



Learning happily together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super week since my last newsletter. On Thursday, the Y2 children really enjoyed reading with the Minster students as part of the "Minster Cares" project, and last night the children in the School Choir gave an excellent performance to their parents and carers – I was extremely proud of all of them.



Special Menu Tomorrow

A reminder that tomorrow the children will be served a themed menu – "A day at the seaside". The menu is:

"Beach BBQ Chicken" or "Beach BBQ Chickpea Rocky Beach Bites"
with "Rockpool Rice" and "Seaweed Style Salad"
and for dessert a "Treasure Chest Cookie Bar"

Please can I ask parents and carers to log into their IFG accounts to check what they have ordered for their child's lunch tomorrow, thank you.



"Bumblebee Day" – Friday, 22 May (last day of half term)

As part of our status as a "Bee Friendly School" we are once again taking part in "World Bee Day" on Friday. On Friday the children do not have to wear school uniform, but may come to school in black and yellow or orange clothing, accessories, or even Bumble Bee costumes!!! During the day we will be researching about bees, doing bee crafts, exploring the outside area, and much more.



Rainbow Room "Stars in the Jar"

I am delighted to tell you that Rainbow Room have won all of their stars in the jar for super work and excellent behaviour. For their treat they have chosen to watch a film in the classroom on Friday afternoon. The children do not need to bring anything for the film (and of course they will already be in their "bee outfits"!)



FSA Sunflower Growing Competition

Please see below for a message from the FSA about their Sunflower competition:

*Sunflower planting has begun in school, and children will be bringing home their planted sunflowers this week. The FSA would like to say a massive thank you to **Phil Long** on behalf of **John A Stephens Builders Merchants**, who have kindly donated the compost for the competition and also **Kneadys Artisan Pizza**, who have offered to supply a free delivered pizza to the four prize winners (if living within their delivery area). Thank you also to the parent volunteers, who have given up their time to assist with planting. Happy Sunflower growing!*



Classes for Next Year

At this time of year, the staff and I are starting to sort out the arrangements for next year's classes, so I thought I would take this opportunity to explain the process to parents and carers. As I am sure you appreciate, this is a very complicated procedure, and we put a lot of thought into the groupings and the make-up of each class.

We make sure all children have several children from their current class in their new class so that they have familiar faces in September, and they will all visit their new class twice before the end of term. In addition to this we ask the children to complete "Friendship Stars" so that they have some say in who they would like to be with.

The children will bring home a star today to fill in with the names of 5 friends they would like to be with next year. Please warn your child that they may not be with all 5 of these friends, but they will be with at least one of them. Please make sure that your child chooses friends from the same year group, although they don't have to all be from their current class. Please do not 'number' the friends on the stars as we are not able to guarantee which of the friends your child will be with.

We have also sent "Friendship Stars" to our Y2 children because the Junior School ask us to help set up the classes for next year's Y3. We do liaise with Holy Trinity School, but as you can imagine this can get very complicated, so if Y2 children have friends from Holy Trinity School they can write these as 'extras' on the sheet and we will try to take them into consideration.

All stars need to be returned to the office during the week after the half term holiday, thank you.



School Gates locked

As you are aware, for the safety of our children, the pedestrian "side gate" from the footpath alongside school leading up to Lowe's Wong is unlocked to allow children to be dropped off at school, but then is locked again at 9am each morning. Now that the weather is getting nicer, several of our after school clubs like to use the playground, field and all weather pitch after school, and so moving forwards the gate will now also be locked at 3.45pm when pick-up has finished. Anyone wishing to enter the school site outside of these times will need to use the main pedestrian gate at the top of the ramp off Halam Road, thank you.



Lunchtime Sports Club Next Term

The children in Y2 will bring home a letter today about Lunchtime Sports Club next half term, which will be on Mondays and Wednesdays with Natalie. The club will focus on golf and cricket, and will be run twice during the week to allow for other lunchtime commitments, please only sign your child up for one of the days!



Parking in Sacrista Prebend

Please would parents and carers not park in Sacrista Prebend Car Park (the one at the top of the slope) unless they have paid for a parking permit to park there. I have received complaints that parents and carers who do not have a permit have been using that car park at pick up and drop off times.

There is free parking available at the Co-op for up to two hours if parents and carers do drive their children to school, thank you.



"Small World" play equipment please!

We would really appreciate any donations of "small world" play equipment for our Foundation classrooms and also for the new Early Provision Unit being set up at Lowe's Wong Junior School. If anyone has any farm sets, miniature toys, doll's houses or other imaginative playsets that their children no longer use we would be very grateful for any donations! Thank you.



School Choir Next Term

The children in Y1 and Y2 will bring home a letter today about School Choir next half term, which will be on **Thursdays** from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the School Hall. If you would like me to take your child to After School Club after Choir, please indicate this on the consent slip, thank you.



Message from the Governors

This half term's message is from Mr David Oswald, our Chair of Governors:

This term the Governors met to review the Home School Agreement which helps to ensure that the children, you the parents/carers, and the school all have common expectations about life at Lowe's Wong Infant School. We also heard how some of the provisions in the new Children's Welfare and Schools Act might affect us. Finally, we took some time to review the recently published Ofsted report, (which you can read here: [Inspection Report](#)) and celebrate the success of reaching the expected standard in all areas, which is by no means an easy achievement. It was good to hear that the inspectors spoke to so many children to understand what they thought about school, and that so many parents and carers responded to the Parent View survey which helped the inspectors appreciate your thoughts. We passed on our sincere thanks to Mrs Speed, the teachers, and the support staff for all their hard work in preparing for the inspection, and to Mr Parris and the MITRE Trust team for helping us improve our systems over the past couple of years. There is more information about who the Governors are and what they do on the school website here: [Lowe's Wong Infant School - Governors](#)



After School Club on Friday

A reminder that Southwell After School Club is not open after school on this Friday (22nd May), they are open for breakfast as normal on that morning, thank you.



Half Term Dates

A reminder that we break up on Friday, (22nd May) for the half term holidays! The children return to school on Tuesday, 2 June (after the INSET Day).

There are also lots of new dates listed in the diary section below, more information about each event will be sent out nearer the time.

Finally with this newsletter there are flyers from Caunton Tennis Club and Mansfield Town Football Club about their half term activities.

Thank you for your continued support,

A.E. Speed

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Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

Friday, 22 May

Celebrating World Bumble Bee Day
Rainbow Room film afternoon
Break up for half term

***new date**

Monday, 1 June
Tuesday, 2 June

School closed to pupils for INSET
School re-opens to pupils for the second half of the Summer Term
MITRE Pupil Sustainability Group meeting at Eaking ***new date**

Tuesday, 9 June	Mr Follen meeting Y2 pupils	*new date
Wednesday, 17 June	Y2 "Time Travelling" in Southwell Minster	*new date
Thursday, 18 June	Class Photographs	
Monday, 22 June	Arts Week in school	*new date
Monday, 29 June	Transition Day & visits to new classes	
Thursday, 2 July	Violet Room Residential visit	
Thursday, 9 July	Red Room Residential visit	
Monday, 13 July	Open Evening for prospective parents & carers	
Tuesday, 14 July	Mental Health Workshops for Y2 classes	*new date
Thursday, 16 July	Storytime visits to new classrooms	
Monday, 20 July	1.30pm Sports Day	
Tuesday, 21 July	"Little City" workshops for Foundation children	
Wednesday, 22 July	Reserve date for Sports Day	
Friday, 24 July	11.30am Y2 Leavers' Service (in school) <i>Pupils break up for the Summer Holiday</i>	



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