



Wisdom courage respect



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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community,

What a wonderful two weeks we have had - our first well-being festival 'WellFest' last Friday, the Mini-Olympics, school trips to London, Belvoir Castle, Yorkshire Wildlife Park and of course our whole school talent show. Please look at our Facebook page for photographs of these great events. There's so much more to come too. Year 6 are going on their residential next week and we still have a school disco, cricket day, sports day, Indian experience day, moving up morning and Y6 production to look forward to.

Worship themes

This week we have been looking at respect and the golden rule of treating others how we would like to be treated. We have also been reflecting on British Values and Protected Characteristics. On Tuesday, we were proud to present letters in worship to our Exploration and Empowerment Ambassadors from our local MP, Dr. Caroline Johnson. Dr. Caroline visited the children back in May and answered their questions on a wide variety of issues. She was clearly impressed with everyone in the group for their thoughtful questions and opinions.

Midday Supervisor required

We are looking for a new member of our midday supervisor team. The hours would be daily, 11.45am – 1.15pm. Please pop into the office if you are interested in applying for this role and Mrs Moore will be able to provide further details and discuss the application process with you.

Keeping children safe online

We are always considering ways to help children to be safe online – both in school and at home. We have been asked to share the link below with parents to support you in finding ways to help children stay safe online too. You can access sections of the website relevant to ages up to 4, 5-10, 11-13 and 14+. We encourage all parents and carers to be mindful of the content their children are viewing online and keep an open dialogue with them about what they are seeing and doing online. Please find recommendations for simple rules for at home at the end of this newsletter. Fact sheets on how to use the safety settings on YouTube and TikTok will be sent as separate attachments.

[Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe Online \(internetmatters.org\)](https://internetmatters.org)

Lego/Duplo

We are looking to expand our collection of Lego and Duplo in school – especially Lego minifigures. If anyone has any at home that are surplus to requirements and they are willing to donate to school, please pop them into the office.

Strike Days

As you may know, the National Education Union (NEU) have announced two additional days of strikes. These are set to be on 5th and 7th July. Staff are not required to tell us if they plan to strike but as soon as we know, we will be in touch.

Staffing

We are sad to say goodbye at the end of this term to Miss Stinchcombe and Mrs Eason. We thank them both for their hard work and dedication to the school and wish them luck in their new jobs. We welcome Miss Bennett onto the permanent teaching team. We are sad to also lose Mr Johnson when his apprenticeship comes to an end in September. Miss Nikita Moore is looking forward to starting her apprenticeship with us next term. Please find below the names of the teachers for each class next academic year.

Reception – Mrs Dickinson

Year 1 – Miss Footitt

Year 2 – Mr Kidd

Year 3 – Mr Bignell

Year 4 – Miss Rogers

Year 5 – Miss Bennett

Year 6 – Mrs Green

Each class will also be supported by our fabulous team of teaching assistants and 1-1 learning support assistants.

The last day of term is on 21st July. We have lots to pack in before then and are especially looking forward to creating special memories with our Year 6 children before they move on to their new schools in September.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Lucy Jackson (Headteacher)

Parking

We continue to ask parents to drive with care and attention to other road users. Please be considerate to the needs of others and ensure driveways are not being blocked.

Use of the school car park at drop off and pick up times is strictly for parents and carers who need to use the disabled space. We request that everyone respects this.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone

If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log any details you wish to share.

Hot weather

Please remember to ensure your child is equipped for the day ahead. This may include raincoats or sun hats and suncream! We also request that all children bring water bottles each day.

The government have published updated advice to help people beat the heat this summer. Please find a link below and the poster on the next page.

[Beat the heat: hot weather advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/beat-the-heat)



'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13

Key Dates for Term 6

Week beginning 26th June:

28th June – Ancaster's Got Talent

29th June – Reception trip to Belvoir Castle

30th June – Y1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Week beginning 3rd July:

5-7th July – Y6 Residential

Week beginning 10th July:

10th July – Y5 Taster Day at St George's

11th July – Last swimming day for Year 3

12th July – Indian Experience Day

13th July – Cricket Day

14th July – Sports Day

Week beginning 17th July:

17th July – Moving up morning

21st July – Last day of term

We return to school on 6th September 2023.



Beat the heat

Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat



Schedule activities to cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water and slow down

Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains during the day



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces like stationary cars

Be safe



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Look after yourself and check in with others



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to: [gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat](https://www.gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat)



Simple rules for home

It can be a minefield trying to manage our children online so here we have provided some straightforward things which you can put in place to help you keep them a little safer at home.

- **No tech in bedrooms (or tech with door open)**

Keeping technology from behind closed doors reduces the likelihood they will search for inappropriate content.

- **Watch and learn about apps together**

Learn about the apps and games they are interested in to better understand how it can be used positively but also to understand the risks and how they manage them.

- **Periodically check what they are watching**

YouTube and Netflix will show you what has been recently watched. Social media can be a little more difficult to check but encourage them to show you themselves.

- **Discuss together and agree boundaries**

Keep talking about the good and the bad of being online, and explain why rules are necessary sometimes so they understand it's about their safety not spoiling their fun.

Parental controls can be used to restrict access to inappropriate content and can help you manage their safety online at home.

Guides are available from Internet Matters to set up controls to filter content, limit screentime, restrict access to apps and manage who they can contact.

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