

## DIARY DATES



## Term 3

21st January - Year 6

PJ fundraiser

21st January - 4DO

Swimming—Prompt  
Departure at 9am

## PE DAYS

EYFS - Tuesday

Thursday

KS1 - Monday

Thursday



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## Executive Head



Dear parents and carers,

The road closure at the National School site has started as expected and I would like to thank all parents and carers as this has not caused much disruption to drop off or pick up times. I am sure this is due to careful planning and timing from you all and we are very grateful. The road outside school has been very quiet but please continue to remind your children to take care. The Road Safety Officer has been in touch recently to re-assure us that they are still trying to recruit a new lolly-pop person and if you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office in the first instance.

Next week, all the children in year 1 - 6, will be shown the NSPCC child-line assembly. This addresses some very important issues. There was a separate parentmail sent out to give you further information and links to the NSPCC website. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all school staff with Mrs Emily Jenkins, Mrs Theresa Thomas and myself leading this across the schools. If you have any safeguarding concerns we can always be approached (as can any member of staff). Any immediate or urgent concerns should be referred to the Lincolnshire children's services on 01522 782111 or the police.

As many of you are aware, over the last few years, we have had to restructure both the National and Harrowby School classes, due to falling numbers. This is happening over many Grantham schools as numbers of school aged children decline. The 2022/23 pupil numbers are still not clear but we think it would be wise to start to consider our options regarding class structure at the National School. We value parental opinion and would like to invite you to a consultation. We plan to hold this consultation, agree on some options and then survey all National school parents. The whole school community will be involved in this decision. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the National School office by the end of next week (Friday 21st January) and we will be in contact with a date for our initial meeting.

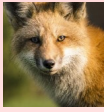
Optional parental phone calls went very well this week. Please remember that if you wish to discuss anything with your child's class teacher, this can be done at drop off or pick up. Drop off only for more urgent discussions please as we do not want to delay teachers and children getting to class. Communication between parents and school is very important to us and can be done in a variety of ways: the playground, phone calls, emails, parentmail etc.

Have a relaxing weekend,  
Peace be with you,  
Mrs Comerford





# News from Harrowby Infant School



## Fox Class

The children were excited on their return to school to find a trail of magic and a letter from Santa to ask if they liked the presents he had delivered them on Christmas Eve.

The children thought it would be nice to send Santa a Thank you letter. In small groups the children walked to the Post Box to post their letter to the North Pole.



The children have had fun dressing up as Doctors. They have been using stickers as plasters and bandaging their patients and on some occasions have written out prescriptions for patients who need medicine to make them better.



## Hedgehog Class

The KS1 children have been having fun creating their own rockets to kick start this term's topic "Bright Ideas". They have also been reading "What Shall we Build" by Oliver Jeffers to spark some inspirational vibes.

## School Admissions Final Reminder

A reminder that School Admissions for Reception age children closes on 15 January 2022.

Apply via: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

We welcome all prospective parents for a tour of the school. Please contact the School Office (01476 564417) to book your visit on a day that suits you. Children are welcome!

**Year 2 parents please be reminded that you need to apply for a school place at The National School by 15 January 2022.**

If you would like a tour of the school or wish to take your child for a look around please feel free to contact the School Office (01476 563895) to book.

## Childcare Club at the National



We have had a busy week, lots of different activities on offer - Bound for Beijing Slalom Skiing, a Bobsleigh Challenge, including making your bobsleigh, Lego airport building, a science experiment - Ice and Salt - a Nature Hunt from the January Challenge - an online challenge that we dip in and out of when the activities are appropriate - and, of course, football.

With our Amazon reward voucher from the Travel to Tokyo scheme, we have purchased a Playmobil Outdoor Playground to go with the Dolls House, a Playmobil Police Station - the boys asked for one - some small cars to go with the garage and some more Loom Bands. Thank you very much for taking the time to fill in the surveys that qualified us for the reward.



We still have places available and, as you can see, we have lots of exciting new toys to play with and activities to suit any child. For more details contact us on the email address below or look on the school website under the Parents heading.

If you have any problems or queries, please contact us via email [nationalchildcare@thnatrust.org.uk](mailto:nationalchildcare@thnatrust.org.uk) to let me know. For last minute changes, or when you are running late, please ring 01476 563895 and let either the office or, after 15:30, CCC know.

Ms Page Senior CCC Supervisor

## Year 3

Year 3 has started to look at, and discuss Myths and Legends.

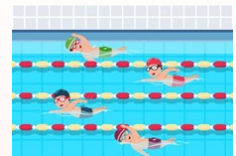
We have talked about mythical creatures and even designed our own. This week we are looking at the story of Cormoran the Giant in lots of detail.



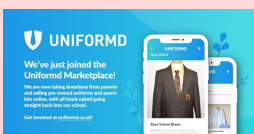
## Year 4

This term 4DO are having the pleasure of undergoing their swimming lessons at the Meres leisure centre.

During our first lesson, students in 4DO were assessed, looking at their current swimming abilities, and placed into swimming lanes to begin their 6 weeks programme. Each group has different learning goals with their swimming and lessons are tailored and adapted specifically to students within the group.



Some of the skills we have seen covered so far are: blowing bubbles underwater, being confident in the water, putting our heads underwater, the correct arm circle technique for freestyle, kicking and more! Students have expressed how much they have enjoyed their first week and are looking forward to accessing more skills over the coming weeks.



Please click on the link or copy into your browser to view our second hand uniform shop:

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/97>

## Year 5

PGL – thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in our PGL trip in March. We are currently waiting for PGL to confirm our numbers. Once we have this confirmation, we can then send out the next letter with further payment and trip details.

Thank you for your patience,

Year 5 team.



## Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed an E-Safety awareness visit from Emma at the Safety Awareness team at Lincs County Council.

She reminded children how to be safe online and how to enjoy being online, the children really engaged with this and are hopefully remembering the messages given to keep their own online footprint safe.

**Date for your diary** - on Friday 21st January - Year 6 will be able to raise money for their Leavers Hoodie by attending school in their Pyjamas - with a contribution cost of £2.

## Music

This is an exciting term of preparation for the Grantham Music Festival - Junior and Senior Choir will be performing -if your child is interested in singing they are welcome to join the choirs -  
Thursday morning 9-9:30= Senior choir for Y5 and 6  
Tuesday lunchtime 12:25-12:50 -Junior Choir Year 3 and 4 in 6VS classroom.

### Mashup Band

Mashup band for the violin group continues this term - if your child is continuing please make your payment of £18 for both Term 3 and 4 is paid asap - this is excellent value of 12x 30 minute sessions.

If your child is interested in learning the violin, cello, flute, guitar or trumpet we have some spaces available with the teachers from Lincolnshire Music Service - parents will need to log on and register at :

<https://uklincsmusicservice.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Spelling Shed		Maths Shed	
League winner Spelling Shed		League winner Maths Shed	
Year 3	TC	Year 3	GP
Year 4	PG	Year 4	PG
Year 5	RP	Year 5	RP
Year 6	SG	Year 6	GH



### TIMES TABLE CHAMPIONS



Well done to the following children for receiving their **Times Table Champion** badges!

*This means they know all of their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.*

**Jesse, Calleigh, Elizabeth, Logan, Henry, Jessica, Alfie, Millie** (year 5) **Anvi** (year 6)