



# The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back – and a particularly warm welcome to all of our new pupils! I hope that you all had a fantastic time over the Summer. It has been brilliant to catch up with the children and hear all that they have been up to.



Each class has settled in brilliantly and we are delighted to be back. We have a fantastic term lined up for the pupils and will be continuing with the new curriculum.



The children will be studying the following themes:

- Year R: Let Me Tell You A Story
- Year 1: How Can We Help you?
- Year 2: Time Gone By
- Year 3: Stone Age
- Year 4: Dragonology
- Year 5: The Ancient Greeks
- Year 6: The Victorians

We are sure that the children will be inspired by these themes and I can't wait to see the work that is produced.

Mr Heathcote  
(Headteacher)

## Jewellery

Please can we remind parents/ carers that children should not be wearing any necklaces, rings or bracelets in school unless these are for medical or religious reasons. Children will be asked to remove these and they will be handed back to a parent/ carer at the end of the day. Please ensure that Mr Heathcote, Mrs Pask or Mrs Beeby are aware if you child is required to wear jewellery for a medical or religious reason.

Plain, simple, stud earrings are permitted. No hoops please due to health and safety! On PE days, earrings should be removed. Children will not be able to participate in PE if they have earrings in. Parents/ carers will be contacted should their child not be able to participate in PE as this is part of the National Curriculum.

Should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to talk to a member of school staff.

## Water Bottles

Children are permitted to bring a water bottle with them to school to ensure that they stay hydrated throughout the day. This water bottle should be filled with **water only**. Children can refill their bottle throughout the day via our cooled water filters in school. **Please do not put juice or other such drinks in your child's water bottle** as this is causing issues when these leak or are spilt.

Children who are having a packed lunch may bring juice with them for their lunch e.g. carton of juice or capri-sun etc.

Please can we ask that children are bringing in appropriately sized water bottles. We are seeing an increasing number of large water bottles which are taking up too much space on tables and in water bottle boxes. Water bottles should be no more than 1 litre as children will have the opportunity to fill up their water bottle throughout the day.



Thank you for your understanding.

## Open Classrooms

We will be holding open classrooms on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 3.45pm- 4.45pm. This will be a great chance for you to meet your child's teacher and find out about how you can support your child at home. You are to pick your child up from their classroom door as normal and teacher will then close their doors once all children have been collected. Classroom doors will re-open again at 3.45pm. You are welcome to stay on the school site until doors re-open. Please use external doors only to enter and exit classrooms, you will not be able to walk through the school building.



We look forward to seeing you all there!

## Family Bingo

We will hold a family bingo event on Tuesday 27th September at 3:30pm in the Studio Hall. Tickets are on sale in the school office for £2.00 or £5.00 for a family ticket (1 adult and 2 or more children). Tickets include a hotdog. All proceeds will go towards our PTA funds which we are using to create a timeline in our school hall. We look forward to seeing you all there!



## Commemorating The Queen

Last week we learnt the sad news of the Queen's death. We had a special assembly on Monday which was all about the Queen and we spoke about her life and why she was so important. The children have also been creating some commemorative cards and messages in their classes. We will be sending some of these directly to Buckingham Palace next week.



We also intend to put up a display somewhere in school. As part of our display we will be displaying our letter, which arrived on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, the day after the Queen's death. She had written to us to thank us for the pictures that Class 2 (now Class 3) had sent to her to celebrate her Jubilee!



## School Clubs

Information was sent out to you all via E-Schools this week regarding school clubs. This was for information ONLY so that you are aware of the clubs in school. School staff will ask the children which club they would like to attend and we will organise this within school. **Your child will be told directly if they have got a space on one of the clubs or a letter will be sent home (if it is an after-school club).** Spaces are limited so we cannot guarantee that your child will be able to attend. We will try to ensure that children take part in at least one club across the school year and allocate this as fairly as possible. If you are concerned that your child has not had access to a club across the school year then please speak to their class teacher.

## Halloween Discos

Halloween discos will take place on Thursday 18th October.

Years 1 & 2:

4.30pm- 5.30pm

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6:

6.00pm- 7.00pm



Tickets are £2 and are available from the school office.

This includes a drink and a packet of crisps.

## School Communications

The school does not send out letters in paper form. All of our information and updates are sent out via email and our E-Schools app. Please ensure that you have downloaded the app onto your phone and have logged into this. You also need to ensure that we have a correct, up-to-date email address for you on our school system. Letters were sent out last week to all new parents/ carers containing their E-Schools App username and password. If you have any issues with this, then please contact the school office.



## Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. However, If your child is in Reception to Year 2 and you are in receipt of the benefits listed below the school can receive additional funding. We would encourage you to apply for this to enable us to access this funding to help us to further enhance the opportunities that we provide for the children.

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 they may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2019 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you are eligible, you will have to apply yourself via Lincolnshire County Council's online free school meals application service using the following: <https://lcc.cloud.servelec.synergy.com/parentportal>

If you need any support with the process then please do not hesitate to pop into the school office.

### Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child then you should report this immediately. You can report this to the school or directly to Children and Young People's Services (Social Services).

### Children and Young People's Services Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire:

During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111.  
Email: [lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.



The Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Beeby. Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Mr Heathcote or Mrs Pask who are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

### Upcoming Dates:

20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 4 Visit- Grimsthorpe Castle
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Open Classrooms
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Family Bingo (3.30pm Studio Hall)
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6- PGL Residential
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6- Return From PGL Residential
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photos
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Halloween Disco Year 1&2: 4.30pm-5.30pm Year 3-6: 6pm- 7pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 1- Partake 'Great Fire of London' Workshop
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4 Visit- The Collection (Lincoln)
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 2 Visit- Stibbington



### School Term Dates:

Term 1 7 Sept- 21 Oct  
October Break

Term 2 31 Oct- 16 Dec  
Christmas Break

Term 3 3 Jan- 10 Feb  
February Break

Term 4 20 Feb- 30 March  
Easter Break

Term 5 17 April- 26 May  
May Break

Term 6 6 Jun - 21 Jul  
Summer Holiday