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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic term!

We have worked so hard and continue to be Agents of Change – For the first time ever, we entered the Key Stage 2 Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Choral Festival and were so proud to secure 1st Place! We have been to sporty competitions, science and technology fairs and have continued to work well with Scunthorpe United Iron Foundation. Our community phone box continues to be popular and our Worships are being enhanced by visits from a Bible Story Group, which the children are enjoying.

As we approach the summer term, we have much to look forward to; Parents meetings, VE Celebration Tea Party, Summer Fair, Career Fair and sports day including our annual family colour run!



Changes within school.

I write to explain some changes to you that will be happening during the summer term. I have been approached to take on an additional role of Executive Headteacher for two additional schools within the local authority, for the summer term. This means that my time will be split and I will not be as visible in school as much as I usually am. I offer you my full assurance that my commitment remains at G&B. Any queries, in my absence should be directed to Mrs Sharp.

We say our temporary goodbye to Mrs Tallant and wish her all the love in the world as she starts her "Mummy leave". We have appointed Miss Krajnik, who will be taking on her year 1/2 class and is very much looking forward to joining our team. In addition to Miss Krajnik, we welcome back Mrs Shires who worked with us for the autumn term in years 5/6. Mrs Shires will be offering us cover in years 1/2 and 3/4 at points throughout the week and we are looking forward to working with her once again.



SATs

As we approach the week commencing 12th May, we continue to prepare our year 6 children for the statutory assessments. This is a time to celebrate and a time for the year 6 children to showcase their exceptional knowledge. We ask that throughout the coming weeks children in year 6 are best prepared for school by ensuring early nights, it is surprising what a difference this makes. We do not make this a stressful event in any way, shape or form and urge you to do the same. Children are invited to attend a free "SAT's breakfast Club" during the week – and urge all to attend. More details will follow.



AN URGENT REQUEST!

I appreciate how busy lives are - I really do! However, please take a moment to check in on your children when they are busy on their electronic device(s).

78% of children that have a device say that they use it unsupervised.

Many of our children have gaming devices and report to us that they play on line with "friends". Once unpicked these are **often people that they DO NOT KNOW and that ARE SIGNIFICANTLY OLDER**. Children report that they hear repeated offensive swearing (sometimes by parents that they are playing with!) and conversations of a sexual and graphic nature, including theft, shooting, prostitution and rape. THIS IS NOT APPROPRIATE, some children experiencing this are only 6!

Wraparound Care/After School Clubs

Our AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS will continue to run as they always have and will still remain free. You need to book a place on these in the usual way, please note that these places remain limited so we ask that you do not make a mass demand for places and then not attend, that is not fair. The details and google form for the clubs for the Summer Term will be released next week.

We recognise that in an ever-busy world childcare continues to be a challenge for some parents so in addition to our after-school clubs, we will be offering a new WRAP AROUND CARE facility. This will provide childcare from 15:30 - 18:00 and will be charged at £12.00 per evening. Due to staffing it is essential that children are **pre booked** into these sessions via ParentPay, Children can be collected at any time between 15:30 - 18:00 from the main hall entrance. We are having a new entry doorbell system installed over Easter so you will enter the main hall doors and then "buzz" for someone to come and meet you at the internal doors to collect your child. Any questions or queries please speak to Mrs Burrows.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support that you offer the school. **Mrs Sowerby**



Important Dates/Save The Dates

| Tues 01.04.25 | Easter Bingo |
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| Weds 23.04.25 | School Re-opens to children |
| Thurs 08.05.25 | VE Tea Party |
| Fri 23.05.25 | School Closes for Half Term |
| Mon 02.06.25 | School Re-opens |
| Weds 04.06.25 | Careers Fair |
| Weds 25.06.25 | Sports Day |
| Weds 09.07.25 | Summer Fair |
| Fri 18.07.25 | School Closes for Summer |
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