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Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents

Open Days

I would like to advise you that we will be holding two open days for parents who will be applying for places in our Reception class in September 2016. These events will take place on **Monday 9th November at 9.30am** and **Monday 16th November at 1.30pm**. Please put the dates in your diaries and further details will follow in due course. Please also pass this information onto any parents who may be considering joining our school community next year.



E-Safety Workshop

I am delighted to advise you that there will be an opportunity to join your children's classes for an E-safety learning session on **Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 2.15pm**. Your children will be preparing a joint learning session to share with you on an important aspect of helping them to stay safe online and when using digital technology. This E-safety session will be another very important opportunity to spend time with us in school and to find out lots of ideas and advice on how to support your child/children with this key aspect of their personal well-being. I do hope that many of you will be able to join us. Further details will follow shortly by separate letter.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our first Parents' Evenings of this year slightly later than usual on **Monday 9th November and Wednesday 11th 2015**. By holding the meetings later in the term, we will have clear information about your child's learning progress and achievement so far this academic year. This will enable us to have focussed discussions with you at the meetings about your child's areas for improvement and how you may support your child's learning at home. Please put the dates in your diaries and full details will follow nearer the time. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you need support with any matter.



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Consultation on admissions policies for 2017 intake

Lincolnshire County Council will be consulting this term on proposed changes to their schools admissions arrangements for 2017. The consultation opens on 2nd November 2015 and closes on 11th December 2015. Their detailed proposals will be posted on their website at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation and we have been asked to advise parents that you are invited to view the proposals and respond to them if you wish.

Non-attendance at after school clubs



If your child has accepted a place at any after school club, it is important that they attend regularly each week. If your child is unable to attend one week due to genuine reasons, please make sure that a **parent** informs Mrs Martin that day that they will not be attending. This will enable us to advise the adult who is providing the club that a child will not be there after school and means we can identify any children who we are expecting and who do not turn up after lessons and follow this up with parents immediately. Thank you for your support.

Parent View



You may recall me writing to you in the past about Parent View. In October 2011, Ofsted launched a facility for all parents nationally to share their views about their child's school using an on-line facility called Parent View. Parent View gives you the chance to share your positive views about our school. I know that many parents took the time to complete the on-line questionnaire during the last school year and I very much appreciated this support for our school.

Parent View is re-set at the start of each school year and all previous responses are deleted. The responses on Parent View are important to support us in our journey to becoming the best school we can be. I know that you are all very proud of our school and the significant improvements that we have made together in partnership for the benefit of your children. I do hope therefore that you will log onto Parent View as soon as possible to share your positive views about our school.

You can access Parent View by logging onto the website at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. When you first visit the website, you will be required to register as a parent of the school and you will then be able to complete the on-line questionnaire. You can also access Parent View via the link we have created on our school website. If you would like any support to access Parent View, please do not hesitate to ask us.



Halloween Party – Wednesday 21st October 2015

Finally, a reminder that this term ends on Thursday 22nd October and children return to school on Monday 2nd November 2015.

To end this term, we will be having a Halloween Party on Wednesday 21st October 2015 between 6pm and 7.30pm. There will be the usual **full disco element to our party** as well as lots of other exciting activities to enjoy including a fancy dress competition.

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 16th October in return for donations to our usual tombola and bottle stall for the event. Please put the date of the party on your calendars.



Kind regards

Carol Hines
Headteacher

