



# Normanby-by-Spital Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families

Happy New Year, A new year and new term is always exciting. The children are all rested and ready to start their learning adventures. Busy Bees children and Discovery children have started to find out whether a healthy body means a healthy mind. They will consider being physically healthy and start walking a 'daily mile' as a school. They will also explore healthy food choices and lifestyle choices and will investigate the health implications of a sugary diet, develop some healthy lunchbox ideas as well as tasting new foods. Voyager class are exploring the culture of Ancient Egypt. What was it like to live so long ago? How did people farm? What clothes did the Ancient Egyptians wear? How did people travel? They will naturally be investigating the role of the pyramids, why were they built? And how were they built? Tutankhamun will help them to understand the life of a pharaoh. Comparisons between Ancient Egypt and Egypt today will be made. Endeavour class will be answering the essential question - Is technology changing childhood? They will be thinking about what childhood means to them and how it may be different for children around the world. They will be investigating what impact the rapid advancement of technology is having on the lives of children and discussing whether these changes are positive or negative. As part of this topic they will try to rekindle some of the lost games and traditions of childhood in the past such as making pen-pals in other schools or countries and creating their own twist on old fashioned playground games.

We look forward to another fun packed term of learning.

## Daily Mile

As mentioned above, Discovery class have decided to introduce the daily mile into our whole school routine. After lunch, the whole school join together and walk around the playground for about 15 minutes in an effort to promote a healthier lifestyle. This is obviously thirsty work, so please ensure all children come to school with a drinks bottle. These can be filled up throughout the day if need be.

## Students

We are pleased to be able to welcome 2 new student teachers to our school. Miss Ditte is working alongside Discovery Class and Mr Waite is busy in Voyager Class, Both students are studying BA Primary Ed at Bishop Grosseteste. We hope they enjoy their time at Normanby. They are joining our 2 SCITT students, Miss Clarke in Discovery and Mrs Osborne in Endeavour who are here until the end of January.

## Snow Closures

In the event of snow, please tune into Lincs FM for all the latest school information. Every half an hour from 5 am onwards, they will be listing all the local school closures as well as any other cancelled services or events. You can also visit [www.lincsfm.co.uk](http://www.lincsfm.co.uk) or download Lincs FM app. We will also post on the FoNS facebook page and parentmail any updates we feel necessary.

## Reading time

At Normanby by Spital Primary School we place great emphasis on reading and encouraging the children to become independent and successful readers. We believe reading is the key to success, as well as bringing satisfaction and pleasure. Below are listed 10 Benefits of Reading.

Children who read often and widely get better at it. ...

Reading exercises our brain. ...

Reading improves concentration. ...

Reading teaches children about the world around them. ...

Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. ...

Reading develops a child's imagination. ...

Reading helps children to develop empathy. ...

Reading is a fun.

Well done to those children who are remembering to read regularly at home. Each week the children who have three signed home reads, over three different days, receive 'Golden Time' and a raffle ticket. The raffle ticket goes into a prize draw and at the end of each half term a raffle ticket is drawn. The winner gets to choose a book to keep. The first two winners were Ella Laughton and Jack Rooke. Congratulations to Ella and Jack, maybe you will be next!!

### **Community Event Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February pm**

Normanby and Owmbly Community Park committee are holding a fundraising event which will include an illustrated talk, raffle, quiz and cheese and wine. Please feel free to contact Keith on 01673 878947

### **Registration/ Health and Safety/After school pick up**

Please note that the school session starts at 9am. Children can be dropped off at 8.50 am, no earlier. After 9am, families/carers arriving late will be asked to sign a record of late arrival. This is an important Health and Safety measure as we need an immediate record of which children are in the building. As per school policy, children arriving after 9.15 will get an unauthorised mark in the register. Please can we also remind you that all parents must supervise their children on the way to school. They must also be collected by an adult after school and after clubs. We do have a walking to and from home policy which states that children in year 5 and 6 can walk home if the parents have given written consent (having read and understood the policy). This only applies to upper KS2. Younger children cannot be escorted home by an older sibling unless they are 16 (and deemed responsible by the parent).

### **Free School Meals**

Don't forget, if you are unsure if your child qualifies for Free School Meals, you can check via the following website <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal> This is different to the Universal Free School meals that children from Reception to Year 2 get. Even if your child is receiving UFSM it is worth applying still for FSM as both school and yourselves benefit.

### **Provisional School Term Dates 2019/2020**

#### **Term 1**

Wednesday 4th September 2019 to Friday 18th October 2019

#### **Term 2**

Monday 28th October 2019 to Thursday 19th December 2019

*Bank Holidays: Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th December 2019*

*Wednesday 1st January 2020 (not in term time)*

#### **Term 3**

Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020

#### **Term 4**

Monday 24th February 2020 to Thursday 2nd April 2020

*Bank Holidays: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April & Monday 13h April 2020 (not in term time)*

#### **Term 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020

*Bank Holidays: Monday 4th (in the middle of a term) & Monday 25th May 2020 (not in term time)*

#### **Term 6**

Monday 1st June 2020 to Tuesday 22nd July 2020

*SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE SECOND LINCS SHOW DAY tbc*

### **Provisional Training Days - some may be taken as twilight sessions**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

### **FoNS News**

A huge thank you to all those people who supported the Christmas fair, we are so pleased to say we raised enough to buy 2 more laptops for the pupils and fund for the coach to take Discovery on their class trip to Grimsby Auditorium. An amazing amount thank you. Our

next fund raising event is the Valentine Disco. It is going to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 3.00pm-4.30pm. Final details haven't been confirmed yet but the cost of the ticket will include snack and drinks. The committee has enough volunteers and help from the staff so no extra help is required. More details will follow shortly.

### Ukulele and Spanish lessons

The children have now had 2 sessions of Ukulele and Spanish lessons. The children have been very keen to share their thoughts about the sessions.... Ukulele is 'fun'....'we've learnt the names of the strings and what the parts of the ukulele are called'....'The activities are fun'.

Spanish lessons are..... 'good because I've wanted to learn Spanish for a long time' ..... 'Miss Payne talks to us all the time in Spanish'....'we sing lots of songs'. We look forward to many more lessons.

### After School Clubs

The uptake for After School Clubs this term has been very high. The children are very keen to extend their skills or learn new ones in football, SATs and gymnastics or just chill at film club. We asked the children for some feedback on the clubs they attend and they were very keen to share their thoughts.....'Football is good and we learn lots of new skills'....' Tom is very caring and makes football fun for all the different ages'.....'I really like gymnastics club, it feels like a daily workout so I don't have to do it when I get home!'.....'we do lots of different activities'.....'at film club we can eat snacks and rest. SATs club is very well attended and run to help support and hopefully increase the children's confidence in themselves and make them more prepared for the tests. The children enjoy it because ' We get to eat snacks and treats whilst learning!' Thank you to all those involved in running and supporting after school clubs.

### Club Calendar Term 3

Club	Day
SATs club Yr 6 - Mrs Nicholson	Monday
Film Club Yr1 - Yr 5 (Mrs Harrison)	Monday
Gymnastics Club Yr 1-Yr 6 (Mrs Clinch)	Tuesday
Football Club Yr 1- Yr 6 (Lincoln Imps)	Wednesday

Gymnastics is full for this term but there are spaces on the film club and football. If you are still yet to pay for football this term then please do so asap.

### Calendar of events Term 3 & Term 4

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Goalball 1pm KS2 De Aston School
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	FoNS Valentine disco 3pm-4.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of term 3
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of term 4
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Height and weight Reception and Year 6 children
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Voyager trip to Horrible Histories at Grimsby Auditorium
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Dental check - selected children only
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Magical maths assembly 1.30-2.00pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term 4

If you have any concerns please share these with staff. If you need to see me please make an appointment at the school office. We want to be proactive and solve problems. Our aim is to maintain a happy and safe school where children can learn and thrive. Thank you.

Best Wishes Mrs K L Grummell Headteacher