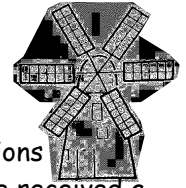
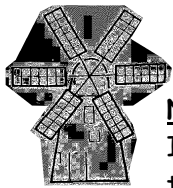


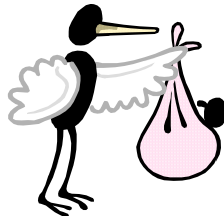
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New arrival for Ms. Benton

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that Ms. Benton has had her baby. Her name is Katie and she arrived on 25th April, weighing in at 7lb 15ozs. Mum and baby are doing well and as far as I am aware Katie is not keeping the family awake for too long at night. I am sure you would want me to pass on your best wishes to the whole family and wish them the very best of luck!!



Arrangements for September and Pupil Numbers

It seems incredible but we are already beginning to think about our class arrangements for September. This year will be quite unique for us especially as we will have two new teachers. Because of this I cannot give you any firm information yet about which teachers will be where. We will have to wait and see who the Governors appoint before deciding on the class arrangements. I will let you know as soon as I have more definite information. What is certain is that we will still have to have split year groups, which will mean that some children will remain in their present class for another year. All of you are aware that this is a fact of life at our school, since we only have 6 classes with 7 year groups to fit in. The decisions we make will be well thought out and will be in the best interest of all children. If your child is being considered as a possibility for staying in the same class I will phone you before hand to discuss the arrangement. At present we have 23 children joining us in the Reception Class, which means we have two spaces in Class 1 for the start of the academic year 2010/2011. We will also have places in the current Y5 (Y6 next academic year)



and the current Y3 (Y4 next academic year) You will all be aware of the financial constraints that are being put upon schools and therefore if we want to maintain current staffing levels it is vital that we fill these places. If you know of any children who are

moving into the area and are looking for a good school then please let them know that we have some places available. Local rumour seems to be that Sibsey Free School is always full and some parents may not ask for a place. You can see that this is not always the case.

Teaching Vacancies

Today was the closing date for applications for our two teaching vacancies. We have received a considerable number of applications and we will be shortlisting tomorrow. The date for interviews is the 20th May. The candidates will have to carry out some teaching, be interviewed by the School Council and meet the Governors and staff as well as having a formal interview with myself, Mrs. Hutson (Chairman of Governors), Mr. Payne (Parent Governor) and Mrs. Peall (Parent Governor) We look forward to meeting the candidates and welcoming them to our school.

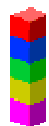


Friends of the School Summer Fayre

The Friends of the School are trying extremely hard to get the Summer Fayre off the ground this year and the committee are desperate for help in the planning and managing of the event. They are combining the fayre with a football tournament that Mr. Hill is organising and a talent show that the children have asked the School Council to organise. The date for the event is Saturday 26th June. (Especially to avoid an England match in the World Cup—how about that for consideration!!) If you are willing to help, please let Mrs. Rocci or Mrs Robinson know, you would make them very happy. Their target this year is to raise enough money for Mrs. Waite to re-equip our musical instruments collection and for Mr. Hill to revamp our sports equipment. So it's a really good cause.

Dinner Time Play for the Infants

I have been asked by Mrs. Lomas to request that if you have any toys that your children have finished with such as model cars, dressing up clothes, mega blocks or even LEGO, she would really appreciate them for use at dinner times with our youngest children. You have, very kindly provided things like these in the past and they are greatly appreciated by the children, helping to make dinner time more entertaining for our youngest children.

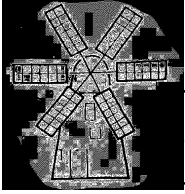


Sibsey Free School CheerLeaders

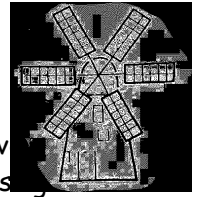
We are very grateful to Mrs. Lomas who has, in her own time, been supporting a number of children with their Cheerleading Club at the William Lovell School. We are very proud of their achievements and their commitment over the last few months.

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The children attend a weekly session at the William Lovell and Mrs. Lomas has been accompanying them to provide support and encouragement to the group.



Number of correct of maths questions, during the competition. You may well have seen Luke's picture in the paper recognising

this tremendous achievement. Well done Luke for putting in so much effort both at school and at home to achieve this wonderful award.



Charities

You will know that our school prides itself in recognising that not everyone is as fortunate as us and doing all we can to support a variety of good causes. Our recent Barnardo's appeal raised £394.45 for this children's charity. The money is used in a variety of ways to support children and their families who are in need. We also had a very proud moment the week before last when we were visited by two members of the Sibsey branch of the Royal British Legion. Mr. George Bulman (President of the Sibsey Branch of the Royal British Legion) and Mr. John Marshall (Organiser of the Sibsey Branch Poppy Appeal) Mr. Bulman (who flew in Lancasters during WW2) spoke to the children about the work of the Royal British Legion who support the families of servicemen and women and those who have been wounded or injured on active service. He also came to give a special award to the school in recognition of nearly half a century of fund raising by the school to support the Poppy Appeal. The children really enjoyed listening to him and we were very proud to receive this special award. Thank you for your support over the years.



Healthy Schools Week

Mr. Hill and the staff have been very busy planning the events for Healthy Schools' Week. Mr. Hill has certainly excelled himself this time with an action packed week. Activities vary from aerobics to Boxercise to yoga! You will have received some letters already for such things as the Ready Steady Cook event and the Competitive Sports Evening but keep a look out for other bits of information that will be arriving over the next few days. The Thursday of Healthy Schools' Week will involve a non uniform day of some sort—Mr. Hill will be letting you know shortly. Sports Day (weather permitting) will be on the Friday afternoon just before we break up for half term.

Their efforts culminated in a dance afternoon at the Haven High School where the children had the opportunity to see dance activities from several of the local schools and also had a chance to show off their Cheerleading skills. The team was Eleanor Grooby,



Daisy Blackamore, Brodie Anderson, Shannon Darcy, Jasmin Waters, Tara Loftus, Jessica Pearson, Kathryn Rockall, Abigail Rockall, Isabelle Porcher, Sarah Huggett, Megan Hook, Emily Hodgkiss, Chloe Giles and Aimee Hobbs. I know that Mrs. Lomas is aiming to continue supporting this club and is looking for boys to get involved.

Free School Meals

Just a reminder to anyone who feels that their children may be eligible for Free School Meals and are not claiming them. Please come into school and talk to Mrs. Squires. She would be only too pleased to help you and give advice on whether or not your children are eligible.



End of Term Achievement Awards

You are all aware of the fact that at the end of every term we give out special awards to 6 children (one from each class) to celebrate their outstanding achievement during the term. These awards are presented to the children in front of their parents at our final Collective Worship of the term. Just before we broke up for Easter the following children won the awards. Class 1— Anya James, Class 2- Lily Payne, Class 3—Megan Morbey, Class 4—Harry Baldwin, Class 5—Bethany Warner and Class 6—Sarah Huggett. Well done to all of these children for their hard work last term. The handwriting awards went to Rebecca Emerson, Bradley Sharman, Nina Rocci, Katherine Eyre, Victoria Kilbourn and Megan Hook. While we are on the subject of special awards it is worth mentioning Luke Borland in Class 6 who in the recent World Maths Day Challenge finished 41st in the whole world and 6th in the United Kingdom for the

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Dates for your diary

02.04.10–16.04.10	Easter Holiday	22.06.10	BNLC Inter School Quiz
19.04.10	Training Day for Staff—no children at school	22.06.10	family Learning
20.04.10	Children return today	22.06.10	Choir go to Lincoln Cathedral to record CD
23.04.10	Friends of the School Children's Disco	23.06.10	Capture the Castle Final—St. Bede's
24.04.10	Girls' Football tournament—Tower Road	23.06.10	Sporting Opportunities at William Lovell
26.04.10	Capture the Castle—Y2/Y3—William Lovell	24.06.10	Film Club
27.04.10	Wrates' Individual Photographs	26.06.10	Summer Fayre and Football Tournament—Sibsey Free School
27.04.10	Study Support		
27.04.10	Table Tennis Festival	28.06.10	Dance Club
03.05.10	May Day Holiday	28.06.10	Animation Club
04.05.10	Study Support	28.06.10	ECO Committee The Big Tidy Up
10.05.10–14.05.10	SAT Week for Y6	29.06.10	Spilsby Athletics Competition
10.05.10–14.05.10	Formal Assessment week for Y3, Y4, Y5	30.06.10	Class Change Over Day
10.05.10	Cricket Club	30.06.10	William Lovell Intake day and evening
10.05.10	Dance Club	30.06.10	Sporting Opportunities at William Lovell
11.05.10	Family Learning	01.07.10	Film Club
15.05.10	Netball Team at Lincolnshire County Finals—Louth	02.07.10	Cricket Festival—Mayflower CC
17.05.10	Cricket Club	04.07.10–07.07.10	Y5 and Y6 residential visit to Castleton
17.05.10	Dance Club	05.07.10	Animation Club
17.05.10	Animation Club	06.07.10	Athletics Festival
18.05.10	Family Learning	06.07.10	Family Learning
20.05.10	Film Club	07.07.10	Sporting Opportunities at William Lovell
21.05.10	Friends of the School—Children's Disco	08.07.10	Film Club
24.05.10–28.05.10	Healthy School Week	12.07.10	Samba Concert for Class 4 parents
24.05.10	Sex Education Video—Parents of Y5/Y6	12.07.10	Animation Club
24.05.10	Animation Club	15.07.10	Gifted and Talented show Case day at Boston Tower Road School
24.05.10	Dance Club	15.07.10	Film Club
25.05.10	Primary Cricket Festival—Boston CC	19.07.10	Informal Parents' Evening
25.05.10	Spilsby Netball and Football Tournament	20.07.10	Y6 BBQ
25.05.10	Competitive Sports Evening and BBQ	21.07.10	End of Year Service St. Margaret's Church Finish early today 2.15 p.m.
26.05.10	Ready, Steady Cook Event		
27.05.10	British Heart Foundation Day		
28.05.10	Sports Day		
28.05.10	Children break up today		
31.05.10–04.06.10	Half Term		
07.06.10	Children return today		
07.06.10	Animation Club		
07.06.10	School Council Meeting		
07.06.10	Dance Club		
08.06.10	Rounders Tournament—Old Leake		
08.06.10	Family Learning		
08.06.10	New Intake Reception Parents' Evening		
09.06.10	Sports Teams Photographs		
09.06.10	Music Evening		
10.06.10	Choir goes to Lincoln		
10.06.10	Film Club		
14.06.10	Animation Club		
14.06.10	Dance Club		
15.06.10	BNLC Pupil Conference—PRSA		
15.06.10	Golf Development Day Boston Golf Club		
15.06.10	Family Learning		
16.06.10	Tennis Festival—Boston Tennis Club		
16.06.10	Sporting Opportunities at William Lovell		
16.06.10	Community Cohesion Meeting for Sibsey		
17.06.10	Film Club		
19.06.10	Athletics Festival—Tower Road		
21.06.10	Animation Club		
21.06.10	Dance Club		
21.06.10	Castleton Parents' Evening		

The above is a list of dates and events that are currently booked. If new things are planned then I will inform you all as soon as possible. Many thanks for your continued support and help with all that we do with your children.



As you can see this term is a very busy one (again) with lots of variety for your children to experience. We are committed as a school to provide as broad and as varied a curriculum as is possible, with as many opportunities as we can, in order to give your children the chance to become rounded and more complete individuals. We obviously value the importance of academic achievement but also recognise the need for our children to experience sport, the arts, drama, performing and taking part. These, we believe, give them the confidence and self esteem to make greater progress with their academic studies.

Thank you.

