

Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #105

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Dear Parents/Carers

When Mr Dolby and I took a walk around the school last Friday, staying in each class for a while, we were pleased to see that the children in every room we visited were focused on learning. Class teachers and teaching assistants have effectively settled the children in to routines and ways of working: the high expectations we have at Langtoft were clearly understood by everyone!

With two weeks of Termlet 1 left, I should like to remind you that Termlet begins on **TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER**. Monday 31 October is a staff training day. This may well be different in other schools in the area. Do enjoy the (slightly extended) holiday. A list of term dates for this academic year and next can be found at the end of every newsletter and is published on our website. They can be found at the bottom of the [For Parents](#) tab. Please check term dates before booking your annual family holiday.

UPDATE MEET THE SCHOOL COUNCIL



Here they are! The School Council members for this academic year:

Y6: Alice Nickson and Jacob Poxon

Y5: Emily Manders-Jones and Alex Sadler

Y4: Isla Jenkins and Daniel Phillips

Y3: Darcey Hildebrandt and Pacey Hutchcraft

Y2: Harry Burgess and Harper Graham

UPDATE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

I am the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead. It is amongst my responsibilities to promote the keeping safe of children not only in our school but in the wider community, too. Each month inside every newsletter there will be a safeguarding section covering a range of topics over the year. This month...

We would like to set up an **On-line Safety Group**. The group would meet a couple of times a year to review the school's policies and practices when it comes to children staying safe on-line. We would like to draw on the expertise of parents/carers and members of the wider community so if this is an area you are knowledgeable in – or you know someone who is - and you would like to be part of this key aspect of our safeguarding work, please send your contact details to enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk. Thank you.

NEW LEARNING LOGS

Your child (if in Y1 to Y6) has come home with their new *Learning Log* for the new school year. Inside the cover is an overview of the aims of the *Learning Log*. I thought you may appreciate a timetable of when each *Log* will be handed out and it is due back in school:

Date handed out	Date due back in
Friday 30 September	Thursday 13 October
Friday 14 October	Thursday 3 November
Friday 4 November	Thursday 17 November
Friday 18 November	Thursday 1 December
Friday 2 December	Thursday 15 December

UPDATE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Simply put, a child should be in school during term time. Schools have regular breaks throughout the year, designed and evenly spaced to allow children to rest following a busy term. We encourage all of our families to make appointments out of school hours unless, of course, there is a medical emergency or a hospital clinics only runs during school hours.

It is our policy that a request for a child to be absent from school for a family holiday will be unauthorised. Unauthorised absences taken during school time are reported to the local authority's Attendance Team. A fixed penalty notice may be issued by them.

It is our understanding that a fixed penalty notice may also be issued to parents of children who do not attend school regularly. This is considered to be an attendance rate of below 90% in any six week period. If your child's attendance was below 90% during the last school year, I will have already written to you. If you are struggling to bring your child to school, please speak with us so that we can help and support where we can.

NEW HARVEST FESTIVALS

This year we will celebrate harvest in the school hall on **Thursday 20 October**. **Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1's** festival will be at **9.15am**. This year, we are supporting the *Peterborough Soup Kitchen*. We ask that your child in to school on the morning of the assembly any of the following food items to donate:

coffee; tinned fruit; fresh fruit; tinned sandwich fillings such as tuna, corned beef; cakes; biscuits; crisps.



Peterborough Soup Kitchen
Feeding the homeless and disadvantaged since 1983

What does it do?

The Peterborough Soup Kitchen has been running for about 30 years now and serves food to the homeless and disadvantaged.

Our Vision: *A society where everyone has a place to live and feed themselves.*

Our Mission: *To provide warm food and drinks to the homeless and disadvantaged throughout the year.*

Our Values: *Caring, practical, reliable, feeding, non-judgemental and respectful.*

Peterborough Soup Kitchen is a charity run entirely by teams of volunteers who prepare and distribute food and drinks to help homeless and disadvantaged people enjoy a nutritious meal and hot drink 6 days a week, 52 weeks of the year. We have around 180 volunteers serving about 50 clients each day.

The food and drinks are provided through donations from local businesses, churches, schools and members of the public to help the volunteers run this vital service, for example, Bakkavor at Spalding supply all our soup and Pret a Manger in Peterborough give us their excess stock three nights a week. We are also the charity of the year for IKEA and Greenwoods Solicitors LLP, who are enthusiastically fundraising for us.

Every penny donated goes towards supporting our clients. We estimate that our total expenditure each year, if we didn't have all the donations of food etc. from volunteers and supporters, would be in the region of £22,000. We serve around 12,000 meals each year, which means 30,000 cups of soup and sandwiches, and 48,000 hot drinks, plus fresh fruit, cakes, biscuits, crisps, sweets etc. With the cold winter nights approaching it is very important that these people get some hot food each day.

The teams are always in need of additional help so if anyone would like to volunteer for work at the soup kitchen, please telephone 01733 315456. It only takes a couple of hours every four weeks and you will certainly be making our clients very happy.

Key Stage 2 will be celebrating harvest in their assembly on the same day, **Thursday 20 October** at **2.15pm** in the school hall.



This year, the children will be supporting *Wateraid* through Langtoft Church. The children in Y3 to Y6 are asked to **donate a small amount of money** each as part of the assembly to support the work of the charity. The donations collected will be given direct to the charity. As soon as the charity receives your donations, they can put it to work in communities,

bringing much-needed water to families enabling them to grow their own crops and ensuring they no longer go hungry. With enough food to eat, they can concentrate on education and livelihoods, helping them to take the first steps out of poverty.

The Rev. Michael Howard will be attending both festivals. It is necessary for me to restrict the **number of guests per child to two**. Anyone wishing to video record the festivals needs to **gain permission through the office** three days beforehand. **We thank you in advance for your kind support of these two essential charities.**

NEW MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



On behalf of the Governing Body, a warm “welcome” to those new to Langtoft Primary School and for those whose children ‘moved up’ in September a “welcome back” from us all. The summer break already feels a dim and distant memory!

As Governors we work closely with Mr McCullough and his staff on many different aspects (budgeting, premises, staffing and policy development to name but a few) but are focussed ultimately on ensuring that all of our children are educated to achieve the best of their ability within a **safe, happy** and **successful** educational environment.

We have had a busy start to the new school year: our three Committees have already met to reflect on last year’s achievements and opportunities and have recently held our first Full Governing Body meeting for this school year. At this meeting a key topic was the review and agreement of the 2016/2017 School Improvement Plan. This allows us to set out the key aims and objectives for the on-going development of the School, and the focal areas for us all moving forward through the next school year.

We have detailed how the Governing Body will contribute into the monitoring and evaluation of the school’s progress against these strategic targets with intentions to further improve parental engagement. We will be requesting **your** direct contribution into key areas such as ‘Online safety’ and the wider ‘safeguarding’ context within which we all have a part to play. **Watch this space!**

Your help and input is both needed and very welcome. Ultimately, we all contribute to ensuring our children’s academic, personal, social and creative skills are nurtured and developed.

As always the Governors are committed to supporting as many school and F.O.L.S. events as is practical. Whether it is on the playground, at an assembly, during Bingo Night, school discos, or at the Christmas or Summer Fetes, we look forward to meeting with you very soon.

Russ Seaton Chair of Governors

NEW KS2 CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION



The first sporting competition of the school year was a great success. Read on!

On Tuesday 4 October, 40 children from Key Stage 2 took part in the annual Cross Country competition in Spalding.

Four teams competed: Y3/4 Boys, Y3/4 Girls, Y5/6 Boys and Y5/6 Girls.

Pictured: The Y5/6 Boys team who came first, beating off competition from schools two and three times

bigger than Langtoft. Congratulations, boys! Brilliant!

But it doesn't stop there. Our Y3/4 Boys finished runners-up and both of our Girls teams came fourth. I cannot remember a time when all of our teams have done so well. Can't wait for next year, now!

Thank you to Mr Dolby and Mrs Preston for training the children and accompanying them to the event along with Mrs Seaton and Miss Moohan.

REMINDER REPLACEMENT 5C BADGES

May we remind parents that if your child loses their 5C badge the replacements are now **£1.10** and are available from the school office.

Badges are awarded on Mondays in our 5Cs assembly – and a very exciting affair it is too! I know that many children like to keep their 5C badges in a special place at home. (How lovely to know that they are so considered so precious...) I ask that on Mondays, though, the badges are worn to school. It adds to the occasion! Thank you.

REMINDER RETURNING REPLIES AND PAYMENTS

When returning a reply slip and/or payment, please allow your child to hand it in at registration or post it in the black box just inside the Main Entrance. Replies with payment should be in an envelope with your child's name and returned by the deadline given on the letter. Payments do not need to be handed directly to the office staff: the post box is secure and emptied daily.

We endeavour to give at least four weeks' notice of when a payment is due to allow for the next pay day to come. Payments received after the due date may not be accepted and this may result in your child not being secured a place on the visit.

Thank you for your co-operation.

NEW LOST PROPERTY

We do not have a store of lost property in school. Items left on the playground or found in the corridors, for example, are returned to the child whose name is inside the item. **It is therefore essential that items of clothing and kit that your child brings to school is named clearly.** Items of lost clothing are not kept in the office and unnamed and unclaimed items are disposed of at the end of each termlet.

UPDATE MACMILLAN CAKE EVENT

Thank you to all the staff members who made cakes (or went to Tesco – other supermarkets are available - and bought cakes) into school last Friday for the Macmillan Cake Event. Mrs Hinton and Mrs Leadbeater sold the remaining delicious cakes after school, helping to raise a total of **£192.13** - a fantastic amount for a valuable charity. Many people donated cash, too. Thank you!

NEW PANTS!

As making it to the toilet in time is not a skill that every child has yet mastered, we expect to have to change children who have wet or soiled themselves. This is all part of the job and we have a policy in place for doing this. We have a limited supply of pants and so ask that if we send your child home in a pair of 'school pants' please return them (washed) or send in a new pair for the next child to use. If your child is often sent home in 'school pants', you may prefer to supply us with a named multipack to keep in their locker.



REMINDER CLASS ASSEMBLIES

I have pleasure in sharing with you the date of your child's Class Assembly this school year. A Class Assembly is a lovely way for the children to share with you their latest learning so we hope that you will be able to attend.

- Each Class Assembly takes place in the school hall and starts at 9:15am (unless otherwise stated).
- Sadly we have to limit the number of guests per child to two.
- If you wish to video record your child, you must seek permission for this from the school office. Video recordings are for private home use only and should not be shared with others or uploaded onto social media sites.

Class	Date
Y2	Thursday 3 November
Y3	Thursday 1 December
Y5	Thursday 2 February
Y6	Thursday 2 March
Y4	Thursday 4 May
Y1	Thursday 8 June in church at 9.30am
FS	Thursday 13 July

UPDATE THE 5Cs

In **September**, we were pleased to be able to award 5C badges to...

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
Freya Fairhead- Abrahams Mollie Gordon Isla Jenkins	Toby Bradshaw		Oakley Hitchins Natalie Pecencova	Leo Sangiorgio William Brittain Oliver Chandler

UPDATE THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

September 2016

<i>Oliver Feetham</i>	<i>Freya Stewart</i>	<i>Harper Graham</i>	<i>Max Neal</i>
<i>Joseph Toulson</i>	<i>Lily Barber</i>	<i>Ben Lyon</i>	<i>Lauren Brawn</i>
<i>Jessica Johnson</i>	<i>Aaron Sadler</i>	<i>Dominic James</i>	<i>Lucy Lyon</i>
<i>Rebecca Board</i>	<i>Mollie Gordon</i>	<i>Ruby Stokes</i>	<i>Adam Cooke</i>
<i>Finnlay Field</i>	<i>Herbie Hefferon</i>	<i>Raphael Gioia</i>	<i>Annabel Charity</i>
<i>Savannah Luciano</i>	<i>Vitek Pecenka</i>	<i>Freya Fairhead- Abrahams</i>	

AND FINALLY...

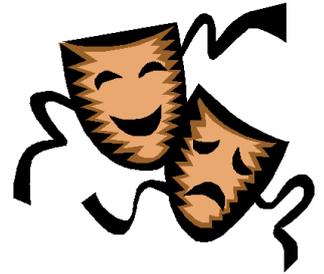
We look forward to seeing you at the Scholastic Book Fair over the next couple of days. The Fair is in the hall until Monday 10 October, from 3:15pm until 3:45pm.

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher



Langtoft
Primary School



Calling all former Langtoft Primary School children who have performed in *Langtoft's Got Talent* since 2007.

We are inviting you back to audition to appear in our special anniversary shows taking place in February 2017.

Auditions will take place during the week of 12th December 2016.

Deadlines for submitting your interest is 14th October 2016.

Please email fiona.leadbeater@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk

Let's make these shows the best ever!

WE NEED YOU!!!



DIARY DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

Scholastic Book Fair	:	continues Monday 10 October 3.15pm
Y6 Kingswood Residential	:	Monday 10 – Friday 14 October
Tempest Individual Photographs	:	Monday 17 October, am
KS1 Harvest Festival in hall	:	Thursday 20 October at 9.15am
KS2 Harvest Festival in hall	:	Thursday 20 October at 2.15pm
Open Day (1/2)	:	Tuesday 1 November at 9.15am
KS2 Swimming Gala at The Deepings School	:	Wednesday 2 November, 12.30pm
Year 2 Class Assembly	:	Thursday 3 November at 9.15am
Y5 and 6 Swimming lessons start	:	Thursday 3 November (1/6)
F.O.L.S. Disco	:	Thursday 3 November (new date); FS/KS1 6.00 – 7.00pm, KS2 7.15 – 8.15pm
Open Day (2/2)	:	Wednesday 9 November at 9.15am
Foundation Stage parents' meeting (Reading pt2):	:	Thursday 10 November, 9.00am or 6.30pm
Agilitas Tag Rugby competition	:	Tuesday 15 November
Y3 visit to Tesco for Farm-Fork event	:	Tuesday 15 November, am
Staff-run After-School clubs finish	:	Friday 18 November
Y1, Y2, Y3 Flu Immunisations in school	:	Thursday 1 December, 1.30pm
Y3 visit to Flag Fen	:	Wednesday 7 December
Y2-6 visit to see 'Beauty and the Beast'	:	Tuesday 13 December, 1.15pm
KS2 Carol Service in church	:	Thursday 15 December, 10.00am
Class Christmas Parties	:	Monday 19 December, pm
Sports Day (KS1 10.00am, KS2 1.30pm)	:	Wednesday 14 June
Alternative Sports Day	:	Thursday 15 June

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

Term 1 Term ends: Friday 21 October 2016

Term 2 **Staff Training Day: Monday 31 October 2016**

School opens: Tuesday 1 November 2016

Term ends: Tuesday 20 December 2016

Term 3 **Staff Training Day: Tuesday 3 January 2017**

School opens: Wednesday 4 January 2017
Term ends: Friday 10 February 2017

Term 4 School opens: Monday 20 February 2017
Term ends: Friday 31 March 2017

Term 5 School opens: Tuesday 18 April 2017
Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017
Term ends: Friday 26 May 2017

Term 6 School opens: Monday 5 June 2017
Term ends: Wednesday 19 July 2017

Academic Year 2017/2018

Term 1 **Staff Training Days:**
Friday 1 and Monday 4 September 2017
School opens: Tuesday 5 September 2017
Term ends: Friday 20 October 2017

Term 2 **Staff Training Day: Monday 30 October 2017**
School opens: Tuesday 31 October 2017
Term ends: Tuesday 19 December 2017

Term 3 **Staff Training Day: Tuesday 2 January 2018**
School opens: Wednesday 3 January 2018
Term ends: Friday 9 February 2018

Term 4 School opens: Monday 19 February 2018
Term ends: Wednesday 28 March 2018
Staff Training Day: Thursday 29 March 2018

Term 5 School opens: Monday 16 April 2018
Term ends: Friday 25 May 2018

Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May 2018

Term 6 School opens: Monday 4 June 2018
Term ends: Friday 20 July 2018