

Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #107

Term 2/Friday 2 December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff and governors of our school, to wish you all a very happy holiday-time and a peaceful new year. With two (and a bit) more weeks of school to go, there are plenty of special events still to enjoy...

■ TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER

Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 perform 'A *Christmas Story*' to parents/carers at **1:30pm** in the hall.

■ WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER

Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 perform 'A *Christmas Story*' to parents/carers at **9:30am** in the hall.

! PLEASE NOTE. There is a limit of **two persons per pupil** for each performance. This is to ensure that we abide with fire regulations.

! PLEASE NOTE. Only adults that have requested **permission to video record** the performance may do so. Permission must be gained **at least three working days before** the performance.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

■ TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER

The children from Y2 to Y6 are to enjoy '*Beauty and the Beast*' at The South Holland Centre, Spalding. Coaches are to **return at approximately 4:15pm**. On their return to school, children will re-enter the school building to collect their belongings and will be dismissed from the playground in the usual way.

■ THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 10.00AM

Children in Key Stage 2 will be hosting a Christmas Carol Service at St Michael and All Angels Church in the village. Space is limited in the church so we respectfully ask that there is a **maximum of two persons per child**.



■ FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

The children are invited to support this year's **Christmas Jumper Day**. In exchange for a donation of **at least £1.00** your child may come to school that day dressed in their most festive Christmas jumper/top/T-shirt together with non-uniform. The money raised will go to *Macmillan Cancer Support, Make A Wish and Save the Children*. **Thank you.**

■ FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

The Farm Kitchen is offering a Christmas lunch on **Friday 16 December**. If your child wishes to enjoy this special meal, please order **before Tuesday 6 December** through *The Farm Kitchen* website, www.thefarmkitchen.com.

■ MONDAY 19 DECEMBER

Each class celebrates the festive season with their own Class Party in the afternoon. A request for a small donation of food from children in Key Stage 2 will be sent home via your child's teacher by Friday 16 December. For children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, a suggested list of foods for you to 'sign up' for will be displayed in the window of the Main Entrance from Monday 12 December.

! DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE FOODS CONTAINING PEANUTS OR NUTS.

! PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES ARE ADVISED TO PROVIDE THEIR CHILD WITH THEIR OWN PARTY PLATTER.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

■ TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

The school closes for the holiday period at 3:10pm/3:15pm on **Tuesday 20 December**.

■ WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY 2017

The school reopens for Term 3 on **Wednesday 4 January 2017**. (There is a staff training day on Tuesday 3 January 2017.)

REMINDER THE FARM KITCHEN

Menus for January 2017 are already 'live' so parents/carers can order over the holiday period but **before Tuesday 27 December 2016**.

NEW CHILDREN IN NEED

We supported *Children in Need* on Friday 18 November with our School Council asking the children to wear wacky wigs and silly hairstyles, donate cakes to sell and bring in their 'coppers'.

We raised a grand total of **£317.13**. This is a fantastic amount and we thank everyone for their generosity.



NEW POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to all the children who donated to this year's *Poppy Appeal*. We raised £112.96 which (according to the British Legion representative) tops all the other local primary schools!

NEW SPORTING EVENTS

■ TAG RUGBY: TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER



A team of ten children from Y5 and Y6 took part in the annual Tag Rugby competition at Spalding Rugby Club. Following after-school club sessions, the team played together for the first time in the competition. They played well in the first rounds, winning convincingly in some games. The team went through to the knockout rounds (as the 'wild card') where they were knocked out in the quarter final.

The team learnt a lot about the game through the competition and look forward to making it through to at least the semis next year!

NEW ROAD SAFETY DAY

Our Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a *Road Safety Day* on Wednesday with Y2 taking a walk around the village with Sara Bartlett from the Lincolnshire County Council Road Safety Team. They learnt the importance of using eyes and ears when crossing a road. I accompanied half the Y2 class and was impressed with their behaviour (as always) and their high level of concentration on this very important topic.

Key Stage 2 will have their *Road Safety Day* on **Tuesday 6 December** and each class will spend an hour observing traffic around the village and the potential dangers.

This is a great opportunity for the children to become more aware of the unsafe aspects of the local roads and shows our commitment to '*learning for life.*'



NEW LATE TO SCHOOL

There has been a steady increase of families who regularly arrive late for school i.e. after the register has been taken. From 4 January 2017, parents of children who are late arriving at school will need to sign in their child in *The Late Book*. You will be asked to give a reason for the late arrival.

To clarify, school begins at 8:55a.m. with registration at 9:00a.m. Registers are to be checked by office staff at 9:05a.m. so that absences of which we have not been notified can be chased. This is to ensure the safety of children. Of importance, too, is minimising the level of disruption to a class caused by late-comers and to maximise the amount of learning time in each day.

NEW CONGRATULATIONS Y3

Well done to Y3 and Miss Porter for their educational (and entertaining) Class Assembly this week. Parents/carers and family members were treated to a 'live' history lesson as children from the Stone Age interacted with children from today's world.

Thank you to those parents/carers and family members that could attend. It was lovely to see so much support for the child. I hope you enjoyed having *The Flintstones* theme tune in your head all day!

REMINDER SCHOOL SITE RULES

It has been a while since we reminded families of the 'rules' we have in place to keep the school site a safe and happy place for the children to come to each day.

- **No child should be on the school site before 8:45am.** Neither of our playgrounds are supervised by staff until this time. We have asked the children in assembly to **refrain from playing running games in the morning before the start of the school day** as the playgrounds are very busy with parents/carers and the lines of school bags and lunch boxes restrict the amount of space available. I would appreciate your support in reinforcing this message. Thank you.
- Children coming to school on bikes and scooters should dismount before coming through the gate and park in the stands that run along the back of the car park and not on the grass or against trees. **Pre-school children are asked not to ride their bikes or scooters around the playground** whilst waiting for older brothers or sisters. In the past we have had some near-misses!
- We are a dog-free site and to this end **no dogs are allowed on to the school site. This includes inside the gates.**
- We are also a **smoking-free school.** This extends to include includes the playground areas.
- The **children are not allowed to walk across the staff car park** during the school day. Please support this by **using the paths and playground that provide a route around the car park when you are collecting your child** at the end of the school day.
- The car park is for staff, official visitors and taxis. In winter time, PlayZone customers may use the car park before 8.30a.m. and after 5.00pm. We request that parents/carers park in the pavilion car park outside the grounds. Thank you.
- **No child should have a mobile phone in school.**

REMINDER PARKING

I have received another complaint from a local resident, distressed by the parking of parents/cares collecting children from our school. In this particular case, the resident, collecting their grandchild from the pre-school, could not walk on the paths because of the cars that had parked on them. The grandparent had to walk on the road with the young child: a risky situation to be put in. Let us urge each other to park with due consideration for each other and the residents of the village.



REMINDER SEPTEMBER 2017 INTAKE

We would like to remind parents/carers that the deadline for applications for your child to join our Foundation Stage in September 2017 is **noon, Sunday 15 January 2017**.

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
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 FULL ATTENDANCE

We will be celebrating the children who have achieved full attendance from September to December by presenting them with a 'golden' sticker and a letter home in our first assembly of the new year on **Wednesday 4 January 2017**.

UPDATE THE 5Cs

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

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
Scarlet Johnson Taylor Reece Annabelle Charity- Keefe	Rihanna Chapman Rebecca Board Freya Stewart	Mrs Falco	Maisie Moulds Isabella Hunter Emily Manders- Jones Louis Durham Faye Scott Amelia Smythe Georgia Hunter	Herbie Hefferon Paige Owen Chloe Seaton Ella Stewart Toby Bradshaw Fay Swindell

UPDATE THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

November 2016

<i>Elliott Morton</i>	<i>Matthew Bryan</i>	<i>Raphael Gioia</i>	<i>Mollie Gordon</i>
<i>Alex Sadler</i>	<i>Thomas Preston</i>	<i>Charlie-John Guest</i>	<i>Jessica Hutchcraft</i>
<i>Rubi Hill</i>	<i>Megan Smith</i>	<i>Freya Stewart</i>	<i>James Beswick</i>
<i>Eva Barfield</i>	<i>Arabella Rigby-Faux</i>	<i>Toby Twell</i>	<i>Noah Patten</i>
<i>Maisie Moulds</i>	<i>Lola Williams-Nolan</i>	<i>Hugo Bevan</i>	<i>Robert Theobald</i>
<i>Austin Elliott</i>	<i>Savannah Luciano</i>	<i>Chloe Seaton</i>	<i>Izzy Winsworth</i>
<i>Taylor Reece</i>	<i>Emily Seaton</i>	<i>Archie Andrew</i>	<i>Freddie Fisk</i>
<i>Summer Johnson</i>	<i>Eddie Anderson</i>	<i>Rihanna Chapman</i>	<i>Wren Vallance</i>
<i>Izzy Cox</i>	<i>Isabella Cunnington</i>	<i>Lucy Preston</i>	<i>Oakley Hitchins</i>
<i>Owen Morton</i>	<i>Ruby Hefferon</i>	<i>Georgia Hunter</i>	<i>Evie Renault</i>
<i>Evan Morris</i>	<i>Aaron Sadler</i>	<i>Archie Worrall</i>	<i>Herbie Hefferon</i>
<i>Aydan Feetham</i>	<i>Jack Middleton</i>	<i>Heidi Goodley-Gray</i>	<i>Grace Nickson</i>
<i>Finnlay Field</i>	<i>Evan Morris</i>	<i>Eva Barfield</i>	

REMINDER RETURNING BORROWED CLOTHES

We would like to remind parents/carers that if your child has returned home in borrowed pants and/or trousers, please could they be washed and returned back to school as soon as possible. Our collection is running low. Thank you.

REMINDER REPLY SLIPS

Our Administrators ask that we remind parents that if a letter sent home requires a payment for an event or visit and the payment is made via Parentmail PMX, **please ensure the reply slip is still returned via the black post box.**

When you return the reply slip to school, please ensure the payment has been made successfully online.

AND FINALLY...

The deadline for applications to take part in next year's *Langtoft's Got Talent* is fast approaching! Please send your reply slips back to Mrs Leadbeater no later than **Friday 9 December**.

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017



KS2 Road Safety Day	:	Tuesday 6 December
FS/KS1 'The Christmas Story' production	:	Tuesday 6 December at 1.30pm
FS/KS1 'The Christmas Story' production	:	Wednesday 7 December at 9.30am
Y3 visit to Flag Fen	:	Wednesday 7 December
Deadline for <i>Langtoft's Got Talent</i> applications	:	Friday 9 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
Christmas Jumper Day	:	Friday 16 December
The Farm Kitchen's Christmas lunch	:	Friday 16 December
Class Christmas Parties	:	Monday 19 December, pm
Full Attendance assembly	:	Wednesday 4 January
Langtoft's Got Talent auditions	:	Thursday 5 and Friday 6 January lunchtimes
Y5/6 Agilitas Indoor Athletics Competition	:	Tuesday 10 January
Application for September 2017 starters deadline:	:	Sunday 15 January, noon
Y5/6 to Young Voices Concert	:	Thursday 19 January
Y3 Indian Experience in school	:	Monday 23 January
<i>Langtoft's Got Talent</i>	:	Thursday 9 and Friday 10 February at 6.30pm
Y5 residential to Ironbridge	:	Tuesday 28 – Friday 31 March
Y4 residential to Stibbington	:	Wednesday 19 – 21 April
Sports Day (KS1 10.00am, KS2 1.30pm)	:	Wednesday 14 June
Alternative Sports Day	:	Thursday 15 June

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

Term 2 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

