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Whole School Newsletter, Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

Hopefully you all received Miss Beanland's email this week about World Book Day, which is next Thursday, 6th March. This year's fun competition is to decorate a shoe box in a design to reflect one of their favourite books. If your child would like to take part in the competition but you can't find a shoe box, please let your child's teacher know and we will try to source one for them. Can all completed shoe boxes please be brought into school on World Book Day and there will be some Book Fair Vouchers for the most impressive creations.

PTA Disco

It seems a while ago now, but I just wanted to say thank you to the PTA for the fantastic Valentines Disco on the last day of term. It was really successful and all the children appeared to enjoy it, with pleasing participation levels. Thank you to the PTA members who helped at the event and gave their time to create such a fun afternoon for the children. It was also a fantastic fundraiser with £280 raised for PTA funds!

Mother's Day

Following on from the annual success of previous year's Mother's Day Gifts, the PTA would like to provide the gift service again this year. For the very reasonable price of £5 per gift, children will be provided with a choice of gifts for their Mums. The PTA will then support each child in preparing each gift and get them ready to be taken home on Friday 28th March, ready for Mother's Day on the Sunday.

I'll attach the Mother's Day letter at the bottom of the newsletter, and send a paper copy home on Monday with the children.

Clubs

Here are this term's clubs:

Monday, 3:20 – 4:20pm – **Rugby** with Coach Richard for Yr 2/3/4/5/6

3:20 – 4:20pm – **Craft Club** with Miss Beanland for Yr R/1/2/3/4/5/6

Tuesday, 3:20 – 4:20pm – **Football** with Mr Smith for Yr 2/3/4/5/6

3:20 – 4:20pm – **Gardening Club** with Mrs Devenish for Yr R/1/2/3/4/5/6

Wednesday, Lunchtime – **Computing Club** with Mrs Broome for Yr 2/3/4/5/6

Thursday, Lunchtime – **Chess Club** with Mr Cook for Yr 1/2/3/4/5/6

Friday, 8:00am – **Running Club** with Mr Smith for everyone, all family members welcome!

Arbor

Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded the Arbor App and signed up to the moon trip! Can I really encourage everyone who has not yet done so to do this please?

Thanks for your support,

Mr Rob Cook
Headteacher



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Could all orders, and payment, please be returned to school by Wednesday 5th March, so gift preparation can commence in good time!

Thanks for your support,

The PTA

My child would like to order a Mother's Day gift. I enclose £5 payment.

Signed

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You are Invited to



The MHST's PARENT WEBINARS

Scan the QR codes below to join the Teams Meeting or contact the MHST on 0115 8760167.

Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing
18th March 2025 at 1:00-2:30pm



Meeting ID: 387 503 574 253

Passcode: z2rrpV



WINTHORPE
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2024/25 - Opening Dates and Holidays

Weekends
Holidays
Training Days *
Bank Holiday **

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ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW STATUTORY RULES MEAN FOR OUR FAMILIES

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes have come into force for all schools and academies from the 19th August 2024. You can find out more about these changes online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>. Thank you, as always for your support.

WHAT IS IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE?

If your child is absent for 10 or more unauthorised sessions in a 10 week period, this is classed as irregular. Work with your academy to help understand and address the reasons for absence and any barriers.

PENALTY NOTICES

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued after 19th August 2024. Penalty Notices will continue to be issued by the Local Authority, they are not issued by the Trust or our Academies.

WHAT IS A SESSION?

2 sessions is equal to 1 day! Attendance is recorded as AM and PM sessions daily.

10 IN 10!

If your child is absent for 10 sessions in a 10 week period (5 days) and these are unauthorised, our academies have to consider referring for a Penalty Notice to be issued.

PER PARENT PER CHILD

Penalty Notices will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. Example: a penalty notice issued for 2x siblings resulting in both parents receiving 2 fines, one per child, 4 penalty notices in total for the family.

THE FUNDS RAISED FROM FINES ARE PAID TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NOT OUR ACADEMIES. IT CAN BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATION COSTS AND TOWARDS ATTENDANCE SUPPORT BY THE LA. ACADEMIES DO NOT DIRECTLY BENEFIT.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

**£160 PER PARENT, PER CHILD
REDUCED TO £80 PER PARENT PER CHILD IF PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS.**

What if I am a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week in term time?...

**YOUR REQUEST CAN NOT BE AUTHORISED FOR ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!
A WEEK IS 10 SESSIONS THAT YOUR CHILD WILL MISS AND YOU WILL BE
ISSUED A PENALTY NOTICE. THE FINE WILL BE £160 BUT REDUCE TO £80 IF
PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS. HOLIDAY ABSENCES CAN NOT BE AUTHORISED.**

**WHAT IF (IN A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS) YOUR CHILD HAS A 2ND AND 3RD
LEAVE OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OR PATTERN OF IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE?...**

SECOND OFFENCE

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. No Reduction.

THIRD OFFENCE

AND OTHER FURTHER OFFENCES

(Within 3 years) A penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

ABSENCES REPORTED AS ILLNESS

All absences reported as illness will be monitored. All academies have to refer to the Local Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council once they total 15 days absence collectively. Please don't worry if your child is ill and please don't send them to school if they are not well enough, please do communicate openly with your academy to enable us to support and work together. Not sure if they are well enough for school? Check out <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Our Trust wide updated Attendance Policy can be found at: www.aspire-mat.co.uk/policies