympics Enrichment Morning Yrs 1-2
<b>TBC</b>	Sports Day
<b>TBC</b>	Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) production in the Summer Term
<b>TBC</b>	School Disco
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	End Term 6