



GRAINTHORPE GAZETTE

Keeping parents, friends and families informed

Friday 7th September 2018 (Ref - T1W1)

WELCOME BACK! Our term has got off to a fabulous start in our re-organised classes. I know how excited the children (and staff) have been with the new layout of the learning space. All the pupils have come back looking so smart and ready to learn; thank you! As the term moves on, there will be opportunities for you to come and share the learning and the celebration of what your child does.

TEAM HOUSES Across Grainthorpe and Marshchapel, we have introduced three new houses for the children to work together in teams. Our house names celebrate three famous Lincolnshire figures: Sir Isaac Newton, Captain Matthew Flinders and Sir Joseph Banks.

Children will be given house points for good learning, fantastic attitude and behaviour and acts of kindness. Each term, the house with the most points will win a prize. Within our two schools, we will sometimes work in houses to build up our house identity. As the term progresses, we will share our new school aims and vision with you. Watch this space!

TEAM CHALLENGE Your child should know which house they are in and to start the new houses, we have set a home challenge. Can you find out about your House person? Where did they come from? What did they do to make them famous? Why do we remember them? This can be recorded as art work, models, biography, portraiture, fact files and so on. We know how creative you can be so choose whatever medium suits you, big or small.

Please send in your challenge work by 21st September. Happy researching!

THE YEAR AHEAD Our priorities for the year ahead are still the same - great learning and great experiences. We will be focussing on the outdoor space so that it matches the quality indoors. If you would like to get involved with this, please let us know. We will develop the project with pupil involvement so that the space also matches their expectations.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB If you wish to use the clubs, please let us know. We can only afford the clubs, if they are supported by you. If the numbers do not increase as the term moves on, we will have no alternative but to end the clubs.

STAR OF THE WEEK AND CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY Each week, a child will be chosen by their teacher for going that extra mile and they will receive a star of the week award. At the end of term, there will be a celebration assembly to which parents will be invited. After the assembly, there will be refreshments and a chance to mingle.

DIARY DATES A full list of dates for the term will be sent out next week once we have finalised them.

AND FINALLY I would just like to say thank you for making my first week as your headteacher such a welcoming experience. There is so much to do but there is an amazing team of staff, delightful pupils and supportive parents and carers. The year ahead is the start of a great journey, which I hope will be our journey. Grainthorpe, and Marshchapel, are such special places and living in a village myself, I know how important it is to ensure they thrive and survive. Our provision will be outstanding and this week has proved what an exciting prospect this is.

Over the next term, I will be in both schools daily - please let me know your thoughts, hopes and aspirations for the schools. I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs A Turner

Executive Headteacher