

# Osbourneby Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025



## SAFEGUARDING

### Difficult Conversations!

We've all been on the receiving end of them and most of us have had to instigate them at some time. But that doesn't make it any easier when we realise that we are going to have to have a "difficult" conversation with our own child.

It might be because we have to break some bad news or try to find out more about something that doesn't seem quite right with them at the time.

Whatever the subject, and however old the child you're talking to, there are lots of ways to make it a bit less painful for you both and maybe even come away from the conversation knowing that you're even closer to your child than before.

How you start the conversation is going to depend on a lot of things, including how old and mature your child is and what you want to talk about. Ultimately, it's always going to be up to your judgement about the best way to tackle it but follow this link for some great pointers. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

## HAF—Holiday Activities and Food

HAF is open to all school age children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals. Please see attached a poster for the Easter Holidays from Lincolnshire County Council and a Parents Guide to making a HAF Booking.



## SAFEGUARDING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think we should all be the same?

(No, it is good that everyone is different – it makes the world a more interesting place to live and we can learn from and about each other)



## **Parents Evening—NEXT WEEK!**

We will be holding Learning Conversations next Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th of March between 4.00pm—6pm in the School Hall.

Children in Reception, Years 1,2 and 3 will be able to book via Parentmail—Booking forms are now available to book . This will allow you to book a 10 minute slot with your child's class teacher to discuss your child.

Years 4, 5 and 6 parents have all been contacted.

If you have any problems booking, please contact the school office.



## **Online Safety**



Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish. Please see attached the information on 'How to Set Up Parental Controls for iPhone Apps' .

## **PTFA—Tuck Shop Friday and Book Sale**

Thank you to all of the children and parents that stopped to buy sweets and books last week. We have had an incredible amount of books donated so we have now decided to run Tuck Shop Friday and the Book Sale every Friday at 3.30pm, until the end of the term.



Children's books 50p Adult's books £1.00.



Thank you to everyone that has kindly donated to our book sale.

## Want your child to do well? Attendance Matters...

### How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

In the majority of cases, schools and local authorities will try and provide support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine.

It's the responsibility of the local authority to decide when to issue fines to parents, meaning the process varies from council to council.

However, under the national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

### Easter Fair—Raffle Donations

We are now looking for donations of raffle prizes and would be very happy to receive contributions from you or anyone you think may be willing to donate. If you feel you are able to contribute, please could you send your donations in to the school office before the 1st April 2025.

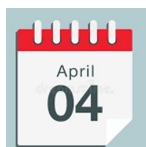
The donations, for example could be Easter Eggs, Scented Candles, Vouchers, Sweets etc.



— HELP —  
**RAFFLE PRIZES  
NEEDED**



## Easter Fair



Planning is going well for the Easter Fair on the 4th April. We already have stalls booked and are looking for more stall holders who would like to take part. Stalls cost only £5, plus a donation to the raffle. Stall holders can set up from 2:30 and doors open to the public from 3:00– 5:30. We will be inviting the whole of Osbournby and are hoping to replicate the great community spirit that we saw at the Christmas carol concert! The PTFA will be providing refreshments. If you know anyone that might like to have a stall please spread the word and ask them to contact the school office to reserve a spot!



## Scholastic Book Fair

At our Easter Fair we will have a stall from Scholastic. They have sent us a collection of books to sell. You will be able to purchase books on the day and place an order if we do not have enough copies of a book you would like.



Reading for pleasure is a key indicator of a child's future success. When children learn to read at an early age, they have greater general knowledge and a wider range of vocabulary, their reading is more fluent, and they have improved attention spans.

We look forward to seeing you at the Easter Fair.

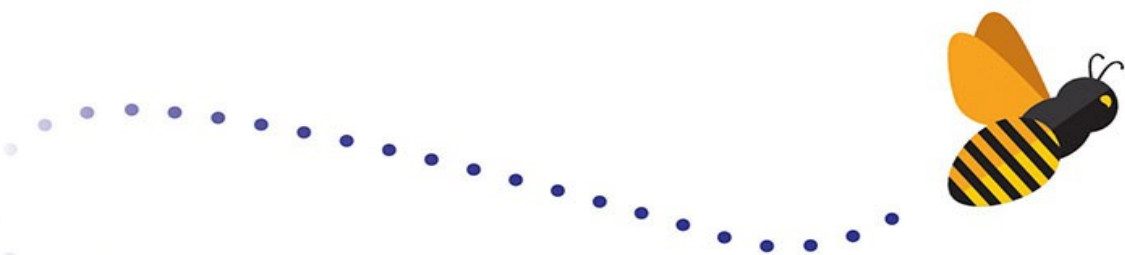
## CIT Academisation Update

As you know, we are working hard behind the scenes to progress our application to join CIT. We are working towards converting on the 1st April (fingers crossed!). We are delighted that we are already working closely with CIT and staff are seeing real benefits from joining the trust already!



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Notes
25-26 Mar	Learning Conversations	Book your Learning Conversation from 6pm tonight.
25 Mar	Digger Bees Ancient Egyptian Workshop	An in school Workshop about Ancient Egyptians
25 Mar	Carpenter Bees The Romans Workshop	An in school workshop about The Romans
3rd April	Class 2 Egyptian Afternoon	Mrs Saunders class will be holding an Egyptian event for parents at 2:30pm
4th Apr	Easter Fayre	Easter Fayre in the Village Hall 3pm—5.30pm



## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024/2025

### **TERM 1 (Autumn)**

First Day of Term Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Last Day of Term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### **TERM 2**

First Day of Term Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Last Day of Term Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### **TERM 3 (Spring)**

First Day of Term Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Last Day of Term Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### **TERM 4**

First Day of Term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Last Day of Term Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

(Please note Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April/Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April)

### **TERM 5 (Summer)**

First Day of Term Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

May Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Last Day of Term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

### **TERM 6**

First Day of Term Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Last Day of Term Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

**\*\* TRAINING DAYS (School closed to pupils)**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024





## Celebration Assembly

Each Friday we hold a celebration assembly to recognise the hard work and achievements of our pupils.

We awarded **“Worker of the Week”** to:

Bumblebees - Beatrice  
Digger Bees - Amellie  
Carpenter Bees - Evie



And we also awarded **“Osbornby All Star”** to:



Bumblebees - Arlo  
Digger Bees - Sidney  
Carpenter Bees - Autumn

**“Forest School Award”** - Florence



**“Osbornby Sports Star”** - Harry K

**“Lunchtime Legend Award”** - Ada P and Elizabeth



Congratulations to all of the children that took part in Shooting Stars, Pokemon Futsal Festival and the Maths Challenge Competition over the last couple of weeks.

# Congratulations!