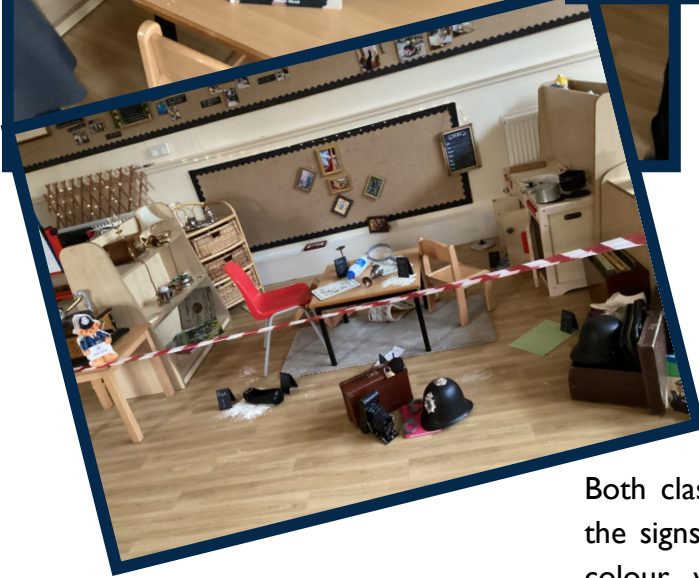


MARSHCHAPEL NEWS

Our Early Years Lapwings' class had to conduct a criminal investigation to find out 'whodunnit!' Someone had stolen the cookies from the cookie jar! They had to use their investigative skills to work out who the culprit was by comparing size, identifying letters and questioning suspects. The children had an incident room set up and the cell was ready to incarcerate the guilty party. Imagine everyone's surprise when the villain of the piece turned out to be Mrs. Marwood!



Both classes enjoyed a walk around the village to spot the signs of autumn. The leaves have started to change colour, we found conkers, sycamore 'helicopters', and lots of berries. We saw how the trees are losing their leaves. We also spotted wildlife in the shape of a squirrel, a frog, a ladybird and even a dragonfly!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CURRICULUM?



Kestrels were fascinated by the detail on the Ordnance Survey Maps and enjoyed locating the symbols they were asked to find in particular grid references. Sam and Ollly managed to find Blundell Park on their map!



Skylarks have been learning about the history of toys during their Childhood project. They went on to make a plan for their own toy vehicle. After the initial design was drawn, they made a list of equipment they needed, found out how wheels and axles worked and then made their final product, modifying and discussing the design process along the way. There's the evaluation of their finished products to complete now!

HARVEST CELEBRATION AS PART OF OUR R.E. THIS TERM

Classes have been talking about the harvest and why it is celebrated every year.

On Friday, the classes in each school will come together to talk about the answers they have found.

We are collecting store cupboard items for the local food bank in Louth. If you would like to donate any packets, tins or toiletries these will be gratefully received. You can send them in any day next week and

we will arrange for our school council to deliver the items to the food bank after half term.



ATTENDANCE

Thank you for making sure your child attends school. Illness and medical appointments are a natural part of life, and we accept there will be times when your child will be off.

At school, we monitor attendance and you will receive a letter if your child's days in school fall below the expected rate. Any attendance under 90% will automatically generate a letter; your child will be monitored and hopefully attendance will improve.

If you wish to talk about attendance do get in touch – I am always happy to discuss this with you.



IN IT TO WIN IT! 100% ATTENDANCE PRIZES

We are fast approaching the end of the first term in school! For every complete week your child has been in school, they will receive a raffle ticket. On Friday afternoon, we will draw three winning tickets from each school and those children will be able to choose a prize from the Amazing Attendance Box! It could be you! There is still one more raffle ticket to collect for the week ahead!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1, 2023

19.10.2023 Year 2 are spending the day at Grainthorpe with the Year 3 and 4 class. There will be dance, movement and storytelling too! We can't wait to see "The Nutcracker."

20.10.2023 Harvest celebration at both schools - children may bring in dried goods for the foodbanks.

20.10.2023 Term One ends

Term 2, 2023 - More details will follow after half term

31.10.2023 Term Two starts for children (please note this is a Tuesday!)

31.10.2023 Fancy Dress Day for Hallowe'en - come as you please for a £1 donation

07.11.2023 Open evening for Grainthorpe - more information to follow. Come and talk about your child's progress.

08.11.2023 Open evening for Marshchapel - more information to follow. Come and talk about your child's progress.

17.11.2023 No Rules Day - PTFA fundraising event!

07.12.23 Louth Christmas Tree Festival starts at St James' Church

08.12.23 Santa's grotto at Marshchapel 2pm-6pm - come visit Father Christmas!

12.12.23 Children's Christmas performance for Marshchapel (at the Chapel)

13.12.23 Federation visit to Grimsby Auditorium for Jack and the Beanstalk!

14.12.23 Carol Service at Marshchapel Church 6pm (both schools invited)

15.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day, Farm Kitchen Christmas Dinner, and hopefully a visit from Santa. PTFA Christmas Bake Off!

18.12.23 Children's Christmas performance for Grainthorpe (in village hall? TBC)

20.12.23 End of term – celebration assemblies, both schools.

Term 3, 2024

03.01.24 Children back to school on Wednesday

All term dates are on our website.



SAFEGUARDING IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you have any safeguarding concerns to do with children please let us know. Our Federation has a designated safeguarding lead professional (DSL), Mrs Turner and a deputy DSL, Mrs Manders. Please telephone school on 01472 869075 (M) or 01472 869035 (G).

If you have a safeguarding issue to discuss, you can contact Children's Services directly on 01522 782111.

STAYING SAFE ON THE ROADS

The Lincolnshire Road Safety team have produced important information to remind everyone about keeping safe. We will be using the expertise of the team to deliver sessions throughout the year to support all our children.

A newsletter has been produced for parents and carers and can be found here:

<https://sway.office.com/vzzhkqhFypy25kFF?ref=email>



STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

'Come and join our small class, a place where we test our own theories and actively learn to reach our aspirations'



Please spread the word! We have spaces in our Reception group for children starting full-time in September 2024!