

News and Information from the School Office

June 2017

mySchoolApp – We are delighted that so many of you have signed up to mySchoolApp! If you have not yet signed up to the app, please download it now!! We will use our App and our website to update parents/carers with newsletter, letters and reminders etc. Paper copies of newsletters, 'Dates for your Diary' and Clubs Timetables can be found in the display rack outside the School Office.



School Website – the school website is updated regularly with dates and information on events taking place in school including class newsletters, clubs, class assemblies, school trips and visits – www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk

School Uniform – **Please, please make sure all items of school uniform, (including shoes, trainers, sunhats etc!) are clearly named – thank you**

Absence ~ Illness - If your child is absent from school, it is essential that contact is made with school by 9.30am. Many of you have used mySchoolApp to contact us which is brilliant, thank you. All unexplained absences will be followed up. Just to remind you that if your child is absent from school on a Friday due to illness and then unwell over the weekend and absent again on Monday it is important that you contact the school office after the weekend to report the absence. **Where children are suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea, we would ask that they stay at home for 24 hours after they last vomited and 48 hours after they last had diarrhoea - thank you.**



Absence ~ Holidays – A request for leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday will **not be** authorised. All requests for absence must be made in writing to Mrs Faulkner at least four weeks in advance of the planned absence. Any exceptional circumstances must be clearly set out in the written request to Mrs Faulkner who will consider each case upon its merits.

School Times – Just to remind you that the bell for morning school rings at 8:55 a.m.; children should be at school for this time please.

A Bit of a Moan ~

- Please be advised that there is a strictly no smoking policy for our school site. Vaping is classed as smoking – please do not vape on school premises. We would also ask for your consideration to the children when you are standing at the school gates - please refrain from smoking or vaping by the blue gates to the front of the school – thank you.

- Scooters and bicycles – it is lovely to see so many children coming to school on their scooters and bicycles. Please be reminded that in order to prevent accidents children should dismount their scooter or bike when they come on to or leave the school playground. There are a lot of younger siblings on the playground and we would not want any of them to get hurt. It is also very painful if you get knocked on the ankle or heel by a speeding bike or scooter!!



- Dogs – Now the better weather is upon us and more and more families are walking to school we would like to remind everyone that we have a ‘No dogs on the playground’ policy, (even if they are in doggy carriers or in disguise under raincoats!) We would also ask that those of you walking to school with dogs stand clear of the school gates so that children can come and go without having to squeeze past our four legged friends; it can feel a little overwhelming for both children and the dogs!
- School Gate – The school gate opens at 8:45 a.m. in the morning and 3:10 p.m. in the afternoon. The gate is fixed with sensors so that it cannot move if the sensors ‘see’ anyone in their way! Please ensure that your child or children do not climb on the gate or stand too close to the gate as it will not operate if they are in the ‘sight’ of the sensors – thank you.



Moan over – thank you for your understanding and co-operation!

School Bus – We have been advised by Transport Services at Lincolnshire County Council that all children travelling to school by bus from Bicker must apply for a bus pass. We understand that not all children will be eligible for a full bus pass but should then apply for a concessionary bus pass. If you have any question regarding transport please contact Lincolnshire County Council on 01522 782020.

Contact Numbers - It is very important that we have an up to date contact number in case of emergency. In addition to your home number, we require another emergency number. If you change your mobile phone please don't forget to pass on your new number to school!



Mrs Baxter, Mrs McGill and Mrs Nicolaou

