



Learning happily together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that it is May already, this year seems to be flying by! On Monday, 6 May (next week) **school is closed** to staff and pupils for the May Day Bank Holiday.



Ball Skills Kits

Please can I remind parents and carers that on Ball Skills days the children need to come to school in an outdoor P.E. kit not just any "own clothes".

The children should wear:

- a t-shirt, polo shirt or sports kit shirt
- trousers, shorts or leggings (not a dress or skirt)
- plimsoles, trainers or sports shoes (not boots, shoes or sandals)
- a sweatshirt or "hoodie"

These clothes should be suitable for playing sport in, and not pure "fashion" items, long hair **must** be tied back, and all jewellery removed or taped up, thank you.



Snack for After School Football

The children are very welcome to bring a snack for After School Football Club with Natalie, but please will parents and carers only send one snack item (for example a piece of fruit or a biscuit bar) – some children are bringing several items, and snacktime is taking a very long time indeed!



Ofsted Update

Some parents and carers have expressed an interest in the continued improvement work the school has been doing since our Ofsted inspection in November last year. We have continued to work with MITRE Trust Leaders on improving the three areas identified by the inspection team, these being aspects of our SEND provision, the leadership of the foundation subjects, and the behaviour of some groups of children. The School Leadership Team have led the improvements in these areas, and have been supported by other leaders from our Trust, and although there is still work to be done, we have achieved much already. We have focussed on these three areas in our Staff Development sessions, and have also accessed relevant external training and staff networks. We are formally monitoring our progress in all three of these areas, which have been put together on a "Rapid Action Plan", and each half term the Trust Leaders and I report to Mr Matthew Parris (our CEO), and other Trustees and Governors, about the progress the School is making.

Since Ofsted we have improved the documentation for the provision for our children with SEND. This work has been supported by both Mrs Marie Thompson (MITRE School Improvement Lead and Head of Holy Trinity Infant School) and our Family SENDCo, Mrs Rachel Hazledine. We are currently looking to improve our classroom practise to further help all of the children at our school. In our work on the curriculum, we are being supported by Mrs Louise Carpenter (MITRE School Improvement Lead and Head of Farnsfield St Michael's School). The documentation for our school

curriculum has been redesigned so that it clearly sets out the learning in all subjects, in all of our enquiry themes. This will help teachers to ensure that learning in all subjects is carefully sequenced and builds on the children's prior learning. It will also help the subject leaders to monitor the curriculum more effectively. These documents will be available on our new website.

Mr Dave Boothroyd (MITRE Strategic Lead for Education) and Mr Luke Marshall (Assistant Headteacher at Farnsfield St Michael's School) have been supporting our staff with our work improving behaviour. We have revised our behaviour policies and practices, and are actively teaching these to the children this term.

If you have any questions, or would like any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me on head@lwi.org.uk



No "Walking On the Wall"

As you leave the school site, and walk down the ramp to towards Halam Road there is a wall next to the fence that children are often tempted to walk along. I am sorry to be a "spoilsport", but please could I ask that parents and carers do not allow their children to walk along it. Although it starts very low, it quickly becomes high enough to mean that any fall could end in injury, and it is very busy on that ramp at pick up and drop off times.



Y2 Menu Choices for the Residential Visits

The children in Y2 have been given a form today, asking them to choose their meals for the residential visits in June & July.

- If your child would like a school packed lunch for the Friday you need to order the "pick and mix" option on your IFG School Meal account, (or you can choose to provide a packed lunch from home).
- Children need to choose their evening meal and a dessert for Friday evening.
- Children also need to choose a sandwich filling for Saturday's packed lunch.

Please return the form to the School Office by Tuesday, 4 June – thank you.



Y1 Visit to Field Farm, Rolleston

The children in Green and Orange Rooms have been given a letter today about their visits to The Old Barn at Field Farm, Rolleston. If your child would like a packed lunch from school for the visit, you need to choose the "pick and mix" option on your IFG School Meal account. Please will parents and carers return the consent slip to the School Office as soon as possible, thank you.

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from Caunton Tennis Club about a multi-spots camp they are holding in the half term holiday.

Thank you for your continued support,

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