



### **A Message From Mrs R Pryme - Principal**

Welcome back to Skegness Infant Academy. I hope you all had a lovely summer and ready for the busy term ahead. It gives me great pleasure to introduce Mrs Leighton who is the new Deputy Principal. Mrs Leighton has extensive experience and expertise across Early Years and Keystage One. She will prove a real asset to our already strong team at Skegness Infant Academy. We would also like to welcome Miss Dixon who has been appointed as the new Nursery Teaching Assistant. For the past 2 years, Miss Dixon has gained a vast amount of knowledge and experience working across Foundation Stage and has proven to be a valuable team member.

Its been very busy over the summer holidays with the Academy having a refresh. Corridors have been painted and each year group now has a different theme. Woodlands is the theme for Foundation Stage, Y1 is under the sea and Y2 is jungle. The upgrade of the new ICT hub is underway and the hall has had a refresh.

Welcome to all our new children, it is lovely to see how quickly they have settled into their new routines. There are a few reminders, the first being that it is important that the office is kept informed of any changes to children's records including addresses, parent/carer contacts, telephone numbers, medicals etc. All details should be up to date and accurate in case the Academy needs to contact you for any reasons including meetings, head bumps/accidents, fires or lockdowns. This can be done at any time over the telephone (by providing your correct password), by filling a form in at the office or by completing and returning the slip at the end of this weeks newsletter. If your child is asthmatic please bring their inhaler to the office along with the original packaging where you will be asked to complete a medical form enabling staff to administer it. We can only administer prescribed medication from a doctor which states that the medicine is to be administered 4 or more times a day. Office staff must see the original packaging and again a medical form must be completed to give authorisation for a member of staff to administer the medication. To help children keep hydrated at school they are encouraged to bring water bottles with fresh water only, no flavoured juice please. We do not allow dogs or smoking on site. Whilst we encourage children to ride bicycles and scooters to school, for health and safety reasons, children must dismount their bike/scooter when on the school grounds. If being left at school they should be safely locked up in the bike shed located in Y1. The school car park is for staff only and is out of bounds to parents between busy times at 8.45am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm. We ask that parents walk to school and refrain from parking along Pelham Road, Cavendish Road and Brunswick Drive. Uniform should be clearly marked with your child's name as this makes it easier to return misplaced items. Please note that the office is open from 8.00am to 4.00pm and the phone number is 01754 762059. There is an answer phone for telephone calls received outside of office hours. Finally, we sent home a new Home/Academy Agreement form this week to parent/carers with children in Y1 & Y2. These forms should be read and fully completed and returned to school by Friday 15th September please.

### **Academy Uniform**

We do not allow tattoos, make-up, jewellery, nail varnish, dyed hair or hair extensions. Excessive hair styles are strongly discouraged and decisions about the suitability of an individual style are the responsibility of the Principal whose decision is final. Children may wear one pair of plain earring studs however, Academy staff are not allowed to remove children's ear rings and ask that parents take them out on the day of their child's PE lesson - please see your child's teacher for PE days. Pupils are expected to abide by the rules in order to maintain pride and respect for their appearance and our Academy. If a pupil fails to arrive at the Academy in full uniform or appropriate appearance then a phone call will be made home.

### **Cool Milk**

It is evident that children benefit from drinking milk as it contains half of the child's RDA of calcium which is vital for building strong and healthy teeth and bones. Milk is excellent for hydration, supporting brain function including concentration, memory and creativity. Children under the age of 5 years old are entitled to free milk at school until the Friday before their fifth birthday. Parents who would like to purchase milk for their child should contact Cool Milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or collect a form from the office. Children in Year One and Year Two who also benefit from free milk are those whose parents who are entitled and claiming free school meals. To see if you are eligible for free school meals please complete a form from the office.

### **Holidays**

As you are aware the Academy does not allow holidays to be taken during term time. A 'leave of absence' application may only be considered if it is applied for in advance and the Principal considers it to be an exceptional circumstance. Further details are available at the office.



**Absence**

The Academy is legally required by Law to record children’s attendances, lateness and the reasons. If your child is absent from Nursery or school you must phone the office on 01754 762059 by 9.15am to report their absence. We have a system in place to follow up absences which include phone calls, texts, letters, home visits, meetings and ‘safe and well checks’ by the Educational Welfare Officer, Mr Andy Hickinbottom.

**Once A Week - Take A Peek!**

As you are aware, headlice is not just a problem at school but also within the local community and they are caught by having close contact with someone who already has them and then they walk (not jump) from one head to another. Statistics show that they have become more common because some parents are no longer checking children’s hair regularly. Headlice can be quickly and completely eliminated when treated with a lotion or liquid and it is important that the whole family are treated. Further advice is available from the school nurse, your doctor or pharmacist. We ask that you regularly check your child’s hair and should they unfortunately have headlice then please treat them accordingly. Our motto is - ‘once a week take a peek’.

**Diary Dates**

Good luck to all the Reception children as they start full time on Monday, the new process have proven to be very successful this year. We have lots of exciting events to look forward to starting with the Y2 Multi Skills Afterschool Club commencing on Tuesday 12th September from 3.15 - 4.15pm. The Target Newspaper will be in school on Friday 15th September to take class photographs of the new children in Reception which will be published in the Target newspaper in October. If you do not wish for your child to take part can you let your child’s class teacher know by Thursday 14th September in writing. Children in class 9 will start swimming lessons at the Embassy Centre on Monday 18th September - please ensure your child brings a suitable swimming costume/trunks, towel and a swim hat in a sensible water-proof bag. All items should be clearly marked with your child/s name and permission forms should be returned to school to enable your child to take part. Further diary dates and afterschool club information will follow shortly.

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**Skegness Infant Academy  
Pupil Update Slip**

**Child’s Name:** ..... **Class:** .....

**Mobile 1:** ..... **Mobile 2:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Medical:** .....

**Other details:** .....

**A test text will be sent to parent/carer’s  
on Wednesday 13th September between 9.30-10.30am  
If you do not receive this test text can you please contact the school**