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Whole School Newsletter, Thursday 13th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Illness

Can I please remind all parents and carers to keep their child at home if they have been unwell. The recommended guidelines state that a child should remain at home for 48 hours after they have been sick or have diarrhoea. We have had quite a lot of illness at school within the past few weeks, and although this is to be expected in Winter with young children, we feel that some families assisted the spread of the bugs by not keeping their child off for the recommended period of time.

Parking Update

I did not want you to think that we had gone quiet on trying to encourage everyone to park responsibly and safely outside school at drop off and pick up. There has been plenty of communication and investigation behind the scenes, led by the Parish Council and strongly supported by the school. I attended a positive meeting with residents and the Parish Council earlier this week where a combined plan of action was agreed, and new initiatives and efforts to improve parking for the safety of all our pupils will commence in March.

Tomorrow - Friday 14th February

A reminder that tomorrow the PTA are holding a non-uniform day and Valentine's Disco for the children as a last day of term treat. There is a voluntary donation of £1 to the PTA for the non-uniform day. Refreshments will be available at the disco, please see the advert for a price list. Thank you in advance to the PTA and everyone involved in organising this event. If you would like to get involved with the PTA and keep up to speed with everything that is happening, please search for and follow their Facebook page.

Half Term

A reminder that school is closed for Half Term next week, reopening on Monday 24th February 2025.

WINTHORPE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND PTA

*Valentine's
Disco*

Let's celebrate this Valentine's Day

14 FEBRUARY, 2025 1PM - 3PM

Non-uniform with £1 donation
Valentine theme cupcakes £1
Sweet cones 50p
Fruit shoot 50p

Please can kids come with cash if they wish to purchase anything at the disco

Arbor

We are now ready to commence the next stage of our Arbor school management system roll-out. This involves asking you to login to the portal and download the Arbor app
Once installed we will have a direct line of communication, and over time the portal will be used to update pupil details, give consent for trips, book parents evening appointments etc. We will also be using the portal to collect payments for trips, breakfast and after-school clubs and again, in time, this will replace SchoolMoney.

Following on from this newsletter, you will receive another email with details on how to do access the portal and attached to the newsletter is further guidance on how to do this. Please note that if you have more than one child, you must verify each child individually by confirming their date of birth to have full access to the portal.

Once installed, you will hopefully find notification of a trip permission test that we have set up. So that we can improve our understanding of how the app works, we have set up a trip to the moon on April Fool's Day! Could I ask you all to please attempt to give permission for this trip? When I have your permissions, I'll get in touch with Elon Musk to establish the anticipated cost to rent a shuttle form SpaceX!!!

Clubs

Running Club is on tomorrow morning for everyone and Rugby Club will be on for Year 3/4/5/6 boys and girls on the first day back – Monday 24th February, 3:20-4:20pm.

Thanks for your support,

Mr Rob Cook
Headteacher

Newark Sports and Fitness Centre,
Dukeries and Southwell Leisure Centre

HALF-TERM TIMETABLE

Monday 17th – Sunday 23rd February 2025



Includes 2 FREE activity sessions!

Places limited so book now at

www.active4today.co.uk/leisurehub

You can pay at reception on the day, subject to availability

Telephone 01636 655780

Email enquiries@active4today.co.uk



Newark Sports and Fitness Centre Swimming

Main Pool

Monday 17th February

9:30am - 10:30am Fun Swim (half pool)
1pm - 1:45pm Public Swim[^]
2pm - 2:45pm Public Swim[^]

Tuesday 18th February

1pm - 1:45pm Public Swim[^]
2pm - 2:45pm Public Swim[^]

Wednesday 19th February

10:30am - 11:15am Disability Swim^{**}
1pm - 1:45pm Public Swim[^]
2pm - 2:45pm Public Swim[^]
6:45pm - 7:30pm Public Swim
7:30pm - 8:15pm Public Swim

Thursday 20th February

9:30am - 10:30am Kayaks/Floats
2pm - 2:45pm Public Swim
5:00pm - 5:45pm Fun Swim

Friday 21st February

10am - 10:45am Inflatable Swim*
11am - 11:45am Inflatable Swim*
12pm - 12:45pm Kayaks/Floats
2pm - 2:45pm Public Swim

Saturday 22nd February

11am - 12:30pm Public Swim
2pm - 3pm Inflatable Swim*
3:15pm - 4:15pm Public Swim

Sunday 23rd February

10:30am - 11:30am Public Swim
11:45am - 12:45pm Public Swim
2pm - 3pm Public Swim

* Height restrictions apply, max 1.7m & able to swim 25m on their front. Max age 14yrs.

** An open session for adults and juniors with disabilities.

[^] Partially laned off for private hire.

Public Swims have fun floats and rafts available.

Pool policy applies to all of our swim sessions.

Teaching Pool

Monday 17th February

9:30am - 10:30am Public Swim
11:30am - 12:30pm Public Swim
1pm - 1:45pm Public Swim
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Newark Sports and Fitness Centre Sports

Sports Camp (8-13yrs)

Monday 17th &
Thursday 20th February

9:30am - 1pm
£7.50 per session

Get set for a whirlwind of fun! Our indoor sports programme offers a mix of activities including using equipment in the fitness suite, multi skill games and an exciting swim session. Don't forget your swim kit! Ensure your children are in comfy clothes, swimwear, and suitable footwear. Pack plenty of drinks and a light snack to keep them fuelled and ready for action!

Must be pre-booked and paid for on Leisurehub or at reception by 8am on the day of the activity. We will not accept bookings after this time. Places must be booked in the child's name.

Family Sport Session

Wednesday 19th &
Friday 21st February

10am - 12 noon
£5.50 per family

Come along for a morning of fun for all the family. Choose from badminton, short tennis, squash* or table tennis. Maximum 5 people per booking.

(* Squash only available on Wednesday)



Public swim prices:

Juniors £4.50 (without Active Card £5.50)

Adults £6 (without Active Card £7.50)

Concession £5 (without Active Card £6)

Inflatable Sessions £5.50 with an Active Card.

Public swimming is included in most memberships. Check website for details. Active Cards are free for new customers and available at reception.



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
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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