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Dear Parents and Carers.

Hard to believe we are already at the end of the second week of the first half term already. The children have made an excellent start and we thank you for ensuring your child/ren arrive in good time and are well prepared for the day ahead.

<u>Kingswood</u>

Our Year 6 have safely returned from their 3 day residential at Kingswood this week. We hope that they have thoroughly enjoyed their visit - making many happy memories. Big thanks to our hard working staff Mrs Forman, Mrs Lawrie and Mrs Knight for supervising (and taking part!) and being there for the children day and night. We hope everyone has a restful weekend and enjoys being reunited with their family.

FoS News

50:50 Raffle draw - This week we are launching our 2018/19 50:50 raffle draw. This is a monthly draw that gives 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes. It costs £1 per month and 50% of the proceeds go directly towards Friends of School projects. The other 50% goes towards the prize pot so the more people in it the bigger the prizes. This is a brilliant way to raise money for the school and something you can rope family into too! If you would like to take part please return the completed slip to school.

Bag2School - This week your child will have been sent home with a collection bag for Bag2School. The collection date is Friday 28th September so perfect timing to have a post summer clear out. We receive money based on the total weight of the donations so don't forget that as well as clothes they also accept shoes, bags and soft toys. Please leave your filled bags by the school gate on the morning of the 28th.

New Members – we need you! - As the new school year has started we have sadly said goodbye to some Friends of School Committee members as their children have moved on. In order to keep running events for the school and raising money for exciting projects we desperately need new members. If you are interested in joining please contact a current FoS member (Sarah Marshall, Ceri Edwards, Lisa Mitchell, Rebecca Adams, Laura Rowbottom, Lucie Wade and Emma Winchester), contact us via the FoS Facebook group or Melbournefos@gmail.com.

Tesco - Please don't forget to support and vote for the School in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. You can cast your vote at the Market Weighton store and help us towards the target of first prize which is an amazing £4000! For the benefit of our new and long standing families here are a few <u>Housekeeping Reminders:</u>

- Arrival at school Gates is closed promptly after the bell at 8.50am. Any child arriving after this time must
 enter school via Main Reception and signed in by the accompanying adult. Please note that your child will be
 given a late mark. We place a premium on punctuality and good attendance so that your child does not miss
 valuable learning time and the whole class can make a prompt start to the day. Parents should be aware that
 cumulative late marks are subject to scrutiny by Educational Welfare and may result in penalty fines.
- Any child not picked up on time at the end of the school day & from clubs will be sent to After School Club and you will be charged for the whole session (£7).
- Nursery Wrap around or After School Club ends at 5.30pm. Please be aware that if your child is not collected and family members cannot be contacted we have a duty to contact Social Services.
- Any parents of Nursery children not picked up 5 minutes after the session ends 11.55 am and 3.25pm will be invoiced a total amount of £15 which is payable immediately. Every additional 15 minutes you are late will incur an additional fee of £10. Parents will be invoiced for these charges without delay.
- Please do not park in the lay by at the start or the end of the school day. The priority for layby parking has to be given to the school buses. Thank you

If you have any queries or questions, please phone or call into reception anytime. We are always pleased to help you.

Wrap Around

We have had a successful first week with our new after school facility for Nursery children. This facility runs every day after school until 5.30pm in Class 1. As numbers are relatively low at the moment we would like to offer the Reception children in the "big" after school club the opportunity to play in Class 1 after school if they wish. If children choose to do this then they will be supervised by the Nursery Wrap Around staff – Mrs Foots, Miss Hepplewhite & Mrs Burns. Children will be registered, fed and dismissed from the usual After School Club in the cabin, but may play with the Nursery children in Class 1.

Data Collection and Permission Forms

Please can forms sent home last Friday requesting data collection information and consents be returned to school as soon as possible. Please can we make you aware that we are no longer able to separate permissions for newspapers, from permission for social media. This is because newspapers will feed photos from their publications to their own social media sites. Therefore, parents should be aware that giving permission for photos and videos to be used is an all or nothing option. No names are released to press or on social media without prior consultation with parents. Many thanks to everyone who has returned forms so promptly!

Clubs

If you have requested your child to attend any of our after school clubs that we have running and for any reason your child can't attend please let us know asap, otherwise we will send your child to the club unless we hear otherwise.

Staff Car Park

We have extremely limited parking space at the front of school. Please note that this area is strictly for staff and visitors only. Parents dropping and collecting children before and after school and from Breakfast and After school clubs are kindly reminded to park on the Main Road. Thank you.

Impetigo and Head lice

We make you aware that we have had reported cases of both head lice and impetigo in school over the last week. Please check your children's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary. Suspected impetigo should be reported to your family doctor. Children cannot attend school with impetigo until lesions have crusted over, or 48hrs after antibiotic treatment has commenced.

Medication

Just a reminder that we are happy to administer medication to your child in school time. This shall be carried out by the office staff; however, medication must be brought into school and collected from school by an adult. This will allow you to fill in required permission forms. Please be aware that -

- any medication sent into school via your child will not be given
- Medication not picked up at the end of the day will remain in school until an adult picks it up. These arrangements are in place to safeguard your child and the other children in school so we very much appreciate your cooperation.

Photographer

Photographer Gareth Buddo will be in school on Thursday 20th September to capture images for the school website and prospectus. It would be wonderful to photograph as many exciting learning moments as possible. Please remember to return the Permission form so that we are aware who can/cannot have pictures taken - thank you.

Parent Communication

If you need to contact school please call 01759 318 369 or email admin@mcps.org.uk and we will be happy to assist you and channel your enquiry. Please do not use our Twitter pages or the Class Dojo pages to private message school as we cannot guarantee your message will be picked up. Thank you.

Vision Screening

Parents of children in reception should have brought home a letter regarding Vision screening. Please complete the form if you <u>do not</u> wish your child to take part.

Flu Protection

Children in Reception, years 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 will this year be offered the nasal spray flu vaccine. Consent forms have been sent home today and must be returned back to the school office by Friday 21st September. Please be aware late replies may result in your child not being able to have the vaccine.

School Dinners

All our dishes are homemade. Fresh fruit and yoghurt are available every day. Vegetarians and all children with special dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child is having the sandwich options during the week please let us know at the office and we will be able to supply you with the information you require. School dinners are priced at £2.40.

<u>School dinner menu - week commencing 17th September</u>

Mon Italian Style Chicken served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Peas

Vegetarian Vegetable Curry Syrup Sponge & Custard

Tues Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Sweetcorn

Vegetarian Sausage Chocolate Mousse

Weds Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Mashed Potato, Carrots, & Peas

Vegetarian Quorn Roast

Oaty Biscuit

Thurs Bolognaise Pasta Bake, served with Crusty Bread, & Mixed Vegetables

Vegetarian Pasta Napolitan

Eves Pudding

Fri Fish Fingers served with Steak Fries, Garden Peas, and Sweetcorn

Vegetarian Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Chocolate Crunch





