

## *Excel, Endeavour and Enjoy*

*Nothing is impossible; the word itself  
says,  
"I'm possible!"*

### **Minister Visit – Flooding Update**

The academy received a visit on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January from the government's Minister for Water and Rural Growth, Robbie Moore MP, as well as the Chair of the Environment Agency, Alan Lovell. They were joined by Dr Caroline Johnson MP and County Councillor Ian Carrington, while the Trust was represented by myself, the CEO, Primary Executive and the Head of Central Services. The Minister was fully supportive of the academy's case and agreed that effective flood protection measures were imperative – we will keep you regularly informed of the developments.



We are still working towards a re-opening of the main school buildings in September 2024.

### **Mobile Classroom Update**

Our next two mobile classrooms are due to be delivered to the academy site today, 12<sup>th</sup> January, with another two arriving the following week. It is likely that these



deliveries, and those to come in the weeks ahead, will cause a minor degree of traffic disruption while each unit is unloaded. However, it does mean that we remain on track to have all our pupils back on site after February half-term.

Until then, the children's teaching and learning is continuing successfully at two of our sister academies (Priory Witham and Priory LSST). We will remain with our new system of picking children up in their class 'zones'. Thank you for being so understanding with this as the safety of children is our priority.



### **Parking**

We really appreciated your support last week during the flooding. Many parents walked to school with their children which really eased traffic around school. It would be great for this to continue as the traffic along Mill Lane is extremely busy during drop off/pick up times. Thank you for your support with this!

### **Celebration Assemblies**

From Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January we are reintroducing celebration assemblies! We are not bringing back all awards until we are back on site but each week a headteacher award will be given to children demonstrating our academy values. These are; courage, wisdom, generosity, passion and curiosity. We are very proud of all our children and the resilience they have shown during this time of change. Unfortunately, parents will not be invited to these assemblies due to a lack of space at present, however, a list of award winners will be shared on newsletters.



### **Physics Photography Competition**

Everyone can get involved with "Physics in photos!"

Whether you are an aspiring scientist, a future Van Gogh or you just love snapping pictures, this is the competition for you! See separate poster for more details.

### **PE Reminder**

There has been a slight change to PE times this term (please see below). It would really help us if **ALL** children could come in their PE kits (e.g. joggers, trainers) with their school jumpers and coats, and stay in this kit for the remainder of the day.

Tuesday – Poplar (Y3), Willow (Y4), Vulcan (Y6)

Wednesday – Typhoon (Y5)

Thursday –Wheat (Y1), Rye (Y2), Lancaster (Y6)

Friday - Barley (R)

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Afterschool clubs will recommence after February half term. We will be in touch nearer the time with information about these.

### **New Reception Starters - September 2024**

For those of you who have a child starting school in September 2024, the application process deadline is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – applications are submitted through Lincolnshire County Council . Please remember to select that you have a sibling in school when you complete the process.

### **English Hub – Lincolnshire Reading Pledge**

Being a successful reader is one of the most important skills to develop. Reading helps your child’s wellbeing, develops imagination and has significant educational benefits. Reading for just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.

Thank you to the English Hub for helping our school to buy high quality reading books for our children, however, we still really need your help! Next week, a letter is going out to businesses across Lincolnshire, asking for their support towards our ‘Community Book Pledge’. If you know of anyone that could donate/support us with this please get in touch with the school.

Great news - we have just been awarded the Bronze ‘Lincolnshire Reading Pledge’.

### **Academy Calendar Dates – Term 3**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Class</b>
Friday 12th January 2024	Visit to National Space Centre	Year 5
Thursday 25th January 2024	Sports Hall games BCA	Years 3 and 4
Thursday 1st February 2024	Sports Hall games BCA	Years 1 and 2
Monday 5th February 2024	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole Academy

### **Term Dates 2023/2024**

**Term 1 – Tuesday 5th September 2023 to Friday 20th October 2023**

**Term 2 - Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 15th December 2023** (Bank Holidays –Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th December 2023 & Monday 1st January 2024)

**Term 3 - Wednesday 3rd January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024**

**Term 4 - Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024** (Bank Holidays – Friday 29th March & Monday 1st April 2024)

**Term 5 - Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024** (Bank Holidays – Monday 6th & Monday 27th May 2024)

**Term 6 - Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024**

Warm Regards,



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