



SURFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Week Ending – 6th October 2023

Work Hard, Be Kind, Achieve.

STARS OF THE WEEK

WILLOW CLASS

- **Aubree G** For her positive attitude towards all her learning, always engaging and taking part and for her new found prosody when reading.

MAPLE CLASS

- **Leon A** For settling into Maple Class seamlessly by always trying his best and being a good friend to others.

OAK CLASS

- **Taylor L** for her efforts in writing and use of year 6 features within her writing



News Flash

- **School Photos**

Wrates Photographers are in school Tues 10th October.

If you have a younger sibling that is not in school and you would like to have a picture taken together with your child in school, please come to the school at 8.30am.

- **Swimming – Year 3 Children**

Please can we ask if your child has a pair of swimming goggles, they could bring them with their swimming kit on Mondays.

Upcoming events!

- Tues 10th Oct - School Photos, Individual & Siblings (from 8.30am)
- Mon 16th Oct to Thurs 19th Oct - Book Fair
- Tues 17th Oct - Flu Vaccinations
- Tues 17th & Weds 18th Oct – Parent’s Evening (3.30pm till 6pm)
- Thurs 19th Oct – Harvest Festival at the church
- Thurs 19th Oct - PTFA Halloween Disco
- Thurs 19th Oct - Last day of Term 1
- Mon 30th Oct - First day of Term 2

Please check our calendar on our website for upcoming events and information



BOOK BONANZA!



Miss Bates has been busy over the summer setting up the new library and school reading books. This means we now have a wide range of books we do not need. In order to support parents with providing books at home we will be setting up a pop-up book stall after school.

All the books are free, however if you would like to make a donation the money will go to the PTFA.

The Pop-up book stall will always be after school (3.20pm) on the front playground. Keep checking the school Facebook page for when the stall will be open.

School Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy Sept 2023

Should you ever want to see a copy of our school’s safeguarding and child protection policy, it is available to view on the school’s website.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays **Football (Years 1-3) with Inspire +**

Wildlife Warriors with Miss Thomson (Invitation Only)

Wednesdays **Multi Skills (Years 1-3) with Inspire +**

Reading Booster (Year 6) with Mr Price

Thursdays **Dance/Gym/Cheer (Years 1-5) with Inspire +**

Maths Booster (Year 6) with Mr Chipperfield

Fridays **Netball (Years 1-3) with Inspire +**

Football (Years 3–6) with Mr Chipperfield [20 children max] - Boys and Girls both encouraged to attend.

PE Kits / PE Days

Class PE days may change at short notice, which is why we expect the PE kits in school every day.

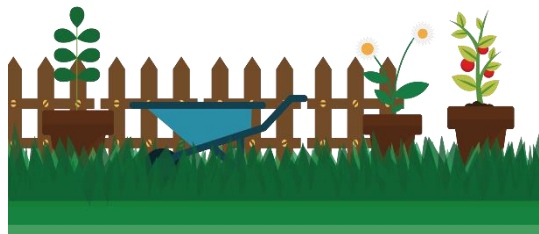
If you want your child's PE kit home to be washed that is fine, but this must be back in school the next day.

Children must come to school in uniform even when it is a PE days.



Wildlife Warriors

Miss Thomson and the Wildlife Warriors would appreciate any donations of unwanted compost, bulbs, flowers etc for their garden if anyone could help please!





1. We keep our hands to ourselves.
2. We try our best to complete our tasks.
3. We use our indoor voices inside the building.
4. We say three kind things to each other every day.
5. We always walk around our school.
6. We do not leave the classroom without being told.

Reporting the Absence of your child

We have a new email address set up to allow parents to notify us of the absence of their child and any medical/dental appointments arranged.

Please use attendance@su.keystonemat.org

*If a child is absent, parents must contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence **by telephone** and communicate in writing (e-mail to attendance@su.keystonemat.org or by letter) on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence – parents must do this even if they have already telephoned the school. Alternatively, parents can call into school and report to reception in person.*



Medical & Dental Appointments



We do ask to attempt to make all medical and dental appointments during school holidays or after school hours where possible.

Medical/Dental/Opticians appointments during school hours will not be authorised unless an appointment card, hospital letter or text from the GP/hospital/dentist/Opticians is forwarded to school.

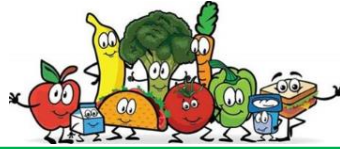
Providing these retrospectively is acceptable. Absence will only be authorised for the duration of the appointment plus any reasonable travel time.

School Lunches

School Lunches would need to be ordered via Parentpay for the following week by
Tuesday 12pm.

If you have any problems, please contact the office via telephone or email.

admin@su.keystonemat.org



Free School Meals

Parents did you know you may be able to claim for Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who receive any of the qualifying benefits listed above in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals and they can also access free holiday clubs during the:

- Easter holidays
- summer holidays
- Christmas holidays

Clubs provide a wide range of activities, for example:

- sports and games
- arts and crafts
- music
- drama
- learning about food as well as healthy meals and snacks

Please visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals to apply and more information.

You can also contact the free school meals team on 01522 782 030

Surfleet Primary PTFA!

Yearly Event Planner 2023 - 2024

October

- Thursday 19th October Halloween Disco £3 per ticket via ParentPay.

November

- Friday 17th November Non-School Uniform Day, a tombola prize donation instead of £1.

December

- Friday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day.
- Friday 15th December Christmas Fair - Raffle, Tombola, Crafts, hot drinks.

January

- Boxes of Doughnuts - Date to be confirmed.

February

- Friday 9th February Valentine's Disco.

March

- Friday 8th March Mother's Day gifts Info to come.
- Thursday 28th March Easter Egg Hunt on school field (Free event in school). PTFA to supply & hide Easter eggs for the children.

May

- Friday 24th May Sponsored walk around the field.

June

- Friday 14th June Father's Day gifts- more info to come.
- Friday 28th June Non-School Uniform Day - a tombola prize donation instead of £1.

July

- Friday 12th July Summer Fair - Stalls, Raffle, Tombola Dance mat, Games, Tuck/cakes.

**A lot more information from Surfleet Primary PTFA to
come
Watch this Space!**



2023/2024 Term Dates

Term 1

First day of Term Wednesday 6th September

Last day of Term Thursday 19th October

Staff Training Days: Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September & Friday 20th October

Term 2

First day of Term Monday 30th October

Last day of Term Wednesday 20th December

Term 3

First day of Term Wednesday 3rd January

Last day of Term Friday 9th February

Term 4

First day of Term Monday 19th February

Last day of Term Thursday 28th March

Good Friday: Friday 29th March - School Closed

Term 5

First day of Term Tuesday 16th April

Last day of Term Friday 24th May

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May – School Closed

Staff Training Days: Monday 15th April

Term 6

First day of Term Monday 3rd June

Last day of Term Friday 19th July



School Uniform

Whilst the vast majority of children wear the right uniform every day without fail, there are some children who occasionally do not. It is vital that we all feel part of the Surfleet 'Team' so we would like to ensure that all the children are wearing the same.

Trainers instead of school shoes and the wrong colour PE t- shirt are the main issues we are facing.

Below is reminder of the school uniform:

Boys

- School Logo or Plain Burgundy/Claret Sweatshirt
- School Logo or Plain Sky-Blue Polo Shirt or Shirt
- Grey Trousers or Shorts
- Grey School Shorts
- Black School Shoes

Girls

- School Logo or Plain Burgundy/Claret Sweatshirt or Cardigan
- School Logo or Plain Sky-Blue Polo Shirt or Shirt
- Grey Trousers
- Grey Pinafore Dress/ Skirt
- Blue/Red Gingham Checked Summer Dress
- Black School Shoes

PE Kit

- Plain Navy or Black Hoodie or Sweatshirt
- Plain Navy or Black Shorts
- Plain Navy or Black Jogging Bottoms
- School Logo or Plain Sky-Blue T-Shirt
- Trainers for outside use, Plimsoles for Indoor Use

Logo uniform can be purchased from Nationwide School Uniform
www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk

Please can you make sure your child's name is clearly labelled in their uniform.



Applying for Primary School Placement - Sept 2024

If you have a younger sibling at home, I know it seems early to think about your child's school placement for September 2024, but it's just around the corner and the applications are due to open very soon.

Please see below some information to help you.

Application process

You should apply for a primary or infant school place if your child:

- is born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

When to apply for a primary school place

The dates when you can apply for a primary school place are:

- 15 November 2023 and closes on 15 January 2024
- then re-opens 17 April 2024 and closes on 17 May 2024

However, we will accept applications until 12 noon on 9 February 2024. After that deadline, we cannot process any new or change any existing applications. If an application is received after this time, it will be processed after national offer day.

Other local authorities may not operate an extended deadline. If you apply to schools outside Lincolnshire, that local authority decides whether to accept a late application.

How to apply

You must apply through your home local authority. You can list any school in any local authority on the application.

You can apply online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parentportal>, by phone, or by requesting a paper form (telephone 01522 782030). Apply using one method only.

You will receive an email if you apply online and enter a valid email address. This email will confirm your preferences and state that your application is being considered.

If you apply by phone and provide a valid email address, you will receive confirmation of your application by email.

If you cannot provide a valid email address, we will send you a confirmation letter by post. You must then verify the details and return it to us.

Applying for Secondary School Placement - Sept 2024

If your child is in year 6 at primary school you may already be aware and thinking of their choice of secondary school and perhaps your child is taking/taken their 11+ and you're wondering when the applications are open.

Well please see below some information to help you with that.

Application process

You should apply for a secondary school place when your child is in Year 6.

When to apply for a secondary school place

The dates when you can apply for a secondary school place are

- 8 September 2023 and close on 31 October 2023
- then re-opens 1 March 2024 and closes 25 March 2024

However, we accept applications until 12 noon on 14 December 2023. After that deadline we cannot process any new applications or changes of applications. If an application is received after this time, it will be processed after national offer day.

Other local authorities may not operate an extended deadline. If you are applying to schools outside Lincolnshire, that local authority decides whether to accept a late application.

Grammar school tests take place in September. The results are posted before 31 October

How to apply

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Grammar & High Schools

These are secondary schools that require children to pass a test to be admitted.

You should contact the grammar school or visit the Lincolnshire grammar schools' website at <http://www.grammarschools.lincs.sch.uk/> to find out about the 11+ testing arrangements.

When your child takes the 11+ tests, you must let the school know if they:

- have any special educational needs
- speak English as a second language
- are feeling unwell

If your child reaches the required standard in the 11+, they will not automatically be offered a place. You must still name the grammar school on your application. Your application will be considered alongside other applicants in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria.



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Spalding Hockey Club

Spalding HC is looking to restart the junior hockey sessions every Saturday morning (9:15-10:45) throughout the season.

Many of the players who have come through the primary schools tournaments have joined these sessions over the years with several now at the top of our senior league teams.

Please see attached information/QR code.

This is an open invitation, not limited to those who participate as part of your school teams, as we would like to encourage as many youngsters to be involved in the hockey as possible.





Spalding Pumpkin Festival

Saturday 7th October 2023

11am – 3pm

Spalding Town Centre

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- Live entertainment • Festival Market •
 - Pumpkin Crafts and Decorating •
 - Pumpkin Sculptures •
 - Harvest themed Fancy Dress Competition •
 - Scarecrow Town Trail •
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Book Fair @ Surfleet Primary School

Mon 16th Oct to Thurs 19th Oct

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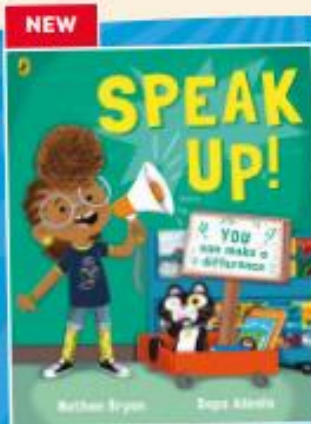
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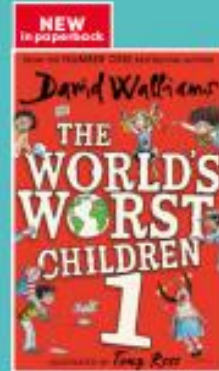


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