

# Osbournby Newsletter

Friday 25th April 2025



## SAFEGUARDING

Please see the link below to our School Safeguarding Policy. Please take a minute to familiarise yourself with it. If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please see Mrs Bide (the designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Saunders (The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) or your child's teacher.

[Safeguarding | Osbournby Primary School](#)

## Goodbye Parent Mail... Hello 'My Child At School'

As from Monday we will be moving to Bromcom and My Child at School (MCAS) for School communications. You will receive a letter and a parent help guide about this on Monday, plus a link to your new account on MCAS.

FOR SECURITY REASONS, THESE DETAILS MUST BE ENTERED WITHIN 24 HOURS! After this time, the login will not work.



If by the end of the school day on Monday, you have not received a link or it did not work, please contact the school office so that we can help.

If you have a child at secondary school in Sleaford, you will already be using the MCAS app and you will be able to add siblings at our school onto it.

## SAFEGUARDING QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What would you do if someone told you to do something and you didn't want to?

(Tell a trusted adult)



## Money, Money, Money!

We've had a few questions about the cost of things in school so we thought we would try to help answer some of your questions.

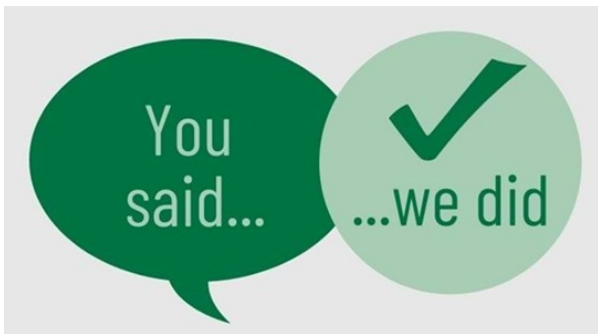
Q. Why do we have to pay for an after school club that is being run by a teacher?

A. Firstly, the afterschool clubs that are run by teachers still incur costs. Cooking club and Science club (for example) are resource heavy and expensive for school to run, while singing club (for example) is low cost. We average out our costs so that all our teacher run clubs are a similar amount. We NEVER seek to make a profit on our clubs and do not see them as "income" or money making! In fact, in previous terms we made a loss so had to slightly increase cooking club to break even. Secondly, many years ago (when Mrs Burn was headteacher) charging for clubs was introduced as some parents were effectively using clubs as free child care, forcing their children to attend clubs that they didn't want to go to because it was cheaper than paying for normal after school club. Children that didn't really want to go, then spoilt the club for everyone else and took up places so some children who genuinely wanted to attend missed out. Charging just to cover our costs, helps to prevent this.

Q. Why is swimming more expensive than it was last year?

A. In previous years, the children had a 30 minute lesson. This meant that more time was spent travelling to the pool and back than actually in the water! This year we have doubled the session length to one hour so that they really get chance to make progress with their swimming. We realise that this is more expensive, so we have tried to make economies in other ways. In previous years, each of the two older classes went in different terms. That meant splitting the cost of the bus between fewer children. This time we are taking BOTH classes together (effectively halving the bus cost). There is also an additional swimming teacher required for the higher number of children but school are paying for this. Swimming IS expensive and transport is astronomical! If you took your child to Sleaford pool for lessons yourself, you would pay a minimum of £35 per month (which is £8.75 for JUST **30 minutes** in the pool!) and you'd need to pay for the car park and petrol on top. School swimming works out at £8.28 per lesson and the children swim for a **full hour** every week. Furthermore you don't have the hassle of taking them! We don't seek to make money on swimming... we only pass forward the genuine cost. Swimming is a 'voluntary contribution'. If you are struggling, please do let us know.

### **You said... we did!**



Some parents have expressed concern about the having to pay for swimming when they have more than one child. We have listened and are now offering a discount for the second child!

### **Online Safety**



Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1980's. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground while someone is browsing a website. Although these adverts are merely irritating for most people, pop-ups can present more severe risks to younger users. Please see the information attached on 'What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Pop Ups'.



### **Polite Reminder**

Parents are responsible for the safety of their children before they come in through the school doors each morning and after they leave each night. Any children on school grounds are not permitted to use the trim trail or climbing equipment before or after school unless a member of school staff is supervising as part of an after school club activity.

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

Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential.

During school time we believe pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Parents or carers of a child have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a suitable education. This is usually achieved through regular attendance at school.



## Easter Reading Challenge

We asked children to bring their challenge sheets to school by Friday 25th April, however, we have been asked by a number of parents if we can extend this. We have agreed and Challenges can now be bought in until **Monday 28th April.**

Prizes will be handed out in Friday achievement assembly the following week.

A parent must sign off each box to confirm that the activities that have been ticked have been completed by the child.



## Lincolnshire children starting primary school or secondary school in September 2025

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2025 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below.

Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

## Dates for your Diary

Every child needs their forest school kit in school on a Wednesday.

See below for which class needs to arrive wearing their kit! If this changes we will let you know.

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Wed 30th April | Bumblebee Class come in forest school kit |
| Wed 7th May    | Diggers Bees come in forest school kit    |
| Wed 14th May   | Bumble Bees come in forest school kit     |
| Wed 21st May   | Digger Bees come in forest school kit     |

| Date          | Event                              | Notes                                     |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1st May       | Swimming Lessons Start             | Years 2,3,4,5 &6 Swimming Lessons         |
| 5th May       | Bank Holiday Monday                | School Closed                             |
| 6th May       | Return to School                   | School Open                               |
| 12th-16th May | SAT's week                         | Year 6 SAT's                              |
| 21st May      | Co-Regulation Parent Workshop      | More information to follow                |
| 23rd May      | Last Day of Term 5                 | Last Day of Term                          |
| 2nd June      | First Day of Term 6                |   |
| 12th June     | Inspire+ Mini Olympics             | More Information to follow                |
| 19th June     | Class School Photos                |   |
| 27th June     | St George's Year 6 Induction Day   | For Year 6 pupils only                    |
| 30th June     | Bikeability                        | Bikeability starts for 4 days (Years 5&6) |
| 4th July      | School Reports go out              |   |
| 8th July      | Sports Afternoon                   |   |
| 9th-11th July | Year 5&6 PGL Trip                  |   |
| 16th July     | Carpenter Bees Summer Performance  | 1.45pm—3.30pm                             |
| 17th July     | Carpenter Bees Evening Performance | 16.45pm—18.30pm                           |
| 18th July     | Disco / Prom                       | All Year Groups                           |
| 22nd July     | Last Day of Term 6                 |   |

## 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 - Arlo  
Digger Bees - Sidney  
Carpenter Bees - Harry L



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



Bumblebees - Sophie  
Digger Bees - George M  
Carpenter Bees - Noah W

**“Forest School Award”** - Gabriela



**Congratulations to the Winners of the Cake Competition Gabriela,  
Harry P and George B.**

**Well done to all of the children that attended Sports Events today.**

