



April 2019 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Friendship** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Kindness**.
'Encourage one another and build each other up.'
1 Thessalonians 5.11



Dear Parents & Friends,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! The 'O' in our school values stands for 'Opportunities' and we have certainly had lots of them recently. Despite Storm Gareth's serious attempts to ruin the KS1 trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, spirits remained undampened and KS1 staff and pupils enjoyed a fantastic time learning about all the animals, whilst asking some really pertinent questions. Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed a break from their normal timetable as they completed their Lion Project with Mrs Norfield, while Year 5s and 6s had a fantastic time during their residential at Rand Farm. It was wonderful to see all of the children in different environments (although the 5:12am wake-up call wasn't quite as pleasant!)

A further change from the norm was also enjoyed by staff as they swapped roles - KS1 staff accompanied the KS2 pupils to Newton School for some break dancing and body popping with Urban Strides while Mrs Appleby, Mrs Woods and Miss Ranyard completed some project work ...also on Lions!

So why such a focus on lions? One of our families, by way of a thank you gift to staff for all their hard work, adopted a lion through the WWF for the school. 'Narnia' (our lion) has inspired us to be courageous and understand the importance of conservation, protecting our planet and growing our own lion hearts.

Added to all of the above, we've also enjoyed gymnastics at Witham Hill, music lessons with Mrs Clifford, PE with Mr Cook, exciting after school clubs, our usual lessons, a whole school April Fool's prank and a visit from the Easter Bunny! I think we're all definitely ready for a break.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our usual end of term service tomorrow (for which the children have been putting in much preparation for their respective musical performances) and take the opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable Easter break.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

Whole School Swimming After Easter

One of the highlights of the summer term is our swimming lessons at West Lindsey Leisure Centre in Gainsborough. The children will go swimming for the first time on Friday 03 May for 10 sessions - taking into account the May half term week. (The last school swimming session will be on Friday 12 July).

Please note there will be NO Good Works Assembly on Friday 03 May as we need the time to prepare the children for their first swim.

The national government expectation is that every child can swim 25m by the end of Y6. Technically once a child can swim 25m it is legally no longer necessary for that child to continue going swimming. Due to the huge costs involved most schools do not take all the children swimming and often do not begin to take children until Y3 or Y4. We believe children should start swimming as early as possible and continue throughout their primary school career, even after they have achieved the national 25m expectation.

Providing swimming lessons is an extremely valuable and ultimately 'life saving' part of the curriculum - however it is very, very expensive and potentially takes a huge slice of the school budget. Last year it cost over £2,000 to take all the children swimming. This year costs will be increased as transport costs have risen.

The estimated cost per child is around £3.00 per session. Your contributions go a long way towards off-setting these costs and ensuring we maintain funds in the school budget for books and equipment etc. I hope these figures help you judge the level of your weekly contribution.

Children should bring their money in an envelope marked with their **name/s and the amount that the envelope contains**. It would also be extremely useful, if not making a donation for all ten sessions in one payment, if it could also be clearly stated **which swimming session date/s the payment is to cover**. The envelope should then be posted into the collection box in the foyer. Those parents who wish to pay their donation in one payment should also follow the same procedure. If paying by cheque, please make these payable to LCC. Thank you for your continued support.

Checklist / Reminders for Pupils



- Swim wear
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Swimming cap
- Waterproof bag
- Towel
- Goggles (for those who swim in main pool only)
- Contribution (voluntary)

Long hair tied back for safety please

No jewellery (Please avoid getting ears pierced during the summer term as pupils will not be allowed to wear earrings)

Topics to be Covered Next Term

The main areas of focus in the Summer term will be:

KS1

Science:	Forces & Motion, Humans and Other Animals
History:	Toys & Technology
Geography:	Contrasting Localities
Craft & Design:	Textiles Puppets, Toys that Move
RE:	Salvation, Incarnation
Music:	What's the Score?
PE:	Multi-Skills, Athletics, Swimming
Art:	Mother Nature, Designer, Landscapes
DIPSI:	Medicines
ICT:	Internet Research, Multi Media
SEAL:	Relationships & Changes

KS2

Science:	Forces & Motion, Health & Nutrition
History:	Ancient Egypt
Geography:	Human & Physical Geography, Local Weather Reporting
Craft & Design:	Food
RE:	Life Journeys
Music:	Improvising / Chord Structure
PE:	Net Games, Athletics, Swimming
Art:	Art in the Past & Present (Egypt), Research Art of Personal Choice
DIPSI:	Drugs
ICT:	Data Collection & Interrogation, Switches
SEAL:	Relationships & Changes

Dates to Remember

Fri. 03 May	NO Good Works Assembly (due to prep for first swimming session)
Mon. 13 May	KS2 SATs week
Mon. 13 May	FOHS Meeting
Thu. 23 May	May Day Dancing (pm)
Fri. 24 May	Last Day of School before May half term
Mon. 03 Jun	First Day of School after May half term
Wed. 05 Jun	Y6 Pupils-Church Schools Festival
Thu 06 Jun	Centurion Football Competition at Sturton (4pm)
Tue 18 Jun	First performance of KS2 Production
Wed 19 Jun	INSET Day (school closed)
Thu 20 Jun	Second performance of KS2 Production



A Fond Farewell

It is with mixed feelings that I inform you that Mrs Poprawski (aka Mrs P) will be moving on to pastures new. She has been offered a promotion at Caistor

Yarborough school and will be leaving us at the end of April. At Hackthorn we consider our staff team to be family and change temporarily upsets the equilibrium of the family. Whilst we are extremely sad that she is leaving us we are obviously delighted for her success and wish her well. We will be interviewing for her replacement at the start of May. An application pack for the post is on our school website in the Opportunities section.