

Mathletics Launched

We are delighted to have introduced Mathletics to the school last week. Children have attended a whole school assembly to introduce Mathletics to the children.

Your child has their own log in details with which to access the website from home, enabling them to consolidate their daily learning and to complete homework activities.

Children who have already logged on are very excited and engaged with the resource. Should you have any questions about Mathletics, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. If you would like to see the website for yourself, a video tour is available to view at <http://uk.mathletics.com/help/>.

Starting School in 2017?

Is your child starting school in September 2017? Visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions to apply for a place. Information packs are also available from the school office.

The online admissions system is available for parents and carers who would like to apply for a Reception/Foundation Stage place. Children who are born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 are due to start Reception in September 2017.

Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews will take place between the 20th and 22nd March 2017. A letter will be sent out nearer to the time.

If It Snows...

If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows, please listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM, their respective websites and Parentmail which will all provide relevant information as to whether we are open or not. A decision will not be made until 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when these establishments are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading.

Reading Together

Are you able to give up half an hour?
Would you be able to listen to some of our children read?
Could you listen to readers from 9 until 9.30am, or 2.30 – 3pm?

Even if it's just one day per week?
Please contact Mrs Tracey Bonfield or Mrs Sally Linfitt in the school office for more details. Thank you!

Term-time Absence

Due to Government legislation, head teachers **may not grant any leave** of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances.

Forms to apply for term-time absence are available from the school office. If you have any queries concerning this issue, please speak to the office staff who will be pleased to help!

Assessment Time

SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the week beginning 8th May 2017. All Year 6 children will be participating in the tests. Optional SATs for other year groups will be the following week.

Year Two SATs testing will take place throughout May, and therefore children need to be in school during this time. Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 12th June 2017 and is a Government requirement. Therefore, please ensure your child is in school during this period. Absences during this time may be classified as unauthorised.

Before and After School Club

We have the provision of a before and after school club here at school. Details concerning how to book places are available on the school's website at

www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/BeforeandAfterSchoolClub

The club runs between the hours of 07:30am – 08:45 am and 15:05pm – 17:30pm, during term time only.

School will accept Childcare Vouchers from selected providers.

'Teach Your Monster to Read'

Is your child starting to read? Looking for an easy way to help them? Try the free website:

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

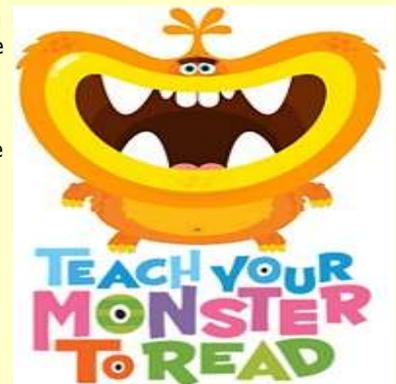
Teach your Monster to Read: First Steps is a new, free game to practise the first steps of reading.

Combining top quality games design with essential learning, the game is built on the principles of synthetic phonics and follows the teaching sequence of the Letters and Sounds programme.

Toast

Toast will be available on Tuesday break times.

Please send any money in a purse or named and sealed envelope to avoid any confusion. 20p a slice



Grandparents' Day

The annual Grandparents' Day has been arranged for Friday 26th May 2017, which is the last day of term 5. Further details and invitations will be sent out later this term, however, knowing the date gives families the opportunity to begin arrangements.

Lunchboxes

If you want ideas on how to make a healthy packed lunch: www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx ...have got some great ideas for you, and in no time you'll have delicious lunchbox ideas for all the family. Take the lunchbox list with you when you shop - it will help you avoid reaching for tempting, less healthy foods, and it could save you time and money too!

Healthy Snacks at Playtime

Just a gentle reminder that your child needs a healthy snack for break time and a water bottle to take into their class. Whilst some of the cereal bars do offer health benefits, they also contain a high level of sugar which is detrimental to your child's teeth, leading to tooth decay. Fresh fruit and vegetables, raisins or cheese for their morning snack are the best choices and we would ask children to save their other snacks for lunchtime. If your child has access to fresh water throughout the day, then they are able to remain hydrated and concentration levels are improved, aiding good progression. Many thanks for your support and understanding in this area.

Mrs Birchenall - Healthy Schools Coordinator



Nut & Mollusc Allergies

We currently have children in school who have severe nut and mollusc allergies. Please can I ask parents to ensure that no packed lunches or snacks include nuts/peanut butter/chocolate spread containing nuts, etc nor crustaceans such as crabs, shrimp and lobsters, and molluscs such as oysters and snails. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Dogs

With the lovely pathways we have around school and the village area, it is an ideal place for walking dogs. However, as a school, we have noticed the increased level of dog excrements which often trails into the school buildings on the soles of unknowing pupils or adults. If you are a dog owner, please ensure our pathways are kept clean of dog excrements, preventing upset of having to clean the mess off. This is clearly a health and safety issue to all children within the school. Many thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Please note, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Road Safety

Can we please all take a little more care driving in and around the school area. Parking in and around school is often congested at drop off and collection times, as are most schools around England. I plea to all parents of our school, that you always consider where you park when dropping off and collecting your child. Yes, you may think you are parked sensibly and your car is not in the way or 'not harming anyone' where it is, but can children cross safely where you have parked? Will your car make it difficult for other cars to get past?

Please spare a thought for all the local residents living around the school perimeter, especially in Cherry Tree Crescent, Baghdad Road, Delhi Square and the Spar Car Park.

Please can we show full consideration and ensure we do not park on, or obstruct any driveways or paths.

School are aware of Lincolnshire Police's visits to these areas and are warning parents they are issuing tickets where appropriate.

Many thanks for helping to respect our neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Chris Wilson
Headteacher

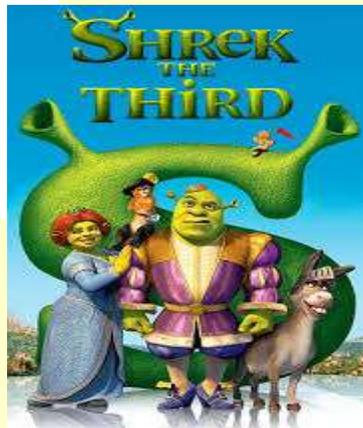
Film Club

We are delighted to inform you that FILMCLUB will be showing its next film of this academic year on Wednesday 25th January 2017. It will be a chance for your child to experience a variety of films in a safe, happy and structured setting.

Our FILMCLUB aims to make a wide range of films available, which challenge, unite, educate, amaze and inspire.

Our FILMCLUB will be running from immediately after school until 5.00pm. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a small charge of £2 to cover this.

We will be watching 'Shrek the Third'. This film has a U rating and is classified as suitable for all. **However, the film has a couple of uses of mild bad language and comic fight scenes**



When his father-in-law becomes ill, Shrek is seen as his natural heir - but, loathe to give up his swamp, the ogre asks old pals Donkey and Puss in Boots to install someone else as the new king instead. Meanwhile, Princess Fiona is forced to mobilise her girlfriends to fend off a coup by Prince Charming. More fun and frolics from the ever popular cast of characters.

Upcoming Events:

Next PTA Meeting:
Tuesday 7th February @ 9.00am

Parent Interviews:
Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Grandparents' Day:
Friday 26th May 2017

This Academic year:
Term 3 ends: - Friday 10th February 2017
Term 4: Mon 20th Feb - Fri 31st Mar 2017
Term 5 : Tuesday 18th Apr - Friday 26th May 2017
Term 6 : Mon 5th Jun - Wednesday 19th July 2017

Academic Year 2017-2018:

Term 1 Tuesday 5th September - Friday 20th Oct 2017
Term 2: Tuesday 31st Oct - Tuesday 19th Dec 2017
Term 3: Wed 3rd January - Fri 9th Feb 2018
Term 4: Mon 19th Feb - Wed 28th Mar 2018
Term 5 : Monday 16th Apr - Friday 25th May 2018
Term 6 : Mon 4th Jun - Friday 20th July 2018

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