

# NEWSLETTER



5<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## OPEN DAY

Our Open Day takes place on Thursday 2nd November 2017. This gives prospective parents the chance to come and look around Mount Street. We would appreciate if you could spread the word. Do you know friends or family who has a child who will start school in September 2018? If you do please tell them to call our office on 01522 527339 where they can make an appointment to visit on Open day. There will appointments after school on this date as well for those who work.

Also, if you are free on that day and would be willing to come and help make cups of tea and talk to our visitors about Mount Street then please let us know. We would love your help!

Thanks for your cooperation.

## PARENT FORUM

I am delighted to invite you to our first Parent Forum. The Parent Forum will aim to meet around 3 times a year. We will discuss a variety of topics, giving you a chance to share your ideas how we can improve as a school, celebrate what is already happening and enjoy a cup of tea!

The first Parent Forum will be a focus on 'communication with parents'. We want to ensure you are getting all the relevant information, at the right time, in the most convenient way. If you've got some creative ideas, or would simply like to join us for tea and biscuits then Mrs Nicoll (Head of School) and Mrs Horn (Assistant Head of School) would be delighted to see you on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-10.30am. Please drop your child off as usual, then walk around to the main office where you will be signed in. If you are unable to attend but would like to share your ideas then please speak to one of us on the gate.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Nicoll and Mrs Horn

## REMINDER

Just a reminder that the gate on Mount Street is for Nursery parents and therefore won't open until 3.15pm each day. Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are encouraged to use the Main school gates on Olive Street.

## PLEASE NOTE

'The old £1 coins will not be accepted after Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October'

## RECEPTION NEWS

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** will be our termly 'WOW day'. This is a day that is off-timetable where the children engage in some extra-curricular activities that will inspire them in their learning.

The focus for this WOW day will be 'growing up'. **Children are welcome to come into school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up.** They might even see some of the grown-ups in school change into children for the day!

Any questions please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

## FRESH FREEBIE FRIDAY

Lincoln Women's Institute have purchased a fridge for storing donations of surplus fruit and veg from local allotments, which will be given away to families in the playground after school on Fridays. Our aim is to tackle food waste by sharing spare produce with our community. "Fresh Freebie Fridays" will start on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The fridge will be located on the playground so please pop along with a carrier bag and help yourself to some weekend treats!

## HEAD LICE

It has been reported to school that there is an outbreak of headlice. Please may we ask you to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. If you require any further information, please contact the school office or follow the link.

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/HeadLice/GeneralInformationHeadLice/>

## GENTLE REMINDERS FOR RECEPTION CHILDREN

Please remember that it is our WOW day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Children can come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they are older.

Tonight (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October) is our phonics parent information evening. This will start at 6:00pm in the school hall and will contain vital information that will help you in supporting your child with their phonics learning.

Please can all children put their letter fans and reading folders into the classroom every day. This enables the teachers to change books when needed and to send out new letters for their letter fans each day.

## FRIENDS OF MOUNT STREET ACADEMY (FOMS)

It was lovely to see new faces and old at our first meeting last week.

Hope you have all seen your child's Christmas card design; I loved my daughters Christmas cactus ...whoops I mean tree :-)  
Please make sure order forms and money are back at school by Friday 6th October, any after this date won't be printed. We have to have the original design sheet back flat please.

It's our Free Family Film Night on Friday the 13th October, we are showing SING it's a lovely film. We will be selling hot dogs, popcorn, drinks and ice creams so you won't have to worry about your tea. Make sure you hand in a slip or email the office with number of seats required.

Dates

Friday 13th October. Film Night 'Sing'

Friday 20th October. AGM all welcome, we will also be discussing the fund raiser for this year.

If you are able to spare some time and enthusiasm to join us please contact Helen chair of FOMS on 07719537709 or come to our next meeting.

Follow us on face book.

## WRATES PHOTOGRAPHERS

Wrates photographers will be in school to take individual students photographs on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. If you wish to have your child's photograph taken with siblings or your child is in nursery and not in on that day, arrangements have been made for photographs to be taken straight after school in the school hall. Entrance will be via the back doors of the hall.

## CHANGES TO MENU

Please may we remind parents/carers that if they wish to order or change a meal on the menu an email must be sent two weeks prior to the meal change date to [enquiries@lincolncarltonacademy.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@lincolncarltonacademy.lincs.sch.uk)

## 250 BOOKS



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## COLLECTING CHILDREN

Please may we remind parents to inform the class teacher **that morning** if their child is to be collected by another named adult. This information can then be recorded so all relevant teaching staff are aware of which child is leaving with which adult. We will of course pass a message on for you in the case of an emergency. Thank you.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

### Slippers

A huge thank you to all who have sent slippers in for our Big Write lessons, the children thoroughly enjoyed being able to write whilst wearing them! If you haven't sent your child in with any slippers yet, then please do. May we please remind you that slippers need to be labelled as well as their school shoes. The children can either leave their slippers on their peg if they have a spare pair, or they can bring them home at the end of the day and bring them in the following week ready for the next Big Write.

### Thank you

Thank you to all those parents who came to Share last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you and we thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher. Another thank you for sending your children in their PE kits on Tuesdays. Please note that this will finish this half term, therefore the children will not need to come in their PE kits on a Tuesday next term.

### Reminders

Please can we ask that children do not bring in toys or sweets to school; the only exception to bringing in sweets is when it is your child's birthday, and these should be handed to your child's class teacher. Can we also remind you that your child brings their reading folder to school **every day**. This is extremely important so that your child can change their home reader and library book and is also able to read in school. Unfortunately, if your child does not bring their reading folder into school then they cannot change their book. The children are now also expected to change their home reader independently.

### Notices

All important notices regarding Year 1 can be found on the newsletter. However, sometimes things do crop up and your class teacher will place these notices in their window, so please do keep your eye out for those.

### Wow Day

We are pleased to say that our next Wow day will be on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, our theme will be 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and we will be starting to read this book after half term.

## KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
<b>NEW INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2018</b>	<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November (by appointment)</b>	<b>Open Day for prospective new parents</b>
<b>NURSERY</b>		
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October – doors open 5.45pm for 6pm start  Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Reception Phonics meeting  Wow Day</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Wow Day The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October a.m.</b>	<b>Medieval Wow morning</b>
<b>ALL YEAR GROUPS</b>	<b>Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October pick up time  Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-10.30  Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November  Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November  Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Fresh Freebie Friday in the main playground  Parent Forum  Parents Evening, details to follow  Parents Evening, details to follow  Individual Photographs by Wrates</b>

## SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>

**Last Day of Term 1 – Friday, 20th October 2017**

**First Day of Term 2 – Monday, 30th October 2017  
Last Day of Term 2 – Tuesday, 19th December 2017**

## YEAR 2 NEWS

### **Towers, Tunnels and Turrets**

We are in full swing of our curriculum theme this term and the children are thoroughly enjoying the wonderful opportunities for learning. They have now become 'castle experts' and can describe in detail the parts of the castle, what happened inside a castle and how they were defended when battles were fought long ago. Our trip to Lincoln Castle was a very enriching experience for the children and has helped their classroom learning to put context and a sense of history to the topic.

Over the past two weeks, the children have designed and made their junk model castles in Design and Technology as part of a small group and it has been fantastic to see them drawing on their knowledge of castles to inform the project and develop their creative and problem solving skills. The teamwork and positive mindset we have seen as they have worked collaboratively together and encourage each other has been fantastic, as has the attention to detail on their models - we have seen moats, prisons, arrow slits, flags, drawbridges, portcullis and turrets to name but a few features!

This week we have also been lucky enough to have a local knight enthusiast visit us to share his own expertise with the children about what it takes to be a successful knight. The children were treated to a puppet show starring St George and on Tuesday we paraded around the playground as he lead the march dressed in his full suit of armour.

Next week sees our last week of Towers, Tunnels and Turrets but we are looking forward to the finale at our Medieval Wow Morning on Friday 13th. Remember your children can come dressed in costumes such as kings, queens, lords, ladies, jesters, princes, princesses, squires, knights, pages etc... As always, fancy dress is optional.

### **Spellings**

Well done to the children who are practising hard at home with their weekly spellings. We are very proud of the effort that they are putting in and it is a delight that they are ambitious to do well each week. Just a gentle reminder that spelling books should always be brought into school on a Friday so that new spellings can be stick or written in. Many thanks.

### **Polite reminders...**

- The gates open at 8:55am each morning. This allows children to enter school independently, settle to a morning job in the classroom and be sitting quietly on the carpet for the register at 9:10am. We would greatly appreciate it if children could be in school in plenty of time to be ready for the register. Our first lesson starts promptly at 9:15am and it helps if children have transitioned into full focus for the school day ahead by having had a good 10-15 minutes in the classroom by this time. Understandably, arriving late often means that their learning and that of the class is disrupted. Many thanks for your help in ensuring punctual arrival each day.
- We understand that children are often keen to bring things from home, but our policy is that toys are not allowed in school as they potentially can get lost or broken. There may be occasions when teachers can offer a 'Show and Tell' session but we will let you know in advance if this is going to happen. Unless this has been scheduled, please keep all toys and special possessions at home. Thank you.