

Newsletter 19.4.24



WELCOME BACK – We've missed you all! So, we've made it to my favourite Term – SUMMER! I don't want to speak too soon, but I do believe the weather is beginning to look up. We have lots of exciting events this Term, so please make sure you keep up to date with this by reading your ParentMails and looking on Facebook, X (Twitter) and our newsletters, we'd hate for you to miss anything.

Apologies for the length of today's newsletter...there's a lot to tell you!

Defeat the Sweet



From this term, we will be taking part in a project called 'Defeat the Sweet' aiming at reducing children's sugar intake by adopting 10 pledges designed to help us do this.

To help us achieve our goals we ask that parents refrain from sending in sweets for classmates when it is your child's birthday.



See attached my 'Healthy Chocolate Crackles' Recipe!

School Lunches



Year 2 parents, before long, your child will be entering Key Stage 2. This means that school hot meals will no longer be free UNLESS you are entitled to 'Benefit Related Free School Meals'. Therefore, if you would like your child to continue to benefit from free meals, please to go the following website to check your eligibility and apply! <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

ParentMail School Meal Survey

We would like to ask you some questions about school meals. Your opinions are important to us – even if your child(ren) doesn't currently have school meals. Along with this newsletter we have sent you a ParentMail Survey. Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback and if you can please return that to us no later than Tuesday at 10am.



Have your say on childcare in Lincolnshire



Lincolnshire County Council are undertaking a parental survey to assess the need for childcare across Lincolnshire. This is part of a wider annual assessment of the Childcare Sufficiency in Lincolnshire, where childcare providers are also consulted.

www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childcaresurvey2024

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on the playground for safeguarding reasons. Whilst I'm sure all dog owners can vouch for how calm and peaceful their dogs are, in a crowded playground, with potentially other dogs, we need to have this rule in place as a precaution. I'm happy for parents to wait with their dogs at the school gates, but **please do not leave them unattended.**



Summer Swimming In the holidays

Keep your eyes peeled for information about out of school term swimming. We have been successful in a bid to continue funding to be able to provide swimming lessons FREE OF CHARGE every weekend (Saturdays AND Sundays) from May half term until the summer break and EVERY DAY of the summer break! Elite Sports Academy will be timetabling this and as soon as this is done, we will direct you all to the booking system. As before, there will also be some 'open swim sessions' available for families to book. WATCH THIS SPACE.



Polite Reminder

On the first day back, we had 20 children whose lunches had not been booked on time, and were sent to school with no packed lunch. As you can appreciate, we do not cook a lunch unless this had been ordered. The rest of the school year is available to book, so please do so if you have not already.

Stem Club



This weekend the STEM club children (Artistic Intelligence (A.I)) will be going to the First Lego League National Final in Harrogate. The team have worked extremely hard, giving up lunchtimes and weekends to prepare for the competition.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Lee Quince (Quince Construction Services) for giving up his time to come and speak to the children about their project and sponsoring their team T-shirt for the competition.

Amazon Wishlist

If you are looking to support South View School, we would very much appreciate donations of very specific 'vehicle text' books for our reading lessons. Each year group has 6 texts (1 per term) which are read with their teacher, and we would love to own multiple copies of each. If you're feeling generous, we'd love your support! The books can be found here:



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/I4L8UUSA8V6A?ref=wl_share

EYFS

To celebrate children's understanding of how life has changed, Foundation Stage will be hosting a 'History Day' on **Friday 5th May**. Please see Tapestry for more information.

After School Clubs

Clubs will begin next week.

School Transport



If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in this year they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Going Forward Music Festival

This year will be the 6th Music Festival for people with disabilities, and it's ON OUR FIELD AT SOUTH VIEW!

It is a fantastic day and gives the opportunity for people who would not usually be able to attend a regular Music Festival due to facilities etc to experience such an event. This group will share information in the lead up to the big day!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/282659262397298>

Saturday 27th July – SAVE THE DATE!

Teacher Training Information Opportunity



Are you a graduate?
Are you considering
Secondary School or Primary School
teaching as your new career?



Primary & Secondary Initial Teacher Training Information Event

This event will take place on Wednesday 24th April 2024 6.00pm-7.00pm

At The Deepings School – Library

The Deepings SCITT is a Lead Partner of the Lincolnshire SCITT for 2024/25 applications

Select us by choosing the Lincolnshire SCITT provider

www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training - Teaching Applications are now open

For more information, get in touch with us

Please register your interest below

Wendie Sharman, SCITT administrator – WSharman@Deepings.anthemtrust.uk

For 2024 to 2025 Secondary Applicants may be eligible for bursaries of:

- £28,000 in Chemistry, Computing, Mathematics and Physics
- £25,000 in Biology, Design and Technology, Geography and Languages
- £10,000 in Art and Design, English, Music and RE



Residential to Caythorpe – Current Year 4 Parents

If you would like your child to attend then please pay the initial deposit of £35 **no later than 10am on 26th April**. The residential is optional so we will send reminders of payment due but if no deposit is paid then your child will be unable to attend the Caythorpe Residential.

If we do not have sufficient numbers of children wanting to take part, your deposit will be returned. Once we have confirmed the residential will go ahead, all monies paid are non-refundable unless we can get another child to take the place.

Last year, due to the cost of living and strain on parent's budgets, we made the difficult decision to slim down our residential trips from two (one in Year 4 and one in Year 6) to one residential in Year 5.



We are delighted to be offering our current Year 4 children the chance to go to Caythorpe in November, once they've entered Year 5.

Caythorpe is all about having fun while taking part in all sorts of adventurous activities designed to help your child learn and develop new skills and really shine as an individual, and as part of a team.

For many children this may be their first experience of staying away from home without you. PGL staff and school staff will be on hand throughout to encourage, reassure and help, so that your child returns home even more confident and independent with a real sense of achievement.

We have chosen to book with PGL because, not only do they offer excellent value, but they also have a reassuring 60 years of experience organising trips for schools. Their extremely high standards ensure that your child will be in safe hands at all times.

Year 6 Parents: Leaver's Presentation Baby Photos



Whilst it IS very early, we would like to begin collecting photographs of your Year 6 children as a baby/toddler, and a recent one, for our Leavers Presentation at the end of the year.

We ask that you send in a scanned/digital photo of your child as a baby or toddler (no unclothed/partially clothed/bath shots etc - for obvious reasons these won't be used!) and a second, more recent photo of them looking 'all grown up'.

Please send two photos to enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk clearly labelled *name1* and *name2* with the subject line 'Leavers Photos'

Please decide on which photos you submit **with your child**, or they may be suitably mortified resulting in you getting an early glimpse of the 'teenager' they are soon to become!

Swimming for Year 6

Year 6 Parents, please don't forget that **Year 6 are swimming on Wednesday 24th April** so if you need a swim hat, you can purchase one on your ParentMail account. Orders will close at 10am on Tuesday 23rd April.



Year 6 Leavers Prom

The Prom will be held at South View on Saturday 13th July, 6.30pm till 9pm. The ticket price is £15 which includes food, drinks and snacks. If you feel you are able to donate over and above the ticket price, this money will be used to make the evening even more special. We ask that payment be made no later than **Monday 6th May**.

School Communication

Can we please remind parents that if you would like to contact a Teacher, to email the enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk email address, this will be responded to and forwarded to the member of staff. Teachers have 48 hours to respond to a call back request. Please remember, they are busy teaching your children!



Staff wellbeing is as important as our children's wellbeing.

Food Bank Appeal:

Crowland Community Larder would really appreciate a top-up for their supplies. Currently they are short of:

- Tuna and other tinned fish
- Tinned meat such as chicken in white sauce, mince and onions etc
- Cooking sauces
- Hot dog sausages.



Increases in Charges from September 2024



Due to the increase in staffing costs, resources and ingredients etc the following price increases will come into effect from September 2024

- Orchards Breakfast Club Childcare- £4
- Orchards After school Childcare - £11
- School Meals - £2.60
- After School Activity Clubs (not Elite) - £1.10

Changes to the length of the school day from September



The government brought in some non-statutory guidance relating to the length of the school day last year (all schools have to deliver sessions for a minimum of 32.5 hours), but it has now become statutory for September.



As a result, we have had to tweak parts of the school day from September.

So...from September 2024, these will be the opening and closing times for each key stage:

Foundation Stage (Gates still open at 8:40) <u>Session 1 - 8.45am</u> to 12:00 noon <u>Session 2 - 1:00pm</u> to 3.00pm
Year 1 & Year 2 (Gates still open at 8:40) <u>Session 1 - 8.45am</u> to 12.00noon <u>Session 2 - 1.00pm</u> to 3.15pm
Year 3 – Year 6 (Gates still open at 8:40) <u>Session 1 - 8.45am</u> to 12.00pm <u>Session 2 - 1.00 pm</u> to 3.15pm

Children who arrive after 8:45am will need to sign in via the front office and this will be marked as late. However, judging by how many children are waiting and run in as soon as the gates are open, I don't anticipate this being a huge problem and of course if I find this is not working I will look at this again.

All Children are then at school for 32.5 hours per week, except EYFS for whom this doesn't apply (because of their age). This will not affect after school clubs or Orchards.

If you have any questions, please email these to enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk

Packed Lunch and Healthy Snack Reminders

We have made such an effort to improve the quality of our school meals this year so that the children enjoy their food, and it is the healthiest it can be. If your choice is to send your child into school with a packed lunch and a snack, we ask that you support our aim to have all children eating healthily by limiting items that constitute 'sweet treats' i.e. chocolate bars, family bags sizes of crisps, sweets, fruit winders etc. We do understand that the cost of living means we have all had to think more carefully about what we spend on groceries, so to help, the following website gives some great ideas:



<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Parking

If you are a driver who DOES park responsibly or a parent who walks their child to school, we would like to say a huge thank you and we welcome your support reporting nuisance and illegal parking:

<https://www.sholland.gov.uk/article/18116/Nuisance-Parking-and-Abandoned-Vehicles>



In addition, if you park outside the electricity building next to the Staff Car Park Entrance, this reduces the visibility for cars leaving the site and effectively means we are turning left into potential oncoming traffic. DO NOT PARK HERE! (...and please note: parking on the pavement DOESN'T make it any less illegal, and it certainly doesn't make your car invisible)

I've also been asked by a parent to mention parents parking on the corner of Kemp Street to drop children off. Apparently, there have been a few 'near misses'. Please be careful.

Books for our Library



If you have any good quality reading books your child has finished with, we would be very grateful for them. Please can we ask you don't send in phonics specific books as we follow a very prescribed scheme so it would be unlikely that we'd use them. Any donated books which can't be registered onto our reading scheme will be sold and money added to our school fund to spend on the children.

We've had some great books donated recently, so please keep them coming!

Supporting Safeguarding Concerns

If you do see anything of concern in relation to a child, we ask that you make a telephone referral to Social Care by calling 01522 782111. This can be done anonymously. If you have a genuine concern about an adult in the local community, please telephone the police.

Facebook Page

If you would like to join our closed Facebook group, please ensure you answer ALL membership questions.



All you have to do is go to your Facebook search bar, type in 'South View Community Primary School', click on THIS icon and answer ALL membership questions:

We now have **489** members in our group!



South View Community Primary School

Private group

Year 6 parents and Facebook



Year 6 parents: We will be removing from Facebook all parents of year 6 children who do not have siblings lower down the school, on **Friday July 19th**. If you have any memories/photos on here you would like to keep, please save them between now and then, so that they are not lost.

Calendar of Events

24th April – Year 6 Start Swimming at Castle Sports (ParentMail with details sent previously)

2nd May – Year 1 Assembly

13th May – KS2 SATS week and SATS Breakfasts (Information to follow)

17th May – Year 3 Flag Fen Trip

23rd May – Year 3 Assembly

24th May – Last day of Term

3rd June – Children back to school

3rd June – Year 4 Multiplication Check Week 1

4th June – Year 2 Hamerton Trip

10th June – Multiplication Check Week 2

10th June – Phonics Screening Check

13th June – Father's Day Breakfasts

14th June – Father's Day Breakfasts and Father's Day Stalls

20th June – Year 1 Burghley Trip

21st June – Sports Day

24th June – Back-up Sports Day

25th June – New Intake for 2024/5 Evening (6pm)

27th June – EYFS Assembly

2nd July – Year 6 Leavers day out at Wicksteed Park

3rd July – Jump Up Day

4th July – Foundation stage Home Visits begin

5th July - End of Year Reports out to parents

13th July – Saturday 6.30 till 9pm Leaver's Prom – Tickets now available

16th July – Years 6 Leavers Presentation and Production

- 5.30pm – *children arrive*
- 5.45pm – *Doors open for parents*
- 6:00 – 6:30pm – *Awards*
- *Interval*
- 6:45 – *Production*
- 8pm *finish*

19th July – End of Academic Year 2023-2024

Term Dates

Please note, sometimes Lincolnshire Terms Dates are NOT the same as those of Peterborough or Cambridgeshire.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Term 1	Training Days Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023 Begins Wednesday 6th September 2023 Ends Friday 20th October 2023	Training Days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Begins Wednesday 4th September 2024 Ends Friday 18th October 2024	Training Day Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September 2025 Begins Thursday 4th September 2025 Ends Thursday 23rd October 2025
Term 2	Begins Tuesday 31st October 2023 Ends Wednesday 20th December 2023	Begins Tuesday 29th October 2024 Ends Thursday 19th December 2024	Begins Monday 3rd November 2025 Ends Friday 19th December 2025
Term 3	Training Day Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Begins Wednesday 3rd January 2024 Ends Friday 9th February 2024	Training Day Friday 3rd January 2025 Begins Monday 6th January 2025 Ends Friday 14th February 2025	Training Day Monday 5th January 2026 Begins Tuesday 6th January 2026 Ends Friday 13th February 2026
Term 4	Begins Monday 19th February 2024 Ends Thursday 28th March 2024	Begins Monday 24th February 2025 Ends Friday 4th April 2025	Begins Monday 23rd February 2026 Ends Thursday 2nd April 2026
Term 5	Training Day 15th April 2024 Begins Tuesday 16th April 2024 <i>6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday</i> Ends Friday 24th May 2024	Training Day Tuesday 22nd April 2025 Begins Wednesday 23rd April 2025 <i>5th May 2025 - Bank Holiday</i> Ends Friday 23rd May 2025	Training Day Monday 20th April 2026 Begins Tuesday 21st April 2026 <i>4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday</i> Ends Friday 22nd May 2026
Term 6	Begins Monday 3rd June 2024 Ends Friday 19th July 2024	Begins Monday 2nd June 2025 Ends Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Begins Monday 1st June 2026 Ends Friday 22nd July 2026
	Training Day - 1 day over year as twilight sessions	Training Day - 1 day over year as twilight sessions	Training Day - 1 day over year as twilight sessions

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Information and Signposting to support

Mental Health Padlet



Children: If you are worried about your child's mental health, and would like information or signposting to help, Miss Stanojevic has created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful:

<https://padlet.com/zoestanojevic/f9n5vfk8qytx6c3b>

Adults: Likewise, if you are struggling with your own mental health or are just looking for someone to talk to, please see our new Mental Health for Parents/Carers padlet which has a wealth of local and national charities that you can tap into for support: <https://padlet.com/corrinemitcham/mentalhealthparents>

SEN Padlet

If you are worried about your child's additional needs and would like information or signposting to help, Mrs Mitcham and Mrs Henderson have created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful: <https://padlet.com/corrinemitcham/SouthViewSENDSCO>

Safeguarding Padlet



If you are worried about your safeguarding and would like information or signposting to help, Miss Turner and Miss Creasey have created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful.

If you do see anything of concern in relation to a child, we ask that you make a telephone referral to Social Care by calling 01522 782111. This can be done anonymously. If you have a genuine concern about an adult in the local community, please telephone the police.

<https://padlet.com/nikitacreasey/safeguarding-guide-for-parents-carers-z16tu0bjogxihihd>

Computing and Online Safety Padlet



<https://padlet.com/nikitacreasey/national-online-safety-guides-xre7bbiwsobjp2gp>