

Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #108

Term 3/Friday 13 January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new year! The staff and governors hope you enjoyed the festivities and wish all of our families a great 2017. I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff to thank you for the gifts and well wishes we received before the holiday. They were greatly appreciated. Term 3 has begun with gusto! Isn't it incredible that in four more weeks we will be half way through this school year?

I shall spend the first half of this newsletter giving you the very latest news and updating you on forthcoming events and the second half rounding up the news from the end of last year.

NEW UNICEF UK RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD

In **Newsletter #106**, I wrote of how our school, under the leadership of Mrs Wells, was working towards achieving the [UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Award](#). I am pleased to announce that our application has been successful and our commitment to achieving the award has been recognised by UNICEF UK. We now have a certificate displayed in the Main Entrance.



The award is based on the principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation: values which are already at the heart of what we do. We hope to have achieved Level 1 by June 2017.

NEW SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS POLICY/FOOD POLICY

As part of our *School Improvement Plan* for this academic year, the staff and governors have been reviewing policies for *Sex and Relationships* and for *Food*. We would welcome your comments on the policies and so on **Friday 27 January** we shall send out on ParentMail the two policies (paper copies for families not registered with ParentMail) and in book bags we shall send a copy of a review form on which we will welcome your comments.

NEW BENCHES DONATED BY F.O.L.S.

Thank you to the *Friends of Langtoft School* (F.O.L.S.) for donating the funds for us to be able to purchase five all-weather benches for our playgrounds. The benches – designed in Langtoft Blue – make great First Aid stations at playtimes, a place for the children to snack and chat with friends and for parents/carers to wait at picking-up time.

Thank you also to Ryan of Y1 for helping me to un-wrap the benches and the strong people in Y6 who helped me to carry them to their positions.

NEW CLOSING THE SCHOOL DUE TO BAD WEATHER

At this time of year it is worth reminding the school community of what happens when the decision to close the school site is taken due to bad weather.

1. A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and always in the best interests of the health and safety of the school community.
2. The Chair of Governors and Headteacher will make the decision together using the information given to them by the Caretaker.
3. A decision to close will be posted on the school website by 0800. A ParentMail email message will be sent and ONE text per family to the mobile number listed first in your account.
4. If a decision is made to close the school site whilst the school is in session i.e. during the school day, parents/carers will be informed immediately using the methods outlined in 3. above. Parents/carers will be expected to make arrangements to collect their child/ren as soon as possible.



NEW CHINESE NEW YEAR DRAGON DANCE

Parents/Carers of children in the Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2 are invited to come and join the celebrations for Chinese New Year on **Friday 27 January at 2:45p.m.** The children will be performing their dragon dance on the playground at the front of the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW LATE TO SCHOOL

Our 'Late Book' (see **Newsletter #107**) is now in use. If your child arrives at school after 9:00a.m., you will be asked to sign in your child, giving the reason for their late arrival. The school day begins at 8:55a.m. with registers taken by 9:00a.m. and returned to the office for checking by 9:05a.m. We encourage all our families to arrive in plenty of time so that children are not embarrassed as they enter the classroom after their peers and once a lesson has started.

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**. The *Admissions* page under the *About Us* tab on our website tells you how applications can be made.

NEW FULL ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the 75 children across the school who attended each session of the first two terms of school from September to December 2016. Each child was presented in assembly with a sticker (made with real gold, you know!). It is well documented that children with a low level of absence go on to achieve much better than those with poor attendance. By supporting your child to attend school each day, you have provided them with the best opportunity to learn and fulfil their potential.

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.

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.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

The number of reported cases of domestic abuse in Lincolnshire is increasing. Below are details of people who can help if you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship.

DOMESTIC ABUSE
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IN LINCOLNSHIRE

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN.CO.UK

L S C B

Children witness domestic abuse

At least 750,000 children a year witness domestic abuse

There are lots of places where you can get help:

For your local specialist Domestic Abuse Service call:
Boston or South Holland 01205 318600 or 01205 311272
East Lindsey 01507 609830
West Lindsey, Lincoln, North or South Kesteven 01427 616219 or 01522 510041

www.domesticabuselincolnshire.com #DomesticAbuseLincs

Domestic abuse is more than violence. Maybe your finances are controlled. Does your partner read your texts? Are you made to feel stupid?

UPDATE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

The only after-school clubs running this term (Term 3) are invitation-only clubs in preparation for sporting events. Please expect after-school clubs to resume in Term 4. We would like to thank our volunteers Mrs Hunter and Mrs Martin for their continued commitment in preparing the children for the forthcoming sports competitions.

Other after-school clubs run by coaches/teachers not employed by the school continue this term: iCanDance with Dani is on Wednesdays from 3.15 to 4.15p.m.; Kick Off Soccer with Adam is on Fridays from 3.15 to 4.20p.m. **with no session on Friday 10 February.**

NEW CHRON'S DISEASE

I have been asked to include this message from the step-dad of Tayla in Y2. Please take a couple of minutes to read it.

Hello,

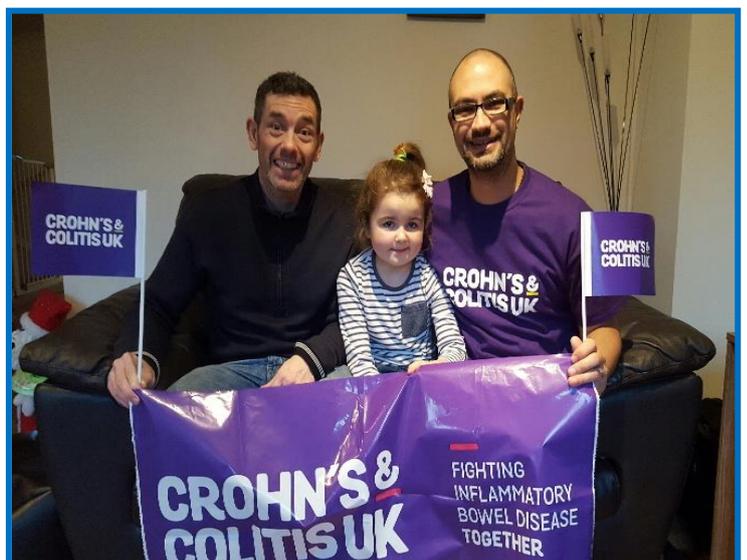
Some of you may know that my stepdaughter, Tayla Reddy, who is currently in Y2, has been very unwell since the start of last year. Tayla has spent a lot of time in hospital undergoing lots of tests and examinations. As a result of these it was diagnosed that Tayla has inflammation and ulcers in her bowel and unfortunately the early onset of Chron's Disease.

Chron's Disease affects at least 300,000 people in the UK and has become more common in the young. It causes ulceration and inflammation in the colon or can affect any part of the digestive system. Symptoms include: diarrhoea with bleeding; severe pain; extreme fatigue; weight loss; swollen/painful joints; eye, skin & liver problems.

This disease is completely unpredictable from one day to the next. It is a lifelong illness and unfortunately it is potentially life-threatening. There is NO known cure, only medications and surgery to help treat the symptoms.

Tayla is treated at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridgeshire and unfortunately suffers with the majority of the symptoms. Tayla has already undergone two operations and has to take copious amounts of medicine to help her through a day. This disease has changed Tayla's life. She struggles to do the same things a healthy 7 year old can manage and watching her become so unwell has been completely heart-breaking.

The Chron's and Colitis UK charity has become very close to our hearts as they work so hard to raise money to fund research into better medicines and ultimately a cure. This is



why I have decided to do a sponsored 13,000 foot tandem skydive on Saturday 25 March at 12pm at Sibson, Peterborough.

Since hearing of Tayla's condition, Nick Hitchens, Oakley's dad (also in Y2), has very kindly offered his support in joining me and is also jumping for Chron's.

We would be so grateful if you could sponsor us with whatever amount you can. Your donations will really help the charity to keep funding their vital research for Tayla and all other sufferers like her.

I have left some collection tubs and forms in reception for your donations or I have a Just Giving page which you can also donate on. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Markjolley27

Thank you.

We wish Mr Jolley and Mr Hitchens the very best of luck for their skydive.

NEW AUTHOR VISIT TO DEEPINGS LIBRARY

Author, Luke Temple will be visiting The Deepings Library on **Saturday 14 January between 1.30 – 2.30pm**. Luke will use action-packed drama, games, videos and laugh-out-loud fun to bring his books to life. The session is aimed at Key Stage 2 children, but all are welcome! Please contact Louisa at deepingscommunitylibrary@gmail.com to book your place in advance. The session is free but places are limited.



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 photograph or video record your child, you must sign a declaration on entry to the school on the day of the assembly. **This replaces the traditional method of seeking permission from the school office in advance.** Video recordings and photographs 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

NEWS ROUND-UP

- **Y3 VISIT TO FLAG FEN**

Miss Porter writes: *When Y3 visited the prehistoric site of 'Flag Fen' in December, they were given the opportunity to explore what life was like during the Stone Age right through to the Bronze Age. Throughout their visit they handled real and replica artefacts, clay pots and toured the site. They were lucky enough to gain access into a Bronze Age style house and listen to the mysterious myths and legends about Flag Fen around the campfire.*

Thank you to parent, Mrs Seaton, who accompanied the children on the visit.



- **'A CHRISTMAS STORY'**

The children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 classes enjoyed celebrating Christmas in school by performing in 'A Christmas Story'. We hope you enjoyed the performance you attended. It was lovely to see so many of you there.



A generous £309.36 was donated to the school 'on the door' and by requests for photographs. Thank you, Mrs Falco, for the wonderful photographs.

- **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Christmas Jumper Day on 16 December raised £254.97 for the charities *Macmillan Cancer Care*, *Make a Wish* and *Save the Children*.



- **THE 5Cs**

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

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
Rachael Harrison George Lee	Jacob Poxon Robert Rippon	Abi Cox Toby Twell Jessica Hutchcraft India Hollands- Meadows Emma Phillips Noah Patten	Izzy Cox	Ned Bailey Lucy Lyon

- THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS**

December 2016

<i>Noah Young</i>	<i>Charlie-John Guest</i>	<i>Ryan Langham</i>	<i>Herbie Hefferon</i>
<i>Toby Twell</i>	<i>Elliott Morton</i>	<i>Alex Hutchinson</i>	<i>Mollie Gordon</i>
<i>Lucie Bradshaw</i>	<i>Finlay Smith</i>	<i>Jacob Didsbury</i>	<i>Oliver Chandler</i>
<i>Robin Gove</i>	<i>Lola Williams-Nolan</i>	<i>Maisie Moulds</i>	<i>Annabelle Charity- Keefe</i>
<i>Austin Elliott</i>	<i>Noah Patten</i>	<i>Chester Cooper</i>	<i>Harper Graham</i>
<i>Georgia Hunter</i>	<i>Freya Stewart</i>	<i>Eva Barfield</i>	

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

Application for September 2017 starters deadline	:	Sunday 15 January, noon
Langtoft's Got Talent rehearsals begin	:	Monday 16 January
Y5/6 Agilitas Indoor Athletics Competition	:	Tuesday 17 January(new date)
Y5/6 to Young Voices at O2	:	Thursday 19 January
Y3 Indian Experience in school	:	Monday 23 January
KS1 Chinese Dragon Dance	:	Friday 27 January, 2.45pm
Y5/6 Netball competition at Spalding High	:	Tuesday 31 January
Y5/6 Hockey Tournament at The Deepings	:	Wednesday 1 February

Y5 Class Assembly	:	Thursday 2 February, 9.15am
<i>Langtoft's Got Talent</i>	:	Thursday 9 February and Friday 10 February at 6.30pm
Dance Showcase at The South Holland Centre	:	Tuesday 21 February
Travelling Book Fair	:	1,2,3 March, 3.15 – 4.00pm
World Book Day	:	Friday 3 March
GB Athlete to visit our school	:	Monday 6 March
Y5/6 Volleyball competition at Spalding High	:	Tuesday 21 March
Y5 residential to Ironbridge	:	Tuesday 28 – Friday 31 March
Y4 residential to Stibbington	:	Wednesday 19 – 21 April
Tempest Class Photographs	:	Monday 24 April
Y4 visit to Langtoft Church	:	Thursday 27 April, pm
Y4 Class Assembly	:	Thursday 4 May, 9.15am
Y6 Bikeability Week	:	week comm. Monday 22 May
Y5/6 Cricket Tournament	:	Wednesday 7 June
Y1 Class Assembly in church	:	Thursday 8 June, 9.30am
Deeping Sports Track Events at Langtoft	:	Tuesday 13 June, 4.00pm
Sports Day (KS1 10.00am, KS2 1.30pm)	:	Wednesday 14 June
Alternative Sports Day	:	Thursday 15 June
FS Class Assembly	:	Thursday 13 July, 9.15am
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	:	Wednesday 19 July, 9.15am

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

Term 3	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