



This Link Letter contains news, forthcoming events and information, helping you to keep in touch with school.

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Welcome to our first streamlined Link Letter of the year!

Welcome back! As detailed in an update email last week, this year, **class teachers will be putting greater information on their class pages on the school website and this will be used to show what individual classes have been doing.** By doing this it enables the wider family to share too. Information about individual class routines, reading and things that parents need to know will be updated weekly. This will also prove supportive in the future as we prepare to make sure we have work and information about what classes are learning in the event of any further lockdown. We will update the calendar dates and we will make better use of the calendar on the website for sharing information of when activities will be taking place. As a result, the Link Letter will be streamlined and have just key information in with more specific class information and photographs on the school website instead. ***We are trying to draw you to become familiar with our website as this will be the hub for communication in the event of future full or partial lockdown and will also be supportive if you need to isolate for any period of time in the future.***

Thank you to all parents in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have returned their SeeSaw consent letters. This helpful tool will enable greater and more personal communication between parents and staff in school which we hope you will find useful. With the use of SeeSaw, the class emails will not be routinely used as a method of communication but will be kept available for future use in the event of a further lockdown. The office email should be used for communication about important / urgent matters and Planet Play bookings. Breakfast Club and Planet Play are up and running again now. Please email the office if you would like further details of timings or to make a booking. Office staff can then forward and share messages as appropriate. Thank You.

Friends of the School Meeting

We would usually have had a Friends of the School meeting by now to organise a welcome party and consider forward planning for school events and the Belvoir Challenge. Mrs. Bye has met with Mrs. Buck (Chair of the Friends of the School) and we will be having a small meeting next week on Tuesday evening. Due to the new restrictions which come into place on Monday 14th about not meeting in more than groups of 6 this will be a closed meeting. We are very keen to gather your thoughts and ideas - particularly in relation to the Belvoir Challenge and methods in which we may be able to manage this is a safe and different way. Please let Louisa Buck of the school office know if you have any ideas or comments so they can be shared. ***Thank you for your continued support and understanding - we will keep you fully informed so that we can all participate in school community events as much as we can - albeit in a slightly different way.***

Well done Zachary!

Zachary entered a photo competition last weekend entitled 'Lockdown Memories' as part of Stathern Produce Market and won! It shows the beautiful cottage garden in the foreground set against the backdrop of the heather-clad Cairngorm mountains. He wins a prize of the photo printed onto a facemask!

Well done Zachary!

We have very much enjoyed sharing in all of your lockdown memories and experiences.



Data Collection Forms

We have reissued Data Collection forms recently. These are very important to enable us to keep up to date with contact details and any medical needs your child may have so that we can offer appropriate support in school. Please check the details, amend as necessary and return to the school office. Thank you to everyone who has returned their form already - we are currently processing these and updating our records. If you have not received a form or have any queries, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Applying for Secondary School Places

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to apply for their secondary school place for when they transfer from primary. The Leicestershire County Council website has information which can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> and you may find this useful. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2020. Everyone must apply for a place as there is not automatic entry for any school. Schools in the local area will be holding their own visit sessions and you can find out more information from specific schools by visiting their websites. If you have any questions or would like any help with this, please ask Mrs. Bye.

Talented Children

It is lovely to hear all about the activities that children are taking part in again now that we can do this in a safe and socially distanced way.

We saw some super medals earlier in the week and well done to Emma For being the dance superstar!

We hope you are enjoying getting back into sporting activities and look forward to hearing all about them.

Well done!

Next week in school.....

Monday 14th September:

Tuesday 15th September: KS1 Multiskills after school

Wednesday 16th September:

Thursday 17th September:

Friday 18th September: KS2 Hockey Club after school

Diary Dates - *new and revised dates added in red*

15th September - Friends of the School Closed Meeting due to Covid -
please send comments / ideas in

24th September - Individual School Photographs - further details to follow

1st October - Full Governing Body Meeting

16th October - End of Term

25th October - Clocks go back

26th October - School Opens

18th December - School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

4th January - Training Day - School Closed to children

5th January - School Opens for the Spring Term



We will continue to add dates as the year progresses and will also keep them on the school website.

Please remember that we are all here to help and if you have any queries about how things are working or questions about health or illness in relation to Covid do not hesitate to ask. Thank you all for your continued support and understanding as we all get used to new ways of working.