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Spring Term

A very happy new year to all of our families. We are all looking forward to a wonderful term ahead. The teams will be publishing the overviews regarding what children are learning this term on the website as well as keeping you informed via Class Dojo. Please look out for this. This term we continue to focus on writing as one of our key school development actions.

Parking

We pride ourselves on having a good relationship with our local residents on the adjoining roads and cul-de-sacs near to the school. During drop off and pick up times the roads around school can become very busy, we therefore ask for you to be mindful and considerate about where you park when dropping off and picking up from school and avoid blocking driveways/parking bay, parking on the pavements and near to junctions. Access is required for residents and emergency vehicles at all times.

The layby in front of school is for **drop off only**, please do not park here to watch your child walk into school.

We also politely request that car owners kindly **turn off their engines** whilst parking/waiting along Bourn Mill Balk Road at the start or end of the school day due the amount of fumes that are circulating, especially where people are waiting along the footpath. (Hopefully this would also help save some fuel too!)

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

PE/Ear Tape

If your child has pierced ears, we ask that they remove these for PE lessons. If the ears are newly pierced we ask for these to be covered over with microporous tape. If your child requires this, please send it to school in their bag. Thank you.

Swimming Lessons Year 4.

Following the Easter Holidays, Year 4 and some Year 5 children will be having swimming lessons at Askern Leisure Centre. With this in mind, please **do not** arrange for your child to have their ears pierced within 6-8 weeks prior to the lessons commencing as these can-not be removed due to the healing time required and therefore your child will not be able to attend lessons. The Leisure Centre recommends that no earrings be worn. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings please remove these at home, unfortunately, we are not able to assist with this in school and could result in your child missing their lesson.

Further details of the swimming lessons will be communicated later this term.

Before and After School Club

Sessions can now be booked through to the end of Term (22nd March).

There has been a small price increase from the beginning of January and this is shown on the system.

Please note that all sessions up to the end of December should now be paid.

Nursery

Nursery sessions, these are now on the system until July 2024, Payments can be made each week, month or term but we ask that your balance is cleared by the end of July. Payment reminders will be sent each half term.

The Big Ambition – Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 19th January

Diary Dates

Monday 15th January – Attendance data for the Autumn term will be sent out to parents.

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (further information will follow, this is NOT a costume day)

Wednesday 13th March – Individual school photos and Class Groups for Reception and Year 6

Wednesday 13th March – Parents evening on line (you will be notified when the booking system is open)

Thursday 14th March – Parents evening in person (you will be notified when the booking system is open)

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 Sats Week

Summer Term commencing Monday 15th April – Swimming lessons for Year 4 and some Year 5's weekly for 11 weeks.

Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June to Year 6 Residential

School Holiday

The school term dates have been updated on the school website and app, to include 2024/25

Please click on the link below to view the school holidays, these can also be found on the school app under Useful Links.

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=91>

Term Dates 2023-2024

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2719&type=pdf>

Term Dates 2024-2025

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2891&type=pdf>

Please can I remind parents school is not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Therefore, it is important to consult these dates before making any booking.

We are committed to improving achievement through attendance, and any pupil whose attendance falls below 96% becomes a cause for concern. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Government as persistent absence.

If a child's attendance falls below 90% we refer all cases to the Education Welfare Office at East Riding, who is likely to contact parents directly to discuss the matter.