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LEARNING

This week, in collective worship, we looked at learning through the story of Icarus and what this ancient myth teach us . The Bible tells us the following: 'The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.' (Proverbs 12.15)

It also says: 'Where there is no guidance, people fall, but in an abundance of advisors, there is safety.' (Proverbs 11.14) Both of these verses speak about listening to the advice of others.

The Bible also advises reflection rather than acting in haste.

CLASSES

Robins: This week, the Robins have continued to learn the next set of sounds in Phonics. Please practice t, i, n, p and g at home over the weekend 😊 We have started our maths lessons and have been practicing 'careful counting', remembering to always start with number 1 and use our counting fingers to help us count accurately. We have been working hard to strengthen up our hand muscles with lots of fine motor activities. In PE, the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing the traffic light game and practicing stopping safely. What a super week 😊

Goldfinches: This week in Maths we have looked at numbers to 10 (Year 1) and numbers to 100 (Year 2). In English we wrote an information leaflet on how to be kind to earth and each other. In science we looked at nutrition and food diaries. We compared two food diaries and looked at what nutrition someone might be lacking. In PSHE we spoke about the emotion worry and discussed when we might feel worried and things we might do to make ourselves feel better. In art we started mixing primary colours to make shades of green and in PE we learned how to dodge and change direction. Finally, we were introduced to letter families in handwriting and had a go at writing the Long Ladder family (i, l, t, u, j and y).

Kingfishers- In Kingfishers this week, we have been busy planning and writing our own version of Here We Are, a guidebook on being Kind – being inspired by our school values Kindness, Learning and Trust. They preserved in maths, whilst we started working with three digit numbers and number lines. We have loved learning even more about food groups and what these do to keep our bodies healthy. We have seen lots of children make their way onto our recognition board for going above and beyond, showing all our school values.

Woodpeckers: This week in English we have been writing about wellness / conservation and kindness. Our handwriting lessons are focusing on the shape and size of our letters and how to join using the continuous cursive style of handwriting. In maths we are still working on place value and this week has involved using number lines. We had a special visitor on Wednesday who spoke to us about deafness. In PSHE we are continuing our work on looking out for each other and in RE we have begun talking about Atman / Moksha / Samara in the Hindu faith.

Golden Eagles: This week in Golden Eagles, we have drafted a final piece for our English unit on 'Here we are'. We have edited the piece and paid close attention to the features of grammar we have covered and our spelling and punctuation. On Thursday we started our new unit on a book called 'The Last Wild'. The children have made predictions about the book and are excited to find out what will happen. We have looked at number lines, ordering numbers, and rounding numbers up to 10,000,000 in maths. The children have investigated the history of oracle bones in our topic on Dynamic Dynasties and we have looked at different types of Forces in Science. In our Art lesson, Golden Eagles have had a go at matching certain shades and tones to a chosen picture, ready to apply to their own paintings of landscapes.

E-SAFETY

Wake Up Wednesday

Swords sorcery and epic quests! MMOs let you join people from round the globe on a grand adventure – but even a fantasy world can present some very real risks

This week's free guide >> <https://bit.ly/4e5Y8jc>

KEY TIMINGS

- Breakfast Club: 7:50am
- School gate opens: 8:30am
- Registration opens 8:45am
- End of school day: 3:15pm
- After school Club: 4:45pm or 6:00pm

Please be aware that if you are late collecting for 4:45pm session, then you will be charged for a 6pm session

PRE-SCHOOL

- 8:30-11:30- Morning session
- 11:30-2:30- Afternoon session
- 2:30-3:15- Optional additional session

KEY DATES



- Saturday 21st September**- 11+ exams
- Tuesday 24th September**- Y6 construction Day trip.
- W/c Monday 30th September**- Kindness week
- Wednesday 2nd October**- Open day for 25-26 Reception intake 9:30am and 6pm
- Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October**- Parents Eve
- Friday 11th October**- Harvest Supper- Friends of School- 6:00. More information to come
- Wednesday 16th October** - Harvest Assembly - More information to follow.
- Half Term Friday 18th-Tuesday 29th October**
- Wednesday 6th November**- Open day for 25-26 reception intake 9:30am and 6pm

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV

ALWAYS ONLINE
Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which means that players are expected to be online for long periods of time. This can be a challenge for some children, especially if they have other commitments or if they are not used to being online for long periods.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS
The game has several expansions, which are new areas of the game world that players can explore. These expansions are released regularly, and they can be quite expensive.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE
Players need to pay £9.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV. There is also a one-time purchase for the game itself, which is £49.99.

VOICE & TEXT CHAT
Final Fantasy XIV has a built-in voice and text chat system. This allows players to communicate with each other while playing the game. However, this can also be a risk, as players can be exposed to inappropriate language or behavior.

VIOLENCE
Final Fantasy XIV is a fantasy game, and it features a lot of violence. This includes battles with monsters and other players, as well as a story that involves a lot of conflict.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION
Like many other MMORPGs, Final Fantasy XIV has the potential to be addictive. This is because the game offers a lot of rewards and a sense of accomplishment that can be hard to resist.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME
Set a limit on how long your child can play the game each day. This will help to ensure that they are not spending too much time on the game and that they are still able to do their schoolwork.

PLAY TOGETHER
Encourage your child to play the game with friends or family members. This will help to ensure that they are playing in a safe and supervised environment.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL
If you are considering whether to let your child play the game, it is worth trying the free trial first. This will allow you to see if your child enjoys the game and if it is suitable for them.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16
Final Fantasy XIV is rated PEGI 16, which means that it is not suitable for children under the age of 16. This is due to the game's violence and some of the language used in the game.

Meet Our Expert
David Coleman is the Editor-in-Chief of Education, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for 10 years. He has written for a number of major publications, and has been a frequent speaker at industry events.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

www.wakeupwednesday.com



Tuesday 24th September
Year1 and 2- 2:30-3:00

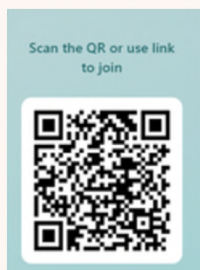
Thursday 26th September
Year 6- 3:20-3:50 and 4:00-4:30

These meetings are to introduce ourselves as well as go through the curriculum expectations for the year.

Feedback

Please could you complete this form if you have been to one of our Meet the Teacher sessions. This will take about 2 minutes and we would really appreciate your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5fcWufy7nK?origin=lprLink>



CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week we launched our class attendance awards. The winning class gets to keep an attendance trophy for a week. We are aiming for 97+%

Robins-100 %
Goldfinches- 98.4%
Kingfishers-96.4 %
Woodpeckers- 99.2 %
Golden Eagles- 91.9%



Well Done Robins

ATTENDANCE POLICY UPDATE



At the end of the summer term, our newsletter made you aware that there was going to be an update from the Department of Education regarding Attendance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>.
Based on this guidance we have had to review our attendance policy. Please find this new attendance policy on our website <https://www.kltprimary.co.uk/policies/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our commitment to maintaining high levels of school attendance, we would like to inform you about some important changes regarding holiday absences and unauthorised leave. These changes align with the Department for Education (DFE) updated guidance on improving school attendance, effective from 19th August 2024 in collaboration with the Local Authority.

The Academy consistently emphasises the significance of good attendance. We recognise that absences impact not only a student's academic performance but also their social well-being within the school community. The Academy closely monitors the attendance of all our learners and communicates with families when concerns arise. Our aim is to continue to work collaboratively with the families to address any issues and we will provide support and explore solutions together to support all learners to be in school regularly and on time.

Penalty notices and prosecution.

It is important to be aware that poor attendance may result in the issuing of penalty notices to parents. These notices can apply to term-time holidays, any unauthorised absences, or a combination of both. The national threshold for issuing a penalty notice in England is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period. This typically equates to 5 school days. (e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

A Penalty Notice can be issued under the following legislation:

- Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise
- Where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 444 of the Education Act
- In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a Penalty

Please note: A Penalty Notice can also be issued if your child is seen in a public place within the first 5 days of an exclusion from their school.

- Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 makes it a duty for parents in relation to pupils subject to a fixed period or permanent exclusion to ensure that their child is not present in a public place during school hours, without reasonable justification, during the first five days of any such exclusion. If a child is present in a public place during the first five days of an exclusion during school hours the parent may be guilty of an offence for which they can be prosecuted by the LA before a magistrates' court or issued with a Penalty Notice.

See below for further information:

Penalty Notice	Details
First Notice in a <u>3</u> year period:	Issued to each parent. Charged at £80 if paid within 21 days £160 if paid within 28 days.
Second Notice in a <u>3</u> year period:	Issued to each parent. Charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
Third Notice in a <u>3</u> year period:	Alternative action should be taken, for example prosecution or other attendance legal interventions. Fines per parent are capped at two within any three-year period. If a parent is prosecuted for their child's non-attendance, they could face a fine of up to £2,500.

It is important to note that fines are a last resort, and parents are offered support from the academy on many occasions to improve their child's attendance first. Below is a reminder of the key attendance procedures to note:

Reporting absence

If your child is absent from school, please promptly notify the academy providing the reason on each and every day of the absence. Accurate and detailed attendance records are essential, and your swift action contributes to this.

Medical Appointments

While we encourage scheduling medical appointments outside of school hours, we understand that it's not always feasible. If you must have an appointment during the school day, please take only the essential time away from school to minimise disruptions to your child's education. Additionally, we kindly request that you provide the academy with a copy or screen shot of the appointment letter so that we can document it in the child's file.

Term time holidays

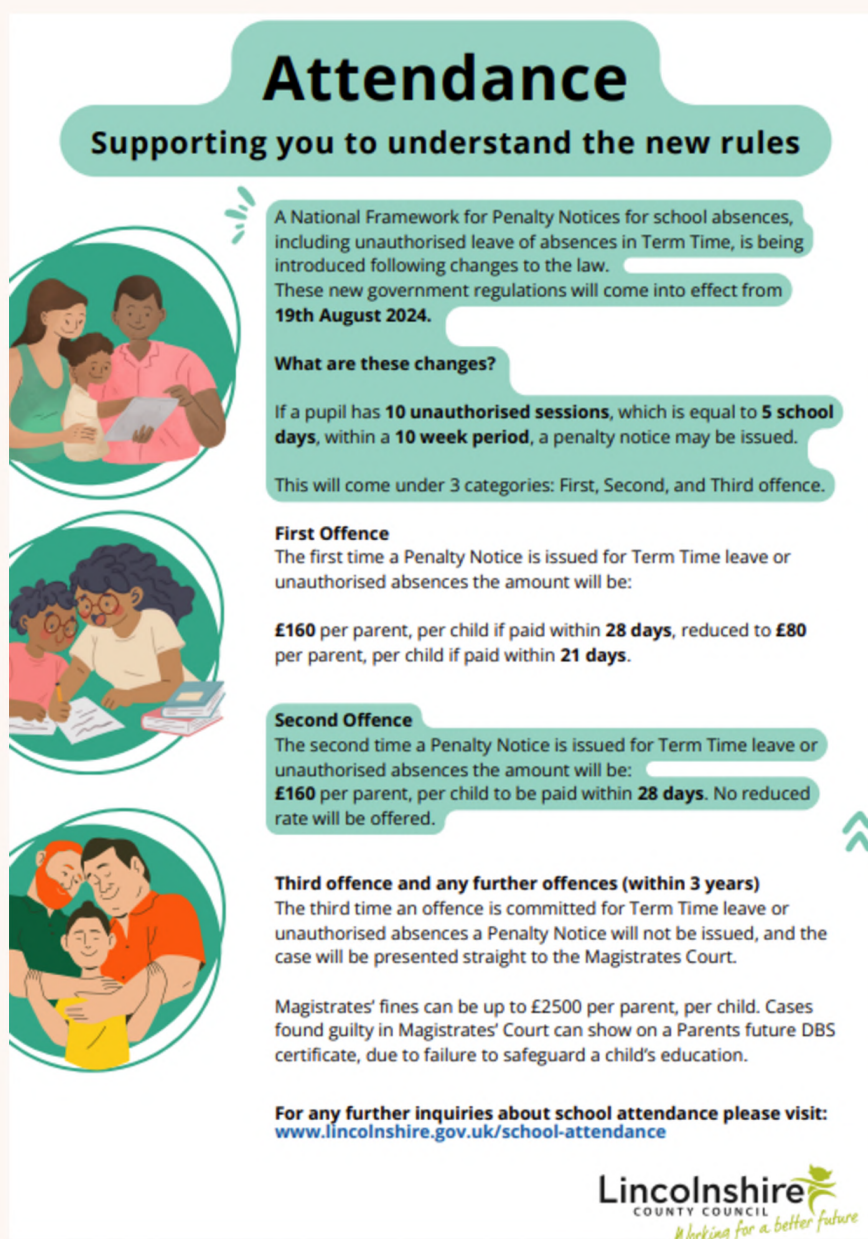
The DFE emphasises that term-time holiday should be avoided. Absence during this time can significantly impact your child's education. We kindly request that you plan holidays during breaks to minimise disruption in learning. Any such absences will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If you believe there are exceptional circumstances that require a term-time holiday, please submit a written request to the academy as soon as possible and an appropriate meeting or discussion will take place. We will assess each case individually and provide guidance accordingly. However, if we determine that the circumstances do not qualify as exceptional, we will notify you in writing, indicating that you may be subject to a penalty notice issued by the local authority, which could result in legal action.

Unauthorised absence

These could be situations where a learner is absent without valid reason or permission. This could include being absent without notifying the school of the reason, taking term time holidays, arriving late to school, leaving early without a valid reason or truanting. Occasionally, we may request evidence to validate an absence. For instance, providing a medical appointment letter can change an absence from unauthorised to authorised.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that your child's education remains a priority. If you have any questions, or you would like any support with the attendance of your child, feel free to contact the Attendance Officer, Mrs Adams at enquiries@kltprimary.co.uk.



Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules

A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024**.

What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued. This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.

Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.

Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance

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COUNTY COUNCIL
Working for a better future

CHARITY VOTE

Each year, at Kirkby la Thorpe, we intentionally raise and donate money to a local, national, and international charity to reflect our commitment to building a hopeful future through kindness, learning, and trust. By supporting a local charity, we foster a sense of responsibility and connection to our immediate community, teaching our pupils the importance of giving back to those in need nearby. Supporting a national charity allows our students to recognise the broader challenges faced by people across the country, fostering empathy and a shared sense of belonging with others beyond their immediate context. Finally, contributing to an international charity highlights our commitment to global citizenship, encouraging pupils to understand the world's interconnectedness and to care for those in different parts of the world. This approach nurtures positive and active citizens who respect and contribute to the well-being of others at every level, while also deepening their sense of empathy, justice, and responsibility.

Please vote :)

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Harvest Supper & Auction

Come and join us for our annual
celebration on

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024 at 6pm

Sausage and Mash Supper provided by The Queens
Head with cake stall & bar, Harvest Auction & more

Adult £9

Child £5.50

Tickets can be purchased using the QR Code Below
until 5pm on 4th October



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Dear Parents/Carers,

16th September 2024

Friends of School Harvest Supper and Auction

Friends of School would like to invite you to our Harvest Supper and Auction to be held in the school hall at 6pm on Friday 11th October. Due to the size of the hall, we will be limiting the number of attendees to 100.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Lisa Robinson and the Queen's Head, for kindly putting together the following menu for the evening:

- Sausage, Mash & Veg - Adults £9, Children £5.50
- Vegetarian Sausage, Mash & Veg - Adults £9, Children £5.50
- Vegan option and dietary requirements by request

Please use the following link to place your family's order: [Harvest Booking Link](#)

Orders will close at the end of the school day on Friday 4th October so that we can place the order with the Queen's Head. Once you have completed the Google form, please pay by bank transfer as soon as possible as we will not be able to order your food without prepayment.

Account Name: Friends of Kirkby la Thorpe School Account No: 20357995 Sort Code: 20-34-60

On Thursday 10th October, the school will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for donations of fresh produce and hampers for the auction. This is the main fundraising element of the evening and it is always a lot of fun when the bidding wars break out! We also welcome any donations of tinned or dried goods, some will be used to make up hampers and any surplus will be given to the New Life Community Larder.

There will be a licensed bar, soft drinks, snacks and a range of cakes available to purchase on the evening. We will also be running a Chance Auction and a Lucky Dip stall for the children. As usual, we will be accepting cash and card payments on the night.

We hope that you will be able to join us at our first fundraising event of the academic year. Harvest Supper is always a fun family event and a great opportunity to socialise with other KLT families.

With many thanks,

Friends of School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

13th September 2024

Asda Cashpots for Schools

We've got some exciting news to share with you!

Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app and shop in store or online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. We already have £58.37 in our Cashpot so thank you to those who have already registered!

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose Kirkby la Thorpe Primary Academy – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

With many thanks,

Friends of School |

Macmillan Coffee Morning
and you're invited!

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people with cancer.

Place: School Hall
Kirkby La Thorpe
Primary Academy



Date: Friday
27th September 2024

Time: 8³⁰ -

Contact Mrs Feary 01529 302595.

Donations - Cash preferred.

Any donations of cakes & treats,
will be gratefully received.