

Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #109

Term 3/Friday 10 February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As another term draws to an end (we're half way through the school year now!), the snow is starting to fall. It has been a term of poorly people with many, many children and staff caught in the tight hold of a nasty virus which is proving difficult to shake off. Let us hope that a week off school with plenty of rest will be just the thing to see off the bugs once and for all.

We have replaced all the soap dispensers in the school with new ones and filled them with stronger, anti-bacterial soap in attempt to help kill germs. I have noticed that children are not thorough when washing their hands, thinking that putting soap on and then rinsing it off before rubbing it in counts! Please could you take the time during the holidays to talk to your child about the importance of handwashing and check that they are doing so thoroughly enough.



UPDATE YEAR 3 INDIAN EXPERIENCE

The Y3 children enjoyed an *Indian Experience* on Monday 23 January with Sunita Patel. Sunita is a regular visitor to our school, bringing with her great opportunities for the children to learn more about Indian culture and cuisine. The children dressed in costumes and learnt



traditional Indian movements (see photograph above) to put in to a dance. They also created rangoli patterns which can be seen see through the doors by the Y3 classroom. The whole day's workshop (paid for with *School Fund*) was a fantastic experience for the children.

NEW FIRST AID COURSE

By the end of next term our Y5 and Y6 children will have completed a first-aid training course run by St. John's Ambulance. Our Y5 class completed the course earlier this week with our Y6 class due to train on **Monday 27 February**. The course, funded by the *School Fund*, is part of our School Improvement Plan for this year: embedding a personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) programme for all. Subjects covered are asthma, bleeding and bruising (minor), burns and scalds, choking, communication and casualty care, fainting, first aid kit, poisons, primary survey, recovery position, severe bleeding and shock.



NEW SPONSORED EVENT

We have teamed together with *Sports For Schools* by arranging for a GB athlete to visit our school on **Monday 6 March**. The athlete will coach each class of children in a short fitness circuit for which the children are being invited to collect sponsorship. The day will end with an inspirational assembly led by the athlete.

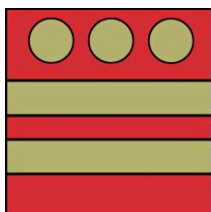


On the first day back to school next term, **Monday 20 February**, we shall share with the children during assembly further details of the forthcoming event. Each child will come home with a sponsorship form so that they can begin to collect sponsors ready for the event in March. The money raised by the children will be split between *Sports for Schools* and our school. **Thank you in advance for your support.**

NEW Y6 SATS INFORMATION EVENING

On **Wednesday 1 March at 6:30pm** Mr Dolby and I will be hosting an information session for parents and children in Y6. The session will give information about national testing in Y6 and how our school prepares the children for the tests. Nearer the time, we shall ask families of Y6 to confirm how many people will be attending. For now, reserve the date in your diary!

NEW YEAR 5 BOURNE GRAMMAR ROADSHOW



Bourne Grammar School will be holding their information session in our school hall on **Tuesday 21 March at 3.15pm** for Year 5 parents and children. The session will be led by Mr Maddox, Headteacher and cover secondary selection (the 11+) and admission process.

NEW WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on **Thursday 2 March**. To celebrate, the *Friends of Langtoft School* (FOLS) are to host a Book Swap. Children may bring in a book the week before (no later than Friday 24 February 2017) and exchange it for a ticket which will allow them to swap it for a book on World Book Day.

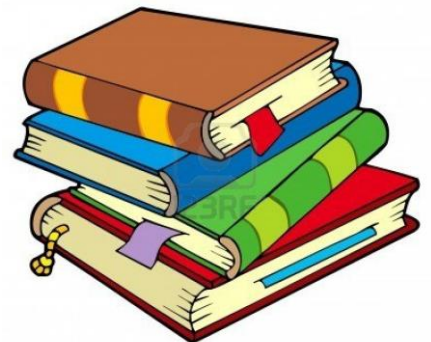
In the evening of World Book Day, FOLS will be hosting their *Bedtime Story Event*. This is a no-charge event that begins at 5:30pm and lasts for an hour. Children can choose to listen to three different stories during the evening.

The next day, on **Friday 3 March** the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. FOLS will donate a £5 book token to the best-dressed character from each class.

As part of the lead up to World Book Day, each child in the school has been given a £1.00 book token today which can either be used in participating book stores such as Waterstones, WHSmith, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco (one token per transaction on books costing £2.99 or more) or at our forthcoming book fair.

NEW TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

We are hosting *The Travelling Book Fair* in school on **Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 and Friday 3 March from 3.15pm – 3.45pm**. Please come and visit the fair, where there will be a selection of titles on offer from £2.99.



This year, we will be running an art competition to win one of five £5.00 book vouchers, which can be used to purchase books at our book fair. On an A4 piece of paper, draw a character from your favourite book. Once complete, return to the school office with the character's name, child's name and class on the back for judging by the School Council. The drawings can be as colourful as you wish! Entries need to be returned no later than **Friday 24 February, 9.00am**. The five winners will be announced in assembly where they will be presented with their book voucher in time to spend at the fair. The winning artwork will also be displayed in next month's newsletter.

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
Y6	Thursday 2 March
Y4	Thursday 4 May
Y1	Thursday 8 June in church at 9.30am
FS	Thursday 13 July

NEW SPORTING EVENTS

✚ Y5/6 INDOOR ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 17 January, a group of Year 5 and 6 children attended the Agilitas Indoor Athletics Competition. After some stiff competition, our school achieved 5th (262 points) out of 8 large schools.

Our best result was Leo Sangiorgio and Jacob Poxon taking 2nd place in the 1+1 lap relay.



Well done to all of the children who took part and thank you to Mrs Graves and Mrs Martin for running the training sessions.

✚ Y5/6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 31 January, Agilitas hosted their annual Netball Competition at Spalding High School. We entered some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils, who have been training relentlessly every week to improve and update their netball skills.

Both teams tried their best with Team A being placed 15th out of 27. They won their first game and drew their second making



them second in their pool but then lost their remaining matches.

We are grateful to sports coach, Mrs Oakley and parent, Mrs Hunter who have trained the children.

UPDATE THE 5Cs

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

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
Megan Smith Alice Nickson	Heidi Goodley-Gray Maddie Whyman George Jackson Charlie-John Guest	Lola Williams-Nolan	Thomas Ellis	Rubi Hill Chester Cooper Cassie Copland

UPDATE THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

January 2017

Matthew Bryan	George Jackson	Dominic James	Eva Simister
Harry Burgess	Ryan Langham	Maisie Moulds	Rebecca Board
Freya Stewart	Eva Barfield	Erin Pullan	Rubi Hill
Robin Gove	Chester Cooper	Aydan Feetham	Tom Ferris
Atte Maaranen	Mollie Gordon	Adam Cooke	Izzy Cox
Wren Vallance	Alex Hutchinson	Annabelle Charity	Noah Patten
Jack Middleton	Jeremy Duffill	Grace Nickson	Ben Lyon
Toby Bradshaw	Faith Harwood	Tayla Reddy	Faye Scott
Darcey Hildebrandt	Pacey Hutchcraft	Robert Theobald	Georgia Hunter
Lucy Preston	Harley Warner	Gianni Renda	

AND FINALLY...

The carpets throughout the school are being replaced during the half-term break. Another way to rid us of those germs!

Enjoy the break with the children.

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

Sports for Schools sponsor forms distributed	:	Monday 20 February
Dance Showcase at The South Holland Centre	:	Tuesday 21 February, pm
Netball League at Baston (3/3)	:	Tuesday 21 February, 3.30pm
Y5 visit to The Space Centre, Leicester	:	Wednesday 22 February
Deadline for Book Fair artwork competition	:	Friday 24 February, 9.00am
Y6 First Aid Training	:	Monday 27 February
Y6 SATs Information Evening for parents	:	Wednesday 1 March, 6.30pm
Travelling Book Fair	:	1,2,3 March, 3.15 – 4.00pm
World Book Day	:	Thursday 2 March
GB Athlete sponsorship visit to our school	:	Monday 6 March
Y5/6 Lincolnshire County Council DT class	:	Monday 13 March, pm
Y6 Volleyball competition at Spalding High	:	Tuesday 21 March
Y5 Bourne Grammar School Roadshow	:	Tuesday 21 March, 3.15pm
Y2 Multiskills at Bourne Grammar School	:	Wednesday 22 March, am
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
Y5/6 Rounders Tournament at Spalding High	:	Tuesday 27 June
Y5/6 Athletics Competition at Spalding High	:	Tuesday 4 July
FS Class Assembly	:	Thursday 13 July, 9.15am
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	:	Wednesday 19 July, 9.15am

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

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