

Achievers – George, Sophia, Jens, Violet, Lois, Isaac, Lucas and Maci-Leticia

(These children have been identified by the adults in school as demonstrating one of our values, we present them with a certificate in Friday assembly and invite their parents to come and watch.)

Over and Abovers – Harriet, Millie, Ed, Darcey, Alby, Poppy, Sam and Freddie

(These children always go over and above! We talk about why and how they go over and above in Friday assembly.)

Endeavourers – Delphi, Millie, Chloe, Bertie, Nancy, Jemima, Ivy, Lewis and Esme

(Children earn endeavourers tickets for endeavouring, excelling or enjoying their learning. We pull one ticket out of each class box during assembly on Friday. The winners enjoy a cup of hot chocolate on Friday afternoon.)

WOW!

You many have seen our banner outside school which says that we are undertaking the Walk to School Challenge. The ECO committee and Wellbeing Committee are working together to keep us physically and mentally well. The ECO committee are continuing their work about air pollution with the Royal Society. Their aim is to reduce the harmful chemicals in our children's growing lungs. The Wellbeing Committee have been

thinking of ideas on how we can all stay mentally well by being physically active. Walking to school is a great way of doing it and enables us to connect with people on our journeys which is also good for our mental wellbeing.



The Walk to School Challenge involves the children walking, scooting, cycling or striding to school. Every time this is done, it is recorded on a tracker. Then at the end of the month, the children who managed to complete the challenge of walking, scooting, cycling or striding to school will receive a

badge. The class who has the highest number of children who have completed the challenge will receive a trophy. More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Christmas Parties

14th December – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (morning)

15th December – Year 3 and 4 (afternoon)

16th December – Year 5 and 6 (morning)

Children in Years 1 to 6 are to come to school in their school uniform and bring in party clothes, in named bags, to change into. No high heels please. Reception children can bring in a Christmas jumper to wear.

School Clubs

All school clubs finish this week, including Synergy clubs.

The only exceptions are:

Choir Club, which will continue up to the end of this term.

Running Club, the last one will be Tuesday 6th December and will be Christmas themed, where children can wear santa hats and/or tinsel.

Kickboxing – last session will be Friday 9th December.

PTA News

A massive thank you to everyone who volunteered at the PTA stalls at last week's Heighington Christmas Market. Thank you to everyone who visited the stalls and to the Co-op, Spar and Marks & Spencer for their kind donations.

Together we raised - £914.81 profit. This does not include the lucky squares which will be on sale at our Christmas Events.

All the money that you help raise goes back to our children so thank you; they really appreciate all you do for them!

Christmas Film night will be on Thursday 15th December. More information to follow next week.

Assessment meeting - 30th November

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Wednesday about assessment. Over the next few days we will be adding to the assessment page on our website with the information that was given out. [Click here to access the assessment page.](#) Thank you to Mr Cosgrove for organising and presenting.

Official Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8th December

Children can wear Christmas Jumpers on 8th December for a minimum of £1.00, with all donations going to the Save the Children Fund.

Flu Sprays “mop ups”

The immunisation team will be returning to school on Thursday 8th December to administer the nasal spray to those children who were absent from school when they first visited. Please note the sprays will only be given to those children whose parents had already given consent.

Parking

We appreciate that parking on Mill Lane can be difficult during drop offs and collections, but please can we ask that parents do not park on the footpaths. It makes it very difficult for pushchairs and wheelchairs to get passed. We have also been asked to remind our families that the car park of the flats next to the school is private property and should not be used when dropping off or collecting children. We thank you for your continued support and co-operation with this.

Headlice

Please can we ask parents to regularly check your child's head for headlice. It is also a good idea to tie long hair up make transition difficult. If live head lice are seen, treatment is recommended. There is no exclusion from school needed.

National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Parents of children in Reception (Barley) and Year 6 (Lancaster and Vulcan) have been sent, via email, information regarding the above programme, led by Lincolnshire County Council, Health Services. Children in these year groups are automatically enrolled on the programme; if you do not wish your child to take part in the programme, parents can opt out. Details on how you can do this were given in the email.

Monday 8th May – School Closure

Please note that the school will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023 to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, in line with guidance from the Department for Education. School will open as normal from the morning of Tuesday 9th May 2023.

TERM DATES 2022 / 23

Term 2 - Monday 31st October 2022 to Friday 16th December 2022

Bank Holidays – Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th December 2022 & Monday 2nd January 2023

Term 3 - Wednesday 4th January 2023 to Friday 10th February 2023

Term 4 - Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Bank Holidays – Friday 7th April & Monday 10th April 2023

Term 5 - Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Bank Holidays – Monday 1st, Monday 8th May & Monday 29th May 2023

Term 6 - Monday 5th June 2023 to Wednesday 19th July 2023

TERM DATES 2023 / 24

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



Coffee & Chat



SEND coffee morning

Tuesday 6th December
9:00am - 10:00am

For this term's SEND get together we are delighted that Gordon Forsyth will be joining us to talk about PAACT (Parents and Autistic Children Together).

PAACT provides whole family support through training programmes, conferences, workshops, activities and support group meetings.

If you would like to join us to come and listen, have questions answered or enjoy a slice of cake with other parents who might be experiencing similar challenges, please book your place by emailing me at lo'neill@poryacademies.co.uk or give the school a ring on 01522 872625. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dates

Below is our first list of dates for the coming year. We will endeavour to stick to the dates published as much as possible however things happen as the year progresses. We will send you more information when we get closer to the event.

Week beginning 28.11.2022

30th November - Assessment Parent's meeting

Week beginning 05.12.2022

6th December - Wheat's nativity 2.00pm

7th December - Rye's Christmas event 2.00pm

7th December - Rand Farm Christmas visit – Barley

9th December – Year 4 visit to The Collection

Week beginning 12.12.2022

12th December - Barley Christmas singalong 2.15pm

13th December Wheat & Rye at Panto

13th December - year 3 & 4 Christmas carol concert 2.00pm

14th December - Year 5 & 6 Christmas singalong 2.00pm

14th December – Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party

15th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

15th December – PTA Movie Night (more info to follow)

16th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Week beginning 19.12.2022

Christmas Holiday

Week beginning 26.12.2022

Christmas Holiday

Week beginning 02.01.2023

Week beginning 09.01.2023

11th Jan - Positively Different - PCSO Will with year 5 & 6 - 1:15 - 3:15 (hall)

Week beginning 16.01.2023

Branston Sports Festival for a group of year 1 & 2 - Sports Hall Games

Week beginning 23.01.2023

Chinese New Year - food tasting - Barley

Week beginning 30.01.2023

Week beginning 06.02.2023

8th Feb - parent stay and play - Barley

Week beginning 13.02.2023

Half-term

Week beginning 20.02.2023

Chicks / Ducks for Barley

20th February - Safer Stranger - PCSO Will with year 5 & 6 - 1:15 - 3:15 (hall)

Week beginning 27.02.2023

Branston Sports Festival for a group of year 5 & 6 - Football - 9:45 – 12

World Book Day

Week beginning 06.03.2023

Parent's Evenings

Week beginning 13.03.2023

PGL for year 4 12th - 15th March

British Science Week

Week beginning 20.03.2023

Vulcan class assembly

Wheat class assembly

22nd March Rye's class assembly

Branston Sports Festival for a group of year 3 & 4 - Benchball

Week beginning 27.03.2023

29th March - parent stay and play – Barley

Lancaster class assembly

Year 5 class assembly

28th March Poplar class assembly

29th March Willow class assembly

2nd April – PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Week beginning 03.04.2023

Easter Holiday

Week beginning 10.04.2023

Easter Holiday

Week beginning 17.04.2023

Week beginning 24.04.2023

24th April Scam Awareness - PCSO Will - Year 5 & 6 - 1:15 - 3:15 (hall)

Week beginning 01.05.2023

Rand Farm - Year 2

3rd May - Branston Sports Festival for a group of year 3 & 4 - Swimming 9:30 - 11

Week beginning 08.05.2023

Week beginning 15.05.2023

Week beginning 22.05.2023

24th May - parents stay & play – Barley

24th May - Branston Sports Festival for a group of year 5 & 6 - Swimming - 9:30 - 11

Week beginning 29.05.2023

Half-term

Week beginning 05.06.2023

Week beginning 12.06.2023

People who help us visitors day – Barley

Careers week

12th June - Personal Responsibility - PCSO Will - Year 5 & 6 - 1:15 - 3:15 (hall)

Sports days

Reception, year 1 & 2 - 12th June

Year 3 & 4 - 14th June

Year 5 & 6 - 16th June

Week beginning 19.06.2023

Bikeability for year 5

23rd June- Branston Sports Festival for a group of year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Athletics 10 - 2

Week beginning 26.06.2023

1st July – Summer Fayre

Week beginning 03.07.2023

Week beginning 10.07.2023

Year 5 & 6 Production

Week beginning 17.07.2023

Meeting the New Teacher