



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy two weeks at school with lots going on! Last week the Year 6 pupils went for a two night residential visit to a PGL centre. The pupils were able to take part in a range of activities including climbing, raft building, archery, abseiling and aeroball. They were a credit to the school and all had a fantastic time.

During assembly last Monday we were visited by our local PCSO – Karen. She came to school to tell us about a safety booklet which was given to all of the pupils in Years 3-6. The booklet contains lots of information and advice on a range of subjects and is well worth a read. We are hoping that Karen will be able to join us for other projects so that she can get to know the children of the community in which she serves.

Today each class in the Juniors has been researching famous people from Lincolnshire. We have decided to rename the teams/houses so that they have some link to the local area. The children have each voted for the famous person after whom they would like to name a house. As I write I have no idea of the outcome but am looking forward to finding out. It is great to have the pupils involved in whole school decisions and I am sure they will have selected some great house names.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Maths Methods

During staff meetings we have been looking at the methods we will be using for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have now placed these methods in a booklet on the school website. To find it you simply need to click on the maths tag at the top of the page. We will hold some parental/carers workshops about the methods during November so that you can see how things have changed.

Walking through school

There have been a number of parents/carers who have found their way into school before and after school and have then walked through the premises unaccompanied by a member of school staff. It is essential that parents/carers do not do this. This is not because we do not want to see you but because we have a safeguarding duty to fulfil. If you arrive late please ensure that you report to reception.

Infant Playground

I am sure that you are all wondering why we have not begun to use the Infant playground now that it seems to be complete. Unfortunately the builders trucks have created a number of issues on the playground and we are waiting for each issue to be resolved. There are significant trip hazards near the pirate ship and the pathway has been flooding when it rains. As such we are unable to use the playground at present. As soon as we have resolved the issues we will begin to use the area for drop off and pick up. A member of the Local Authorities will be visiting on Tuesday to investigate the issues. We also hope to have some additional fencing added before the end of the half term break in order to make the area secure during the day.

Netball

The school netball team was in action last week (returning from the residential trip to play). We are delighted to report that they won all three of their matches!

Lunches

Food 4 Thought (our hot meals provider) have changed the day by which you need to have returned your school meal slips. The new day is **Tuesday**. As soon as the current cycle of meals has ended we will be changing the menu to make things simpler (we will return to the system that we had last year). This will ensure that the issues that we have faced this half term can be addressed.

Driving Incident Near School

Unfortunately there have been a number of complaints about the way in which parents and carers have been driving near the school grounds. We had a near miss this week where a car almost struck an adult. Please ensure that you are driving carefully.

Dates for your diary:

13 th Oct	Football vs Gonerby away
16 th Oct	Netball matches
24 th Oct	INSET day
3 rd Nov	Return to school

We are just about to confirm parents evening dates and will add them to the next newsletter and school website as soon as possible.