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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The summer holidays are already a distant memory and the children have settled well into their new classes, although staff have been grappling – as I expect many of you have been – to life without the internet!

We are pleased to say that Premiere Education have returned this year delivering specialist PE provision and running our sports after school club on a Monday evening. Lincoln City Football Club have been in twice already this term working with the Owls and the Robins, and the Owls had their first Toot lesson on Wednesday with music teacher Lucy Reid from Nottingham Inspire which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Sara Rigby, our piano teacher also restarted her lessons with individual pupils. Sara's lessons are organised via the Lincolnshire Music Service and parents/carers pay directly for lessons that take place in school. There are places available, so if you would like your child to take up piano lessons here please contact the office and we will put you in touch with the Lincolnshire Music Service.

### **Data Collection and Permission Forms**

Holding the correct information for pupils is essential and September is a good time of year to check that all the information we hold is accurate and up to date. With this in mind, your child should have brought home a printed 'data capture' form from our management information system in their bag. This shows the key information school holds regarding contact details and permissions, use of images etc. Please check all the information, amend as necessary, sign and return the forms to school as soon as possible.

### **Bikeability – The Owls**

NCC's Bikeability Team will be in school on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September to help the Owls with their cycling skills and safety when on the roads. The Owls will be taught in two groups:

- Morning of 24<sup>th</sup> September – Years 3 and 4 – Level 1 : 2hours
- All day 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September – Years 5 and 6 – Level 1 & 2 combined : 8 hours in total

Pupils will need a cycling helmet and a road-worthy bike with two working brakes. To achieve Level 2 the Bikeability Team assume that riders can cycle independently for 10 metres unaided. However, if your child is not at this stage or does not have access to a bike, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can put other measures in place to accommodate them. The children will be outside for several hours so may well need warm and waterproof clothing depending on the weather.

### **Harvest Festival and Macmillan Coffee Morning**

The whole school will be attending Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate Harvest Festival and we very much hope you, friends and family can join us. The celebration will start at 9.15am, and we will be collecting items in support of our local food banks. You are welcome to send in donations with the children prior to 27<sup>th</sup> September, or add to the collection at the Church on the day.

After the Harvest Festival, we will be hosting a coffee morning back in school to raise money in support of Macmillan. We anticipate that this will start in the School Hall at about 10.15am – all are welcome. If you are able to support Macmillan by baking some cakes for the event please let us know, it would really be appreciated.

### **Tuxford Academy – Open Day**

Tuxford Academy are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 26 September from 5.30pm to 8.00pm and hope that our current Year 6s and families will be able to attend. A flyer with further details is in Year 6 book bags this evening.

### **NCC Wrap around care consultation**

Nottinghamshire County Council's Early Childhood Services has launched a short survey seeking the views of parents/carers to help review current wraparound childcare places in Nottinghamshire. The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete, and is open until 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. The survey seeks to gather the views of parents to see how they currently use wraparound childcare, and how they are likely to use wraparound childcare in the future. Feedback from parents will be used to assess the demand for wraparound childcare in each community, and to help NCC review the current levels of wraparound childcare and take steps to increase the number of places available if needed, to meet demand. The survey can be accessed here [Wraparound and holiday childcare places for primary school aged children - Nottinghamshire County Council - Citizen Space](#).

### **Friends of North Clifton Primary School – Asda's Cashpot for Schools**

The Friends of North Clifton are pleased to announce that Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs – has teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. If you shop at Asda, all you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose North Clifton Primary School and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between **2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of every shop to our School. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Asda are also giving £50 to every school who join the initiative. If you do shop at Asda, please take a few minutes to help raise a little more money for school. Thank you.

### **Diary Dates**

We will shortly be in a position to issue key dates for the whole of the academic year and will let you know when these are published on the school's website calendar. We have tried to accommodate the views of parents (taken from the last parent survey) in varying the times and days of the week for Golden Assemblies through the year.

Save the Date - we are also launching a new community lunch initiative which we hope the wider school community will support. In conjunction with our caterers, Good Lookin Cookin, we will be inviting parents/ carers and wider family members into school to join the children for lunch on special occasions – the first community dinner will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate ‘Grandparents Day’. Please watch out for further details.

**Below are the key dates so far for Autumn Term 1 and Term 2:**

Autumn Term 1

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Library Bus Visit
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> & Weds 25<sup>th</sup> September - Bikeability for the Owls
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Tuxford Academy Open Evening (5.30pm to 8.00pm)
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September -Harvest Festival (9.15am) at the Church **and** Macmillan Coffee Morning (10.15am) at School
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Phonics Workshop for Parents of Reception Year Pupils
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Community Lunch: Grandparents Day (12pm to 1pm)
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Golden Assembly (9.15am)
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening: Miss Wright – Owls (3.50pm start) **and** Mrs Sanderson – Robins (3.50pm start)
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening – Mrs Hyde for the Owls (3.50pm start)
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Wear Red Day (non-uniform): “Show Racism the Red Card” **and** Halloween Disco (further details to follow from Friends of NC) **and** Last Day of Term

***October Half term holiday w.c. 21<sup>st</sup> October and w.c. 28<sup>th</sup> October***

Autumn Term 2

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - School re-opens
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Dogs Trust Visit (am)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Library Bus Visit
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Victorian Classroom Experience: History of our School
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - School Trip to Newstead Abbey: Victorian Christmas (Reception to Year 6)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Library Bus Visit
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Performance in the Church (9.30am)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - School Trip to Pantomime: Palace Theatre Newark (Reception to Year 6)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner **and** Golden Assembly (3.00pm)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term

***School will re-open after the Christmas Holidays on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.***

Thank you for your support,

**Ilona Sanderson  
Head Teacher**

