

Newsletter – September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

We have enjoyed a busy start to our new school year! The children have quickly and sensibly settled into their new class routines. We are delighted to welcome our new children and their families.

Each class teacher has already sent out a class newsletter giving lots of information about P.E. days and class routines. Copies of the class newsletters can be found on our school website if you need to check anything.

Mrs Woodlock and Ms Melia are expecting babies at Christmas/New Year. Mrs Woodlock and Ms Melia will each begin maternity leave after we have broken up for the Christmas holidays. I will write to parents when the new teacher for Maple Class has been appointed for January 2018. Ms Melia's teaching commitments will be covered by our existing teachers until Ms Melia returns to school.

I am delighted to tell you that we are having a brand new classroom and some (much needed) brand new toilets! The classroom is being funded by the Local Authority in order to ensure that, as the village community grows, the school grows too! The building works are scheduled to begin on Monday 9th October. The new classroom will be built at the back of the school and will join up with the existing corridor leading to Chestnut Class. This will improve the facilities for our school and we are really pleased!

British Values

I am also sending home an information leaflet about 'British Values' and how such values are taught in our school. I hope you find this useful. There is more information on our school website: www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk. Our children really enjoy seeing **Democracy** in action at school and, having listened carefully to the year 6 children giving their House Captain election speeches, the children voted to elect their chosen candidates. In this way, the children themselves choose the House Captains. This ensures that our children 'have a say' and that their views really matter. Our Guinea Pig Care Committee Members and our Eco-Committee Members are also elected by their classmates. (The children love voting and take their responsibilities very seriously!)

Attendance

Attendance reminder ~ Term time holidays – Please be reminded that, in accordance with Government regulations, requests for absences during term-time will only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'. Please do not take your children on holiday during term time.

Car Parking

Please be reminded that the staff car park is strictly for staff between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Parents and carers should not park in the car park during these hours. Under NO circumstances should children walk alone through the car park in the morning. Please also exercise due consideration for our neighbours when parking on roads near to the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

On the Bus?

If your child usually travels to and from school on the school bus and you are attending their Friday Class Assembly please advise us at the school office if you are collecting your child after school or if they are to travel home on the bus as usual - thank you.



We very much look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival on Thursday 28th September and the Class Assemblies to be held this term.

Kindest regards

Mrs M J Faulkner
Headteacher