### 3rd october 2024

ECKINGTON ST. ANDRE COFEPRIMARY SCHO NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you haven't already booked your parent consultation evenings on the 15th and 16th October; please make sure you do so, as this will give you an opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in to their new class. These meetings will be held in school and bookings can be accessed via this link: <u>SchoolCloud - Heckington St Andrew's</u>.

We are looking forward to our harvest festival next Monday at St. Andrew's Church at 9.30 a.m. The children have all been working hard on preparing for this service and we do hope that you will be able to join us. If you are able to donate any tinned produce for the New Life Community Larder, we would be most grateful. Please bring any contributions to school on the morning of 7th October.

Yours sincerely Mrs J Bentley

> The children have enjoyed doing their fabulous pieces of Christmas Artwork this week. Their designs came home last night ready for you to order Christmas Cards or gifts online.

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Diary Dates

7th October 2024 - Harvest Festival 9.30am - In Church 15th -16th October - Parents' evenings 17th October 2024 - Year 3 Class worship 9.00am in school 16th October - Deadline to return Christmas Artwork/Place orders 18th October 2024 - Non-school uniform day (a donation of chocolate required) 18th October - Last day of term 29th October - First day of term 19th November - Bag2School 9:00am

# 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







