



## Scunthorpe Church of England

### Primary School

January 2018

Welcome back and on behalf of all the staff here in school; I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.



The children have settled down quickly, although I do think that some early nights are needed after all the Christmas excitement; there have been some sleepy children in school!

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising at the end of the autumn term. The tombola, party goods and the raffle raised over £500 – this is a fantastic amount and will be given to the School Council to buy additional equipment for the playground at lunchtime. The School Council are speaking to the children about what they would like them to buy.

There always seems to be lots of reminders at the beginning of a New Year so here goes...



**Taking children out of school in term time** – along with Easter eggs in the shops the first thing that happens after Christmas is that the TV is full of adverts for summer

holidays so this is a timely reminder that requests to take your child out of school in term time should **only be made if there are special circumstances**, evidence of these circumstances will be requested. The Local Authority **will** fine you if you take unauthorised time out of school during term time. This fine has now risen to £60 for each child and both parents receive fines, so with two children that could be as much as £240 – that is such a lot of money and your child will be missing out on their education.



**School Dinners** – Please remember that **ALL** the children in Foundation, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a **FREE** hot meal every day under

the governments Universal Free School Meals Offer. As the weather turns colder a good, hot meal at lunch time really helps children through a busy afternoon at school. The meals here are excellent and we serve Halal and vegetarian options every day.

If you have children aged Y3+ and you think you could claim for free school meals, I would ask that you either contact either Scott or Kate to enquire about applying. It is very simple to apply, very **confidential** and there is absolutely no need for children to actually have school meals, but if you qualify it provides additional funding for the school that we spend on your children!

**Breakfast Club** is held in school every morning and children enjoy a good healthy breakfast for just 80p. Please remember that if your child is entitled to free school meals then they can have free breakfasts during the week, please speak to Mrs Grix.

**PE Kit** – please remember that your children need to have a change of clothing and shoes for PE and for outside they need a change of shoes, black plimsolls are about £2.50 from Asda.



**Parent meetings** – you told us that you liked being able to meet with your child's teacher during the school day so we will be arranging for you to do that again this term.



Individual class teachers will be sending letters out very soon – please check book bags!



We know from what the children are saying that many of them have had new electronic devices such as phones and tablets as Christmas presents. As you know keeping your children safe when using these devices, the APPs they use and what they access over the Internet can be very worrying. The school has already noticed that some children are using the school learning platform very late at night when they should be asleep so you might want to check this! Some recent research says that almost 25% of parents find it difficult to stop their children using electronic devices – so if you do you are certainly not alone. Every day is Internet Safety Day here in school but there will be a specific focus on this on Internet Safety Day which will happen on Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rush as Computing Leader will be attending the Tea & Toast session on Thursday 1st so please come along to this if you have any questions you may want to ask him about keeping your children safe.



**Book Swap** – we all know how important reading is to the children, especially reading for pleasure and it is also important to us as adults to be role models for the children and read too! To help with this we have started a Book Swap box in the front entrance of school. The books are free so help yourself, please bring them back when you have read them and drop off any that you would like to donate – happy reading!



**Parking outside of school...** If I could politely remind you that there are **No Parking** signs around the new entrance to the school. **This is for the safety of your children.** The community traffic officers are becoming frequent visitors at the beginning and end of each day and they will be issuing parking tickets.



**Spare Clothes** – we always need spare clothes in school, children fall over and get wet, there are always the odd ‘accidents’ so if you do have any clothes that your children have finished with we would be very grateful for them. Please drop them with Kate or with the Foundation staff – thank you.



**Lost Property** – we have LOTS of lost property in the box near the cloakroom. Please have a look and see if there is anything belonging to your children. After Friday we will be sorting out things for our spare clothing cupboard and the rest will be passed to a local charity shop.

**Tea & Toast** – this runs every Thursday morning from 9 o’clock. We have a great group of parents who attend this. It is a good chance for a chat over a cuppa and some toast. The session is open to EVERYONE so please come along; you will be made very welcome.



**First Aid** – here in school we have quite an army of well qualified First Aiders who are always on hand to look after children who are hurt in any way. They deal with tumbles in the playground which might mean grazes knees, through to the very rare broken bone and just about everything in-between! We are currently sending first aid slips home for everything and we now feel that this is

probably not necessary for very minor incidents – grazes, small bumps (from the shoulders down NOT on the head) So if your child receives attention from a first aider for a very minor incident they will come home with a sticker telling you they have had some attention. Please be reassured that the team is very experienced and well qualified and they will always act with appropriate caution.

After School Activities –

Monday	Multi Sports with Owen – KS1
Tuesday	Basketball with Owen KS2
Wednesday	Football with Owen Y3/4
Thursday	Multi Sports with Owen – KS2 Choir with Ms Storer & Mrs McCann
Friday	Football with Owen Y5/6

Just a couple of dates for your diary –



**Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 and Foundation Easter Bonnet Parade

**Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – The Easter Story in St Georges Church KS2 only

We will obviously let you know other dates as they arise.

**Holiday dates –**

School closes for half term on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and opens again on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

School closes for Easter on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** and re opens on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

Best wishes

Jennie Fullwood

Head teacher