



Navenby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

GOODBYE

On Monday, we said *thank you* and *goodbye* to Coach Ramm who has been working as a sports coach apprentice at the school for the last year. He has worked with all classes in the school either with the class teacher or with Coach Laura from Carre's delivering all aspects of the PE curriculum. Being a former pupil of the school, he developed an affinity with us again very quickly, going above and beyond his role. Not only has he been doing his own course work and developing his teaching and coaching skills, he has contributed to school life massively. This includes helping out with physical play at Breakfast Club; he has worked with the Sports Crew to bring activities to the younger year groups at lunchtime. He has supported as a 1:1 when he hasn't been teaching PE and he has also assisted at Football Club. He has certainly helped the school in so many ways, which not all apprentices/students can claim to do. He is seeking short term work for the next year and then is going to America to play football and further his studies. The children presented him with cards and I gave him a few gifts on behalf of the school in Monday's collective worship. It goes without saying but we thank him for his contributions to our school and for further embedding the school's views on PE and active learning. We wish him all the best for the future!

TCHOUKBALL

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of taking Henry, Trixie, Finley and Alice to Winchelsea School to take part in Carre's Outreach Tchoukball event. They had never done this sport before but they were introduced to the skills which they then put into small games at the end against the other schools there. It



was lovely to see how they all engaged, taking part in all the activities and certainly giving it their best in the games. It was the first time these had 'represented' the school with the sports tops which they were very excited and proud to wear. As always, it was a pleasure being with them and seeing their enjoyment in this new sport.

OUR CURRICULUM DRIVERS

Last term we ran a competition to design logos for our new school curriculum drivers. There were many entries and it was a tough decision deciding on the winners. All staff were given a vote and the successful designs are now being used in lessons by teachers and you will see them on display boards around the school. You should also hear references to them during celebration assemblies and hopefully the children will talk about them in their homework tasks too. We believe by exposing the children to these three qualities it will build confidence and self-esteem and further develop a love of learning.

When Mrs Harrison's class had the graffiti artist in we asked him if he could do a mural encapsulating the children's designs and this is now on the wall by the Breakfast Club entrance.

Jasper designed our 'collaborate' image, Emily designed our 'resilient' image and Theo designed our 'curious' image.



SAFEGUARDING

The Stay Safe Partnership has sent out an information sheet for parents all about Snapchat and you will find this attached to this newsletter. Snapchat is rated as a 13 years upwards app, however some primary aged children do access it. If you

have any concerns or need some additional guidance on how to keep your child safe online, please contact me on fran.reeder@navenby.lincs.sch.uk.
Kind regards Fran Reeder, Designated Safeguarding Lead.

PARENT MEALS

Thank you to the parents that have ordered either their GLC meal or confirmed they will be joining their child to eat a pack up. These parents will have received an Arbor message to confirm their arrival time. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate any parent who has not already booked to attend.

FORCES CLUB ASSEMBLY

This year, the Forces Club and Mrs Woolsey will be leading our Remembrance Service on **Tuesday 11th November** at 9.05am. All parents are invited to attend this but parents who are in the Forces are particularly welcome. More details about the Service will be released in good time.

MEDICATION

If your child has any medication which we keep in school can you please keep a note of when this medication needs to be updated. Parents are responsible for ensuring we have in – date medication for your child. Thank you.

HARVEST SERVICE AND SCHOOL VISION LAUNCH

On 10th October, we will be holding our annual Harvest Service at St Peter’s Church. This will include items traditionally associated with harvest with some classes performing a small item as part of the service. We are, once again, asking for donations of food to go to the Lincoln Community Larder who support vulnerable people in our community. As promised, here is a list of some of the items they would like to receive as these are most in need:

Baked beans
Tinned spaghetti hoops / macaroni cheese
Soup

Jam / Marmalade / Honey / Lemon curd
Tinned fruit, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard

Tinned meats e.g. minced beef, stews, curries, meatballs, corned beef, spam, ham
Hot dogs
Tinned fish e.g. tuna, sardines, pilchards etc

Tinned vegetables e.g. sweetcorn, carrots, peas
Tinned tomatoes
Pasta sauce / Curry sauce
Dried pasta, Rice

UHT milk, semi-skimmed
Cereals e.g. Weetabix, Cornflakes, Rice Krispies, granola,
Small jars of coffee, tea bags
Sweet biscuits, Multi packs of crisps

Noodles, pot noodles, and pasta n sauce
Angel Delight, Jelly
Meat / Fish paste
Squash e.g. orange, blackcurrant

In addition, we will be officially launching our new school vision, as directed by the Diocese. The vision is something we have been working on for the last 12 months as it impacts on our school values, our ethos and our curriculum. It will be useful for parents to know how this vision came about and how we are using it as a focus for the school moving forward. Some classes will be performing short items to exemplify this vision and what it means on a day-to-day basis in school.

We are all hopeful many of you will attend the Harvest Service to share in the launch of our school vision. We look forward to seeing you there.

Y5 BIKEABILITY

A reminder to the Y5 parents who signed their children up for the Bikeability training that this begins on Monday. Children need to bring their bikes and helmets into school on the Monday and each day until Thursday when the training ends. Please make sure that the bikes are in good order because if they are not the instructors will not let the child take part. Bikes maybe left at school overnight if parents wish but we can’t take any responsibility for them whilst people aren’t here.

They will be going out even if it is wet so please keep an eye on the weather each day to ensure children are appropriately dressed.

LOST PROPERTY

Already we are starting to amass lost property despite only being back at school just over a week. Please can I remind you to name ALL clothing so that it can be returned to its rightful owner. We are aware of how expensive school uniform can be (particularly the branded items) so we will always do our best to get lost property back to the child. Please can you also speak to them about looking after their property and putting things where they know they are. Can I also remind you to follow our school uniform policy. We are seeing some variations on items listed and would ask that these are not worn, particularly ‘elaborate’ and large headbands.
Thank you

PE PROFILING

You will have received the letter from Carre’s earlier in the week about their PE profiling which they are doing in their Outreach Schools. The 30 minute session consists of a number of fun and engaging activities to promote balance, flexibility, speed and flexibility. The results of these challenges will help us as a school improve our planning so that we can target areas for development to help children

improve their confidence in PE and contribute to promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Our event is timetabled for the morning of **6th October** so all children in Years 1 to 6 will need at least their trainers in school that day. All data collected by Carre's will only be shared with the school and will only be used by class teachers to target areas for development.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES JULY 2025

Thank you to the parents who returned our end of year questionnaire. There were 73 returns representing 62 families. The information on them will help us improve certain areas and also celebrate the things that we do well. Below are the percentages whose ticks were in the 'always' or 'mostly' boxes.

Area	Always/most of the time
My child enjoys school	97%
School keeps my child safe	100%
Happy with my child's progress	97%
School promotes a healthy lifestyle	100%
Values children as individuals and helps them do their best	86%
School meets my child's individual needs	100%
Curriculum helps motivate learners	100%
Promotes positive relationships	100%
School seeks parents' opinions	97%
I feel I can approach the school and concerns are dealt with effectively	97%
School is well led and managed	100%
I value the fact Navenby is a church school	85%
School communicates well	95%
Overall I am happy with my child's experiences at Navenby	99%
I would recommend Navenby to others	99%

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

I have been asked by the Diocese to promote their Christmas card competition. Details are below:

It is that time of year again, and we would like to warmly invite you to participate in the designing of this year's Bishops' Christmas card. The theme of this year's card is 'Let there be light' inspired by the bible verse:

John 1:4-5 – 'What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it'

We invite entries that reflect this beautiful message of hope and light. Artwork may be painted, drawn, or a photograph – we welcome all forms of visual creativity that bring the theme to life.

*The deadline for submissions is **Friday 17th October**. Please ensure that your design is an original piece of work and the size is no larger than 151 mm x 151 mm.*

Submission should be posted to: The Bishops' Office, Edward King House, Minster Yard, Lincoln, LN2 1PU. Please include your name, parish, postal address and email address so that we can return your designs and contact the winner.

Good luck to anyone who decides to take part!

FONS

The next FONS meeting is at the Lion and Royal pub in Navenby on Monday 6th October at 8pm. All parents/carers of children in the school are welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

C Elliott

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Headteacher

DATES (new dates in bold)

We aim to publish dates for any events well in advance so that parents can make any necessary arrangements. Dates in place so far are:

- 29th Sept – 2nd Oct: Y5 Bikeability
- 29th Sept – 3rd Oct: Y6 to PGL
- 29th Sept: Y1 Parent Lunch
- 30th Sept: Y2 Parent Lunch
- 1st Oct: Y3 Parent Lunch
- 2nd Oct: Y4 Parent Lunch
- 3rd Oct: Y5 Parent lunch; MacMillan Coffee Day (Y4)
- **6th Oct: PE profiling Y1 – Y6**
- 8th Oct: Reception 2026 open morning 10am
- 9th Oct: Photographer in for portraits; **football match V Leasingham (H); Netball match v Leasingham (A)**
- 10th Oct: 11+ results; Bikeability (Learn to Ride group); Harvest Service and new school vision launch St Peter's Church 9.45am
- 13th Oct: Cairn Service 9.05am
- 16th Oct: Reception 2026 open afternoon 1.30pm
- 17th Oct: Nasal flu vaccinations; **Netball Qualifiers (details to follow)**
- 23rd Oct: Last day of term; **football match v Caythorpe (H)**
- 24th Oct: Staff training (safeguarding)
- 3rd Nov: Start of Term 2

Please keep looking at the website where these are continually updated and new dates added. Thank you.