



The Wasp

Did you hear about the girl who sawed herself in half for the talent show?
She placed 1st and 2nd...

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Welcome Back

I hope you had a good holiday. We will continue to ventilate and clean the classrooms as we did during the pandemic and hope and pray that things gradually return to normal. Please give the school a ring if you are unsure about the current Covid guidance and we will do our best to interpret it for you.

Social Media

We have had several incidents recently involving the miss use of social media. Letting primary age children use Snapchat, Instagram or Tik Tok is really dangerous even if you check devices or monitor use. The children aren't old enough to deal with the consequences of their messaging and lots of the time the conversations end up as arguments that are then brought into school. The Police and Social Care (Social Services) have had to intervene when there are safeguarding issues and this then becomes a problem if you have been allowing your children to use an app that has an age guideline older than they are.

We believe that internet safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. We hope that parents can strengthen and reinforce the safety messages that your children receive in school, in your home environment. We also wanted to use this as an opportunity to ensure all parents know the minimum age of some apps/games.

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Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place virtually on Monday 14th March and Face to Face on Wednesday 16th March. Booking will open on Monday. Please remember that you will need a face to face appointment (to sign paperwork) if your child is on our SEND register.

Talent Show

We will be judging the Talent Show on Monday so please send in any last minute entries over the weekend. Good luck.

Year 6 Wow Day

On Wednesday the Year 6 children took part in their WW2 day. The children danced, visited our newly renovated air raid shelter, watched a mortar fire, sat in a jeep and held original artefacts.

<https://www.facebook.com/108633154614241/posts/326855299458691/?sfnsn=scwspmo>



World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

We are dressing up on World Book Day. The children can dress up as any character from a book. We are hoping to have three authors with us as well. They will be talking to the children and then two of them will be selling their books after school:

Year 2 and Year 3 'We don't live there...' based in Mrs Irwin's classroom (Year 6) which is on the playground by the main green gate. Usually sold for £9.99

Year 4, 5 and 6 'Avalon's Portal' from the playground itself by the main green gate (if it is raining then we'll move to Mrs Lee's classroom (Year 6) entrance at the front of the school by the main school door. Usually sold for £8.99

Attendance

Our attendance this week was 95.09%. It's creeping up.

Tenacious

Look how much Tenacious has grown!



Colsterworth Festival

This Saturday we are taking part in the Colsterworth Festival. Some of our children are reading stories and some are reciting poems. Follow us on FB and Twitter to find out how they do. Break a leg!

New Reception September 2022

Book an appointment to come and look around the school. Individual visits with the Headteacher, not because of COVID but because you get a better and more personal idea of the school itself. Just ring us on 01529 302772. Visit our website or ring the school after your visit and we will try and answer any of your questions.

Safeguarding Concerns

Report child safeguarding concerns to 01522 782111 (Mon-Fri 8am-6pm) or 01522 782333 (outside office hours).

You do not need to know everything about the situation. You may just be worried or feel that something is not right. In an emergency, call the police on 999 or 112.

Parent Mail

We are going to start using Parentmail for all our communications. Registering with ParentMail is very easy! You will be sent an email from ParentMail, when you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message. Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store. You will then start receiving letters and messages from the school through the ParentMail App. Once we have set this up we are also planning to use their on-line payment system.

Russian Conflict

Hearing the story about the conflict on the news can be worrying for the children. You will know how best to deal with this but it is sensible to calm any fears and answer any questions the children may ask. Easy to say but we know that the children pick up on the anxiety of their parents so it is best to try and keep things in perspective and remain calm in front of the children.

The Bug Lady

The Bug Lady visited Year 4 on Monday. They saw all sorts of strange creatures including millipedes, snakes and lizards.

Indian Experience

In Year 2, Sunita visited the children and told them all about Hinduism. They even learnt a dance!

Library Visit

On Tuesday, our Book Club visited Sleaford Library. They enjoyed the visit and want to go again!

Challenge

Carry out a random act of kindness. Tell me about it next week and earn yourself an owl badge.

Short Story Competition

at Sleaford Library

Part of the Riverlight Festival



**Do you have a way with words?
Then let the River Slea be your inspiration
and enter our short story competition.**

There are three age categories and the deadline for entries is 7th March 2022. Speak to the team at Sleaford Library for more information and to collect your entry form, or, email Sleaford.library@gll.org

No Mobile Phones

We have a no mobile phone policy in school and there are no exceptions. The phones get lost, broken or are misused when they are in school. We also know that some parents say their children need the phone on the way home but past experience has shown us that this means they are too young to make their own way home if they are relying on their mobile. The children are welcome to use the office phone at the end of the day if they need to contact parents. Thank you for your support in this matter.



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