



# Newsletter 1

## 12th September 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to the first Newsletter of the 2017/18 academic year. I trust that you had a wonderful Summer break and wish you a very warm welcome back to school. It's been so wonderful to welcome old pupils and new ones, catch up with existing members of staff and start to get to know new faces. We have had such a wonderful start back to school and it has truly been a pleasure to visit each class numerous times and witness the calm, focused and respectful learning environments as well as feel as excited as the children by the wide range of activities planned and delivered by our excellent teaching team. It's amazing how after over six weeks without children's voices ringing out in the classes and corridors, it feels normal again so quickly. I want to thank the staff for their hard work over the holidays preparing their classes (which all look so inviting), sorting resources and tidying ready for some exciting first term lessons. A big well done to our new reception children, they have settled so well and we've had very few tears-just a few from the mums and dads, and most children have demonstrated how school-ready they are. I am very much looking forward to seeing Welbourn continue to flourish and shine as this term develops. As always, if you need to catch me, I will be on the school gate several times each week or a longer appointment can be made via Mrs Dwane in the school office. Have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you soon. Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher)*

### Reading Diaries New for 2017!



This year, we have issued each child with a Home/School Learning Diary and Reading Record. After many years of using a standard format, we felt that investing in our pupils and giving them a record to be proud of would help children understand the importance of reading.

We are also committed to ensuring effective communication between home and school and as a result, we have ensured that there is space each week for parents and school staff to communicate beyond the recording of reading at home.

It must be noted that the cost of these books is significantly more than the previous versions sent out and for this reason; utmost care must be taken to ensure they remain in a good condition. We never expect to see the front of books being written on or coloured in and any entries made should be done as neatly as possible.

Should any child lose this book or it be damaged in any way, the school will ask parents to buy a new diary at a cost of £3.50-As they are personalised, we have a limited stock left in school and replacements will need to be paid for.

We know how brilliant the children are at taking responsibility for their belongings and hope that they enjoy this new reading record and you have fun reading together at home.

### Labelling Clothes



No doubt, your children's school clothes will have cost you money over the Summer break and we cannot stress the importance of labelling each individual item. As a school, we constantly remind pupils to put their belongings away, but most days there are cases of lost jumpers etc. **To ensure that the items of clothing can be returned to pupils as quickly as possible, we would ask that every item that you have bought for your child is labelled clearly. Thank you for your cooperation with this.**

### Curriculum Maps and Letters

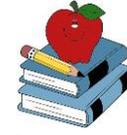
Each teacher in school has been busy planning their curriculum content and we have pleasure in providing you with a curriculum map and parent letter which will have come home with your child on Friday last week. Please ensure that you read these documents as this will give you the valuable information you need to keep up to date with what your child is learning about. A copy of this will be placed on the school website. Should you require any additional information, please see your child's class teacher.

*A very warm welcome back from all Staff, Governors and Friends of School-We are very much looking forward to helping your child on their learning journey!*

### Health and Safety

Parents will be aware that last year we started to review decisions that had been made related to the Health and Safety of all children. As a school, we are constantly reviewing practices and procedures and one area we want to highlight is that it is best for longer hair to be tied up in a bobble as we have had some issues in the past where long hair, during PE lessons and in class has been pulled or caught accidentally. We are also constantly trying to fight the spread of headlice and this is another way we might attempt this. If your child has long hair, whilst we do not, and will not, have a regulation length, we will continue to issue the advice that it is best to have longer hair tied back.

### Homework



We will begin sending out weekly homework on Friday this week, which will complement the work that has been taking place in class. Children will all have their own Maths Homework Book and English Homework Book and we will alternate between 1 piece of Maths homework each week and then English the next. Homework will be sent out on a Friday and expected back the following Thursday and this will begin for Years 1-6 this week. We look forward to seeing the hard work and efforts of the children as their homework comes back to school.

### Parking outside School



Please can we ask that parents are considerate when parking outside the school gates. We have been receiving a number of complaints from members of the community who feel that parents are making dangerous parking decisions when dropping off and collecting. We have sought the advice of the local PCSO and the Road Safety officer at LCC who will be making routine visits to assess the situation.

### Welcome to our New Staff

We welcome formally to our school team, Mrs Holyland, Reception TA and Mrs Bella Brosnan, Amethyst Class Teacher. Both have loved their start to the term and we know their commitment and dedication to Welbourn will only help enrich the school further! We also welcome Mrs Gadsby as a full time member of our Midday Staff from this term. Please join us in wishing these staff all the very best as they begin their time working in the school.

### Inhalers in School

If your child needs to have an inhaler during the day it is important that they have one in school at all times. Please ensure that it is labelled with their name and that you have given clear instructions for use to the class teacher and filled out the relevant paperwork at the school office. For those who already have inhalers in school, please check that it has not passed the expiry date. Thank you.

### Cool Milk



Reception children are given milk in school as part of the Government's Milk Scheme until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. After Reception, or their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday- if you'd like your child to receive a carton of milk every day, please visit [coolmilk.com](http://coolmilk.com) to register and pay. Please note, Free School Meals Pupil Premium children will continue to be entitled to milk all the way through school should parents want this.

### Healthy Snacks



Children in Key Stage 2 can bring a healthy snack for morning break. For example; a piece of fruit, cereal bar, dried fruit or breadsticks are all great for giving children energy and keeping their bodies fuelled until lunch. Please note that sweets and treats are not permitted at breaks and we ask that these are not sent into school.

### Illness Policy

We are always looking for 100% attendance, and we're so proud of the children for achieving the great results we attain, however we understand days off due to illness or injuries are sometimes unavoidable. We do ask that you call the school office **every day** if your child will be off school.

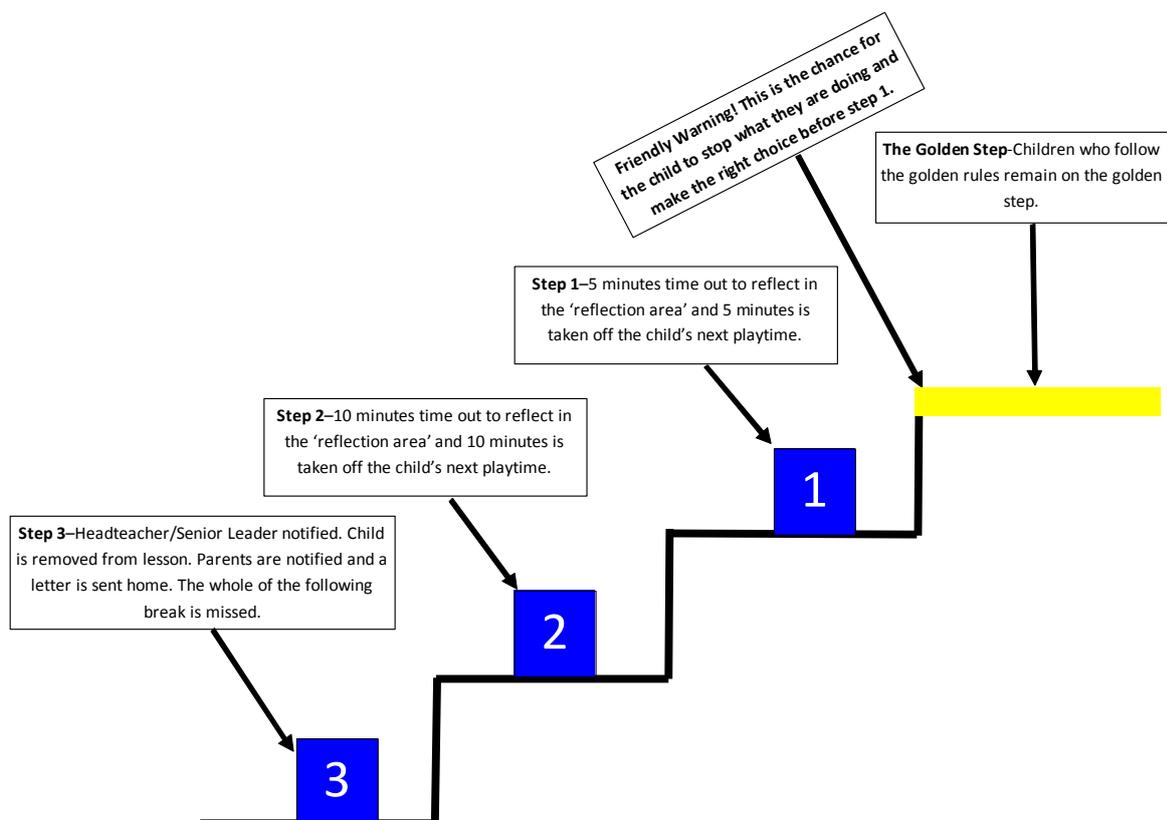
## New Behaviour Systems

We have been reviewing our behaviour policy, how we teach the children about making the right choices and the consequences attached to the choices we make in school and in the wider community. In light of this, we have consulted with the children and created our new set of Golden Rules. These are school wide expectations that ALL children are required to follow on a daily basis. They are as follows;

- **Treat everything and everyone with respect.**
  - **Always be kind and polite to each other.**
  - **Keep your hands and feet to yourself.**
  - **Walk sensibly and calmly around school.**
- **Listen carefully and do as you are asked the first time.**
  - **Be happy and always try to do your best.**

The children have responded brilliantly and we are exploring in school, the exact nature of each Golden Rule and the situations and scenarios that the children may face in school as well as in everyday life.

As well as this, we have discussed as a staff team, and with the children, what happens when children do not follow the Golden Rules and the sanctions in place to ensure children realise that there are consequences attached to the choices they make. From this week, we have introduced the 'Behaviour Steps'. Each child starts each session of the school day on the 'Golden Step' which represents the children following the Golden Rules. If a child chooses not to follow the school rules and expectations, they will move down a series of 3 steps. Each move will bring with it a bigger consequence. Please see the system below for a visual representation and more information about the consequences in place. Where children make the right choices, we will ensure they continue to be rewarded with the many systems already in place to recognise good behaviour in school.



In addition to the certificates and rewards that we continue to award for each child, we also give Team Points to any child seen following the Golden Rules and behaving positively. Team Points can be issued by any school adult and together, the children will aim to contribute as many points to their collective Team Point total. At the end of each small term, the winning team will be announced, and those children will have the opportunity to choose from the Golden Treats on offer. This term, the winning team will be able to choose to either attend a Tea Party with Mr Eden, access a trip to the park or have an option to come to school in non-uniform for an allocated day. The children are so excited about these systems and how clear and accessible they are for everyone. We look forward to issuing Team Points to all of the children caught being wonderful in and around school. If parents have any questions about these systems, please see your child's Class Teacher.