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## Message from the Deputy Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had welcoming our first educational visitors, StarLincs, into Year 5 with their planetarium. The children really enjoyed learning more about Earth and Space and asked lots of questions to further their understanding. We know how important and enjoyable these experiences are for our children so teachers have been working hard to plan these for all year groups throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support with these.

We continue to focus on reading and it has been great to see children enjoying their core texts. Please ask your children about these. Our Reading leader, Mrs Dunkley, has been planning some exciting events for the next few weeks. Our Reading Pyjama Night for KS1 and KS2 will be on the 20th October. Children are invited back into school to enjoy their favourite books in their pyjamas with a biscuit and a cup of hot chocolate. We will be planning a similar event for Reception in Autumn 2 when the children are more settled. On the 8th October, we will also be taking part in Take10ToRead for World Mental Health Day with the National Literacy Trust. The children will get to listen to a short presentation from author Tom Percival then the whole school will be stopping and enjoying reading together for 10 minutes.

At the end of this month, we will be welcoming Jane Considine to work with us on developing our teaching of writing using The Write Stuff Approach. We have been using this approach for the last year in school and have seen lots of improvements in the children writing and how much they are enjoying the new experience lessons and foci for each sentence they write. Jane has lots of experience of working in school improvement and staff are extremely excited to have the opportunity to learn from the expert.

Our Head of Year leaders have been delivering assemblies focusing on our trust values of RESPECT. The children have really engaged with these and are beginning to use this language when we talk about our behaviour in school. Please speak with your

## Attendance Congratulations

*Classes with great attendance:*

4TM

## Celebrating Punctuality

*Lowest number of late marks:*

KS1 – 2SN, 1TW, 4YS

KS2 – 3DK

children about the values and the importance of demonstrating these every day with their friends, class mates and staff.

At the end of the day, the gates are open from 3.05pm and the children finish the school day at 3.15pm. The gates are opened at this time to allow parents to get onto site and allow an easier flow of parents around the site. Please can we ask parents to remain back from the classroom doors to let children to be sent out to their parents safely.

COVID-19 still remains prevalent in the local area and we are experiencing some cases within the school community. Please do continue to report positive PCR tests to us, so that we can report these on and help to support the fight against local outbreaks. Please also ensure that all pupil related absence is reported to the school office on 01733 942912 (option 1).

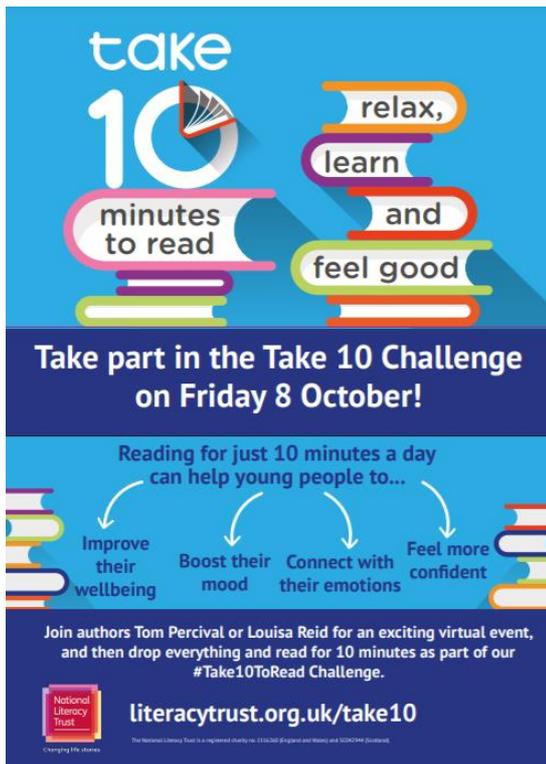
Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Gibson

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## #Take10ToRead for World Mental Health Day

Lime Academy Parnwell are joining the National Literacy Trust on Friday 8th October 2021 for a [Take 10 moment](#), launched by virtual visits from author-illustrator Tom Percival! Reading for just 10 minutes a day can really improve wellbeing and we're encouraging children, young people and families across the country to take 10 minutes to read, to help them relax, unwind and explore their emotions.



take  
10  
minutes to read

relax,  
learn  
and  
feel good

Take part in the Take 10 Challenge  
on Friday 8 October!

Reading for just 10 minutes a day  
can help young people to...

- Improve their wellbeing
- Boost their mood
- Connect with their emotions
- Feel more confident

Join authors Tom Percival or Louisa Reid for an exciting virtual event,  
and then drop everything and read for 10 minutes as part of our  
#Take10ToRead Challenge.

 [literacytrust.org.uk/take10](http://literacytrust.org.uk/take10)

The National Literacy Trust is a registered charity no. 1116340 (England and Wales) and 1004796 (Scotland).  
Changing life, starting with literacy.

## Special Delivery in Year 2

In Year 2 they have been learning about Paddington and his adventures. This afternoon they have had a special delivery from a certain bear, if you are in Year 2 make sure you keep your eyes peeled when you come to school on Monday morning.



## Planetarium visit in Year 5

On Tuesday, 28th September Year 5 had the wonderful opportunity to experience a visit to the school from Starlincs Mobile Planetarium. They set up an impressive inflatable Planetarium accessed through a dark and winding tunnel. They learned about the planets, the moon and its phases. Finally, they went on a journey through the stars investigating the constellations of the night sky!



## Learning about emotions in Reception

This week, Reception have been learning all about emotions using the book, The Colour Monster. They have been discussing why we feel different emotions and how we can help ourselves or others. The children will be bringing home their Home Learning books for the first time today with some activities linked to their learning.



## Do you play the Guitar?

Mr Kaz's guitar playing in 3DK has inspired members of his class to buy their own guitars. Even bringing them in to be tuned and played by Mr Kaz! If any other children in the school are struggling to tune their guitars, Mr Kaz has volunteered to tune them so that they are ready to play! Just let Mr Kaz know!



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## Fossils in Year 3

In Year 3, they have been lucky enough to have an up-close look at some fossils that are 150 million years' old which included shark teeth, woolly mammoth bones, t-rex bones and even dinosaur poop! A huge thank you to the children who brought these in.



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## Changing to Cold and Rainy Weather

As the weather is changing and it is getting colder and frostier, especially in the mornings, please don't forget to send your child with a warm coat to school. Children also go out in light rain during the day so it is useful for them to have a coat to keep them dry.



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## Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception to Year 2 they will be currently receiving Universal Free School Meals, however this does not check whether they are entitled to Benefit related 'Free School Meals'. When children are entitled to this type of 'Free School Meal', the school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium, of up to £1,320 a year. Schools can then spend this money on anything that can help your children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support.

**Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, your child will be able to receive Free School Meals until the end of Year 6.**

To check your eligibility and apply visit:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



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## School Closed for Queens Jubilee

School will be closed on Friday 27th May for the additional bank holiday due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Therefore, term 5 will finish at 3.15pm on Thursday 26th May. School will reopen for term 6 on Monday 6th June.

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## Dinner Menu

Next week we start week 1 of the Dinner Menu

<http://limeacademyparnwell.org/media/3932/dinner-menu-2020-09-18.pdf>

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## School Photos

The School Photographer will be in School on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October to take your child's School Photo. Information on how to pay for your child's photo will be sent out nearer the time.