



Learning happily together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has labelled their child's new uniform, it really helps us sort out jumpers at the end of the day. Please could I also remind you to **re-name** any pre-loved items you buy, as we keep trying to give some children their donated sweatshirts back!



Meet the Teacher Evening – 24th September

Tomorrow (Thursday, 24 September) we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' evening from 3.45 – 5pm. This is a chance for you to call in to school with your child, say 'hello' to the staff, have a look around the classroom, and see any work your child has already started. This will be an informal occasion, so if you have any specific concerns or issues you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, it would be better to make a separate appointment at another time to do this. Later in the term we will be holding more formal Parents' Evenings to discuss your child's attainment and progress.



Sports Leaders and House Teams

This year in Ball Skills, the children will be working in House Teams. Natalie, our coach, has organised all of the children into Houses and information about which house your child is in will be sent out soon, (the children do already know!). Each House has two Y2 pupils who act as the Sports Leaders, these children will help Natalie with the inter-house games and competitions. The Houses are: Minster (red), Workhouse (blue), Bramley (green) and Byron (yellow). We will be using coloured sports bands in lessons so that the children can easily remember which House they are in. In addition, some of the children have asked if they can wear t-shirts or tops in their house colour on Ball Skills days, and of course the answer to this is "yes"! However, we would like the children to still wear their school jumper for Ball Skills, and will not be insisting on them wearing house colours as we are well aware of the cost of children's clothes, and do not want parents and carers to have to buy any additional clothing for school. Look out for news of how the houses are performing in future newsletters!



SCARF Workshops for F2 & Y2 children – Thursday, 24 September

At Lowe's Wong Infant School, we deliver our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education through Coram Life Education's resource: SCARF.

The children's charity, Coram Life Education, provide Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools, and we are pleased that the team will be visiting our school tomorrow to run workshops for all pupils. The workshops are delivered by skilled educators, and will be delivered to each year group. These are fun, age-appropriate sessions which help the children to understand the importance of their physical and emotional health. In the workshops the children will learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, being a good friend, and the safe use of medicines.



FSA AGM

With this newsletter is an update from the FSA. On Thursday, 1 October the FSA are holding their Annual General meeting at 6pm in the School Hall. Please come along to find out about what events the FSA are planning for this year, or to make suggestions for events you would like them to run. Everyone is welcome, and tea, coffee, and biscuits will be on offer!



Flourish Pupils – Macmillan Cake Sale

The children who attend the Flourish Unit have been busy baking this week, and are holding a cake sale for Macmillan on Friday at 3.30pm. If you would like to support their efforts to raise money for Macmillan please bring some cash and buy a cake at drop-off on Friday. There is a poster for the cake sale with this newsletter.



Harvest Festival

On Monday, 28 September we will be holding our Harvest Festival in Southwell Minster at 9.15am. Parents, carers, and other family members are welcome to meet us in the Minster and join us for the service, (if you arrive before the children please will you sit at the back or at the side of the Minster, allowing us to seat the children at the front).

This year our chosen charity is the Newark Foodbank, and at the moment they would particularly appreciate donations of:

- Tinned vegetable soup
- Tinned meat (cold)
- Instant mashed potato sachets
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Biscuits (other than chocolate)
- Strong shopping bags

If you not able to get hold of any of these items, or would prefer to make a cash donation, we know that the charity appreciate anything you are able to give.

Please send any donations in to school on Monday morning, thank you.



Grandparents' Day – Friday, 9 October

The children will have brought home a letter today about the Grandparents Day, which is on Friday, 9 October. The children will do a short assembly at 2pm for their visitors, and then Grandparents are welcome to spend time with the children in their classrooms. Unfortunately, due to space in the hall, we do have to limit numbers watching the assembly to a total of two Grandparents per family, but any number of Grandparents are welcome to join us at 2.30pm for refreshments and the chance to spend time in the classrooms.

As part of the day, we will hold a raffle to raise money for the children's Christmas Party, and the FSA will be selling teas and coffees, so please let Grandparents know that they will need to bring some cash with them.



Special "Space Day" Menu

On Thursday, 1 October there is a special "Space Day" themed menu. The children will be served a "space ranger sausages" or "veggie voyager sausages" with crispy chips, beans and tomato sauce, and the pudding will be "moon crater waffles" with chocolate sauce. There will still be the usual jacket potato and "pick and mix" options too. If you have already ordered your child's lunch for 1st October, please go back online and check your order is correct, thank you.



Message from the Governors

Our first message of the year is from our new Chair of Governors:

At the last governors' meeting on Monday 21 September, I was delighted to be voted in as Chair of Governors. It is a real honour and privilege to take on the role, and I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself properly.

First, I would like to pay tribute to David Oswald, who has given such incredible service to the school during his time as Chair. David has helped lead the governing board through some challenging times, and his care, commitment and steady leadership mean I take on the role with strong foundations already in place. I am very pleased that he will continue to serve on the governing board.

I became a parent governor in 2025, and with my daughter now having moved up to the Juniors, I was keen to continue supporting the school in this new role. Professionally, I help businesses bring clarity and structure to their growth plans, particularly around strategy, operations and investibility. I hope to bring both that experience and a strong commitment to the school community to the role of Chair.

The role of governors is to support and challenge the school's leadership, helping to ensure the school is well led, thoughtful in its decision-making and able to continue living out its motto of "Learning Happily Together", with every child feeling supported, happy and confident.

Please do feel free to say hello if you see me around school. I am still in the playground most mornings dropping my daughter at the Juniors, and while I know approaching governors can sometimes feel a little formal, please don't feel awkward about getting in touch. I am always happy to hear from parents and carers about their experiences of school life, and you can contact me at james.littmann@lwi.org.uk.

Like Mr Littmann, I would really like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Oswald for his time as Chair of Governors – he has been a real support to our school, and we are delighted that although he has stood down as Chair he will continue to be a member of the Governing Board.

Our Governing Body are also seeking nominations for new Parent Governors as we currently have two vacancies. Your child will have brought home a letter about the nomination process, a nomination form, and some information about who is eligible to be a Governor.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more about what is involved in being a Parent Governor please feel free to contact the School Office to talk to me, or to arrange a meeting with one of our current Governors.

Finally, with this newsletter there is the update from the FSA, the poster from Flourish about their bake sale, some information from the SEND Inclusion Service about a webinar on understanding dyslexia, and a flyer from Caunton Tennis Club about their half-term activities.

Thank you for your continued support,

A.E. Speed

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Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 24 September

Monday, 28 September

Thursday, 1 October

Friday, 2 October

Thursday, 8 October

Friday, 9 October

Friday, 16 October

PSHE "SCARF" workshops for all children

3.45pm – 5pm "Meet the Teacher" evening

9.15am Harvest Festival in Southwell Minster – all welcome!

6pm – FSA AGM in the school hall

Nominations close for Parent Governors

***new date**

4pm – 5.30pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027

Grandparents' Day Assembly 2pm (2 tickets per family)

Bramley Apple Day!

Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 2 November

Tuesday, 3 November

Tuesday, 10 November

Thursday, 12 November

Friday, 13 November

School closed to pupils for INSET DAY

School re-opens for pupils for the second half of term

Reverend Peter in school to lead assembly

3.45pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening

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Children in Need Day

FSA Quiz Night

Monday, 16 November

Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day

Road Safety Week

Tuesday, 24 November

4pm – 5.30pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027

Thursday, 26 November

Choir performance at "Late Night Shopping"

Tuesday, 1 December

Christmas Craft Day (Christmas jumpers may be worn)

Wednesday, 2 December

Y2 visit to Southwell Minster

Friday, 4 December

Y1 visit to Bestwood

Monday, 14 December

5.15pm Y1 Christmas Concert

Tuesday, 15 December

2pm Y1 Christmas Concert

5.15pm FS Christmas Concert

Wednesday, 16 December

2pm FS Christmas Concert

5.15pm Y2 Christmas Concert

Thursday, 17 December

2pm Y2 Christmas Concert

Friday, 18 December

Party Day!

Break up for the Christmas Holidays

Monday, 4 January 2027

School re-opens for the Spring Term



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