



South View News

October 2018

Note from the Headteacher

Well, another half term bites the dust (but hasn't it been busy!)

I've been such a proud headteacher this term! The children, when I greet them at the door each morning, seem much happier than ever coming to school, sometimes almost ploughing me down at the door to get in! At the same time, it's encouraging to see that you as parents are happy to come to us at the door with any concerns or questions you have, for me it's such a great start to the day (Mrs Strickland and Mrs Henderson are stars aren't they!) Our year 2 and 6 results last year showed really good progress (higher than other schools nationally in some areas) and, although we know we still have much work to do, our children are making year on year progress and the teachers are working very hard to improve this further. We've managed as a school to keep our staffing really stable this year and staff turnover has significantly reduced meaning that all the training we're putting in to staff development is having an impact, and children's behaviour has significantly improved due to the positive relationships being built with their adults.

I'd also like to say how grateful I am for the support of the governors who continue to support me in my goal to make South View amazing for our children!

Right...I'm going to stop now or I'll well up!

Mrs Tomlins

Dates for your diary:

19th October – Break for Half Term

29th Oct – Training Day

30th Oct – Children back to school

30th Oct – 6:30 FOSV

1st November – Oaks Class Assembly

7th Nov – Nursing Team in for Flu Vaccinations

8th November – Poplars Class Assembly

8th Nov – EYFS Open Afternoon

9th Nov – School Discos (details to follow)

11th Nov – School Council to support Remembrance Day at Memorial

15th November – Junipers Class Assembly

Week of 19th Nov – Bikeability

Thursday 22nd November – Elms Class Assembly

Week of 26th Nov – Bikeability

29th Nov – 'Spread the Word' EYFS Oracy project – part 2

30th Nov – FOSV Christmas Fayre

5th Dec – Farm Kitchen in for Workshops with Year 6

6th December – Laurels Class Assembly

10th Dec 1:30 – EYFS and KS1 Production (DRESS REHEARSAL TO SCHOOL ONLY)

11th Dec 2pm - EYFS and KS1 Production to parents (info to follow)

12th Dec 9:30 - EYFS and KS1 Production to parents (info to follow)

12th Dec 5:30 - EYFS and KS1 Production to parents (info to follow) [children back by 5:00 to prepare please]

14th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

20th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term

Jan 4th Training Day

Children back to school – MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2019

Volunteers

If you have any spare time during the school day and you are able to come into school to support with reading or general bits and pieces, please contact us with your availability.

TEACHING ASSISTANT LEVEL 1: NAMED CHILD (Temporary)

Required as soon as possible

25 hours per week, 39 weeks per year, to cover school terms (including 5 training days)

Grade 3.6-3.9 : £17,007 - £18,319 full time equivalent

Candidates must have the ability to work well within a team, have good interpersonal skills and be able to communicate effectively with staff and students. You will provide support to students with additional needs including learning, behavioural, emotional, social and physical difficulties. Successful candidates will have experience working with students that have barriers to learning, both in the classroom and in small group interventions.

Desirable: GCSE Grade C or above, or equivalent, in English and Maths.

Closing date: 12.00 p.m. Monday 5th November.

Interview date: Thursday 8th November.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expect all staff share this commitment. All posts will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical and reference checks.

If you want your child to start Y7 in September 2019...

You can apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. If you are applicant who lives outside of Lincolnshire then you need to apply to you home Local Authority even if you want a school in Lincolnshire.

The main closing date is 31 October 2018, although the online and telephone application facility should still be available to use until 14 December 2018.

If you feel you need support with the application (such as literacy issues or language barrier) please feel free to contact the Education Team on 01522 782030 or email schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk

1. School Development Plan Priority 1 - To Improve Reading and Writing (and across the wider curriculum)

This term to achieve our school development goals we have begun our big push on reading. We are in the process of selecting and purchasing new books for our classrooms and are looking at better ways to teach reading at school. We hope you can support us with this priority by reading with your child regularly. Our Foundation children began their 'Spread the Word' project and we hosted our very first Foundation event, welcoming in Shepeau Stow, Moulton Chapel and Gedney Hill Foundation classes.

1. School Development Plan – Priority 2 - To improve the progress of all children through accurate and consistent assessment.

This term to achieve our school development goals the teachers have been assessing their children and planning to moderate their work to ensure that the assessments we make are really helpful and accurate. All the teachers have targets for their classes and have started to put in interventions to improve outcomes.

2. School Development Plan – Priority 3 - To develop a curriculum that promotes multicultural understanding.

This term to achieve our school development goals we have had experience days in KS2 in the form of Hindu workshops and had a visit from The Bishop of Lincoln. We have had a variety of visitors into assembly to speak with the children also. This term we have introduced responsibility groups into our school in the form of Mini Police, Digital Leaders, Music Leaders, Librarians, School Councillors, Sports Captains and Young Leaders. We made a start on our intergenerational links by inviting grandparents in for breakfast which was an amazing experience. Mrs Tomlins has visited an amazing school in Leeds to look at something called 'Restorative Practice' which may be something we look into introducing next year to help us build better relationships which will then help our learning as a school community.

End of School Day Timings

Just a reminder of the finish times for the end of the school day:

- Foundation Stage finish at 3.00 p.m.
- KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2 finish at 3.10 p.m.
- KS2 – Years 3/4/5/6 finish at 3.15 p.m.

Please ensure that the adult responsible for the end of day collection arrives in good time.

ATTENDANCE

Why is attendance so important?

Regular attendance is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life.

Children not attending school regularly have their educational progress undermined, have lower attainment and make less progress and can also struggle to develop friendship groups at school.

Parents can be taken to court under the Education Act 1996 if they don't make sure their child attends school without good reason (as defined in law) and if the child has too many unauthorised absences

Why do I get a letter when my child's attendance is below 90%?

We will send you a letter each half term if your child's attendance is below 90%. You will receive this letter even if all of your child's absences have been authorised. This is so you are aware that your child's absence is beginning to cause a concern and may have an impact on their education. If your child has been ill for a few days at the beginning of the academic year they may receive a letter for a reason that was unavoidable; we still send the letter as we want to ensure you are informed of this concern each half term.

Isn't 90% attendance good?

If your child attends school 90%, or less, every year they are school age then by the time they sit their GCSE's or equivalent, they will have missed one whole academic year of learning.

What can I do to improve my child's attendance?

- Ensure they are in school on time every day.
- If they are seriously ill please let school know on the first morning of their illness.
- If your child has a cough or cold then they can attend school.
- If you are unsure about whether they are too ill for school then check the NHS website - www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool
- Don't take holidays in school time.
- If your child has a long term illness that may impact on their attendance then please contact the school office, there may be things in school we can do to support.
- If something else is making it difficult for your child to attend school every day then please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office to arrange an appointment to discuss any specific personal circumstances.

Raising Concerns

If at any point you feel it necessary to voice a concern about anything relating to your child, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you do not feel that the issue has resolved then the phase leaders are:

EYFS and KS1 - Mrs Gray

LKS2 – Miss Patmore

UKS2 – Miss Bell

Mrs Henderson (Deputy Headteacher) will be happy to have a further discussion with you but if you feel the issue remains unresolved then this will be referred to the head.

Smoking

Please could we politely ask that if parents wish to smoke they do this along Postland Road rather than directly in front of the school at the end of the school day at pick up time. Thank you.

Request for Class Reading Books

To help us with priority 1 of our school development plan we would like to request that if you have any of the following books and are finished with them, that you donate these to school so they can be go towards creating a class set:

Friend or Foe

Goodnight Mr Tom

Moondial

Kensuke's Kingdom

The Abominables

The Snow Queen

Tinger Tinger

Beowolf (Rob Lloyd Jones)

The Stone Age Boy

How to wash a wholly Mammoth

The Great Kapok Tree

A boy called Christmas

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

PLEASE CAN ALL SCOOTERS AND BIEKS BE LEFT AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL AND NOT BROUGHT ON TO THE PLAYGROUND.

ONCE YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN HANDED OVER AT THE END OF THE DAY, CAN YOU PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM.

PLEASE CAN WE ALSO ASK THAT IF YOU NEED TO SEND YOUR CHILD BACK INTO SCHOOL, FOR ANY REASON, YOU FIRST CHECK WITH THE ADULT DISMISSING THE CLASS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Ofsted Parent View

We would really appreciate it if parents could give us your views via the Ofsted Parent View Page. This survey resets itself EVERY YEAR so if you've already completed a survey last year you'd need to resubmit one (don't worry, they take less than 5 minutes!) BOTH parents can complete a survey (you may have differing opinions on how you think the school is doing).

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019	
Term 1	Ends 19 th October 2018
Term 2	Begins 30 th October 2018 Ends 20 th December 2018
Term 3	Begins 7 th January 2019 Ends 15 th February 2019
Term 4	Begins 25 th February 2019 Ends 5 th April 2019
Term 5	Begins 23 rd April 2019 Ends 24 th May 2019
Term 6	Begins 3 rd June 2019 Ends 19 th July 2019
	TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 3 rd September 2018, 29 th October 2018 4 th January 2019, 8 th April 2019 One day over academic year as twilight sessions

“Hand in hand we learn together”