

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another really good week in school and the children are working hard. Our Year R children have been in school every morning including lunchtimes, they have settled in so well and are enjoying their school dinners! Year 1 had a great 'Seaside Day' on Monday. Everyone came in in their seaside clothes and took part in seaside activities, including eating ice cream and building sand castles.



### **Sharing Assembly**

Today we have had our first Sharing Assembly for over 18 months. We have celebrated birthdays, awarded School Champion certificates and shared work with Year 1 and Year 2 children. It is another small step to returning to pre-pandemic times within school.

### **PE with Mr Leigh Churchward**

Primary schools receive sports premium funding which supports the teaching of PE amongst other things. We are pleased to inform you that Mr Leigh Churchward will be in school on Thursdays, initially working with Year R and Year 2 children. Mr Churchward is a qualified PE teacher with extensive experience of working with both primary and secondary school children. He will be working alongside the teachers teaching the PE curriculum.

## **Primary/Infant Schools intake & transfer to Junior/Secondary Schools in September 2021**

As we begin a new academic year, the School Admissions Team for Northamptonshire is starting the process for co-ordinating primary/infant and junior/secondary admissions for the September 2022 intake.

The link below is to the Northamptonshire County Council website so that you can access the information you need to make an application as well as access to an online copy of 'Applying for a Primary School Place 2021/22' information booklets

[Apply for a primary school place | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/primary-school-places)

It is important that you apply by **5pm on 31st October 2021** (for secondary school applications), and by **5pm on 15th January 2022** (for Infant, Primary and Junior school applications). Applications received after these times/dates will be late and will only be considered after Offer Day. On time applicants will receive the offer of a school place on Offer Day which is **1st March 2021** for Secondary School offers, and **16th April 2021** for Primary/Infant/Junior School offers.

### **Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Funding**

All children in Years R,1 and 2 get universal infant free school meals. In addition to this if your child is entitled to traditional free school meals they are also eligible for **pupil premium**.

Introduced in 2011, **the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of eligible children**. This is based on research showing that children from lower income families perform less well at school than their peers. The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates. Schools can choose how to spend their pupil premium money, as they are best placed to identify what would be of most benefit to the children who are eligible.

Your child may be eligible for **free school meals**, and accordingly pupil premium, if you receive certain benefits.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - income dependant

Checking your eligibility and applying for free school meals is a simple 5 minute job using the online form at: <http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx> . For children in reception, year 1 or year 2 you will be directed to 'Apply for the Pupil Premium'. You only need your address and National Insurance to check your child's eligibility.

If you would like assistance with the process, please call Mrs Dawson at school who will happily make an appointment to register your child with you in school. All cases will be treated in the strictest confidence. **If your child qualifies for free school meals, it's important that we claim.** We would like as many children as possible to be registered for free meals as soon as possible. This additional funding can be used for school uniform, trips, extended services and after school clubs as well as additional support within school.

### **60th Birthday Celebration Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3pm-6pm**

There is only 1 more week to go until the WIS 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and we really hope that you will be able to stay after school next Friday. Everyone is welcome and it is FREE. Chris Webb the Magician is performing. There are many other fun activities to do including a bouncy castle, ice cream van, drum workshop, children country dancing and singing, fire engine, police car, Moylan School of Dance performance and Anchor Farm Events are providing burgers and hot dogs! There is also a cake competition (all ages welcome) where we are asking that you bring your cake along with you in the afternoon and put it in Mrs Tilbury's room for judging.

Year 2 are busy practising their dancing and the whole school are practising their singing for you all too.



### **PTFA AGM**

The PTFA AGM is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in school. It would be great to see as many of you as possible as we plan for the coming year.

### **Night Owls**

If your child is doing Night Owls which involves being outside participating in forest school activities please can you send in a pair of boots. The children can wear them outside which will save their school shoes from getting dirty. Thank you.

### **Teachers' Emails**

Below are the teachers emails if you need to contact them. Please remember that they are teaching all day so it is very probable that they will not read them until the end of the school day. I would also ask you to respect their evenings and weekends and only email during the week. If the matter is urgent please call or email the school office who will do their best to help. For all general enquires please email the school office as normal.

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### **Whizzers Sessions**

If you would like to register your child for Whizzers on a Thursday afternoon please let us know and we will inform you of dates after half term.

Have a lovely weekend.



**Mrs Tina Lagdon**

**Head Teacher**