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Langtoft Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new term – the last of our academic year. Hasn't the year flown by? As always in school, there is still much to do and so the coming weeks are busier than ever. Please take a moment to check through the [Diary Dates](#) section at the end of this newsletter. All dates/events are listed on the website and we store previous newsletters/letters home in the *News and Letters* section.

NEW RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD LEVEL 1

I am proud to be able to write that our school has been recognised by UNICEF for our commitment and work in educating our children in the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child* as we continue our journey to becoming a *Rights Respecting School*.



Earlier in the school year, we were awarded the *Recognition of Commitment* (see left) for demonstrating to UNICEF the plans we had in place to embed the Articles of the Convention into our school. Our *Aims and Values* underpinned by our 5Cs meant that we already valued and demonstrated many of the criteria for becoming a *Rights Respecting School*. Following an assessment in May, our school has been granted Level

1 status. It is our plan to achieve the final award (Level 2) within the next 12 to 18 months.

The UNICEF Assessor spent a morning in school working alongside Mrs Wells, children from across the school, teachers and governors, listening to them explain what it meant to be a *Rights Respecting School*. The Assessor was 'amazed' with the knowledge and insight the children shared with him. As always, our children proudly shared the views and the work they had carried out.

We await the full report (due any day now) which I shall share with you as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, I thank Mrs Wells for leading the whole school in gaining this significant award and thank the children for embracing the *Rights of the Child*.

NEW STAFF CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER

You will be aware that Mrs Graves and Mrs Britten will be going on maternity leave at the start of the new school year. The governors and leaders have appointed two teachers to cover the temporary absences. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Wogan will teach Y1 from September on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays (as Mrs Graves currently does) and that Mrs Vere will continue to teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. In Y4, Miss Bowman will teach each day in the same way as Mrs Britten does. Mrs Wogan and Miss Bowman will teach their respective classes for the whole of the next school year. Both teachers currently work in Peterborough and are excited at being given the opportunity to work at Langtoft.



There will be several opportunities for the children to meet their new teachers (as there will be for every class) in July. I shall explain more fully in the July newsletter nearer the time.

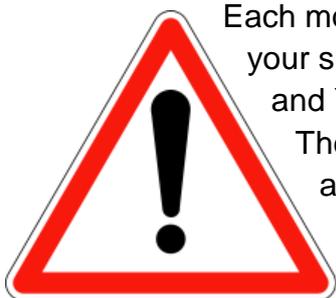
It is with mixed emotions that I announce the departure of Miss Henson as she takes up a senior leadership position in a school in Cambridgeshire from September. Miss Henson joined our school five years ago and has established herself as a teacher of the highest standard. Her role as a Phase Leader has seen her contribute to the ever-increasing raising of standards in her area of the school. As the Special Educational Needs Coordinator she has overseen the provision and progress of those children who need additional support. Please join with me in wishing Miss Henson every success and happiness in the next stage of her career.

I am delighted to announce that our Early Years Foundation Stage teacher and Phase 1 Leader will be Miss Bytheway. Coming from an outstanding school in the local area, Miss Bytheway is thrilled to be given the opportunity to join our school community. Parents/carers of children joining our Foundation Stage class in September will be able to meet Miss Bytheway at the forthcoming familiarisation afternoon on Friday 23 June.

SAFEGUARDING COLLECTING AT END OF SCHOOL DAY

Each month our newsletter has a section about safeguarding. This month, I ask for your support regarding our end-of-day arrangements for the Foundation Stage class and Y1 and Y2.

The children are led out to the front playground by a staff member. The children are in a line and know not to go until they reach the front of the line AND when the staff member has spotted the adult due to collect the child. Staff find this difficult to do as efficiently as we would like because:



1. Some children are beckoned out of the line by their collecting adult before they reach the front;
2. Some collecting adults stand at the back of the playground and cannot be readily spotted by the staff member;
3. Some collecting adults allow their children to run around the playground once they have been handed over: this causes additional distraction for the staff member.

In order to make the handover process as safe as it can be, I respectfully request:

1. The collecting adult waits for the child to reach the front of the line
2. The collecting adult comes forward into view and waves at the staff member when their child reaches the front of the line
3. The collecting adult keeps their child with them if they are waiting for a Key Stage 2 child or leaves the school site as soon as they can.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter. These small yet significant changes will make all the difference and will help staff members to provide even better care.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE:

DEEPING SPORTS TRACK EVENTS

Deeping Sports Track Events take place on **Tuesday 13 June at 4.00pm** on the pavilion sports field in Langtoft. This year, our school are hosting and organising this popular annual event in the primary schools' sports calendar, inviting all the local primary schools in the Deepings Cluster to compete. Letters have been sent out to the invited Key Stage 2 children to take part on the day. There is no limit on the number of spectators so please come along and support our school.

There will be refreshments on sale with FOLS given use of the Langtoft Football Club's facilities. There will be a programme available, kindly sponsored by *John Griffiths Cars* of Langtoft and the *Waggon and Horses* pub. *Graytones Printers, Langtoft* have kindly printed the programme free of charge.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day takes place on **Wednesday 14 June**, with FS/KS1 starting at 10.00am and KS2 starting at 1.30pm. The event will take place at the pavilion sports field. If the running track is too wet from overnight rain or if the weather is poor, a decision to cancel will be made by 9:00am and posted on our website. An email will also be sent via ParentMail.

An alternative date of **Thursday 15 June** has been set in case.

Children are asked to wear their **NAVY BLUE P.E. SHORTS** and trainers/plimsolls. Instead of their usual navy blue PE t-shirt, we ask that children wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team i.e. **red, blue, yellow** or **green**. (This can be turned inside out to hide the image/text printed on the front if this helps!) Blue 'Water' house, of course, could wear their navy blue P.E. t-shirt as normal!

Spectators are welcome to bring their own chairs or rugs to make them comfortable during the event. We ask that you do not cross the track to speak to your child. If there is a problem, please approach a member of staff in the first instance. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you wish your child to wear sun protection, please apply this before the start of school as creams and lotions are not permitted in school. You may wish to provide a sun hat and a rain coat, too!

If time permits, there will be a Mums Race and a Dads Race...We look forward to seeing you there.

Y4 PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL VISIT

Year 4 will visit Peterborough Cathedral on **Monday 19 June**. They will learn about the history of the building, along with a lesson on the Tudors: Monks and Monarchs. They will also take part in a Sticky Stained Glass workshop during the afternoon.

Y4 to 6 INTERNET SAFETY SESSION

Sergeant Blackwell will be hosting an Internet Safety session for Year 4 to Y6 on **Tuesday 20 June**. The 45-minute session will focus on cyber-bullying.

Y6 VISIT TO LONDON TO SEE 'MATILDA'

To celebrate the end of their primary school years and to provide inspiration for their forthcoming production, our Y6 class will visit London on **Wednesday 21 June**. Following recent events, I am currently collating information to share with parents/carers of children in Y6 that will detail the extra checks we have made in preparation. This will be shared early next week.

Y3 STIBBINGTON EVACUATION DAY

Y3 children will be taking part in an Evacuation Day at the Stibbington Centre on **Tuesday 27 June**. They will dress up in wartime style clothes and enhance their *World War Two* knowledge, enjoying a replica lunch.

CLUSTER MUSIC CONCERT

Some of the children who currently learn music through the Deepings Music Cluster Group have been invited to take part in a concert on **Wednesday 28 June at 9.15am** in the hall. Invitation letters have been sent out to parents whose children are involved on the day.

NEW K'NEX CHALLENGE 2017

Y6 enjoyed a morning of construction on Thursday 8 June as they took part in the K'nex Challenge.

The task was to build a tribu-chet using the cogs, wheels and other parts they were provided with. There was a class competition over the session, with Finley Rickards and Jude Garratt winning with their design. Well done, boys!



UPDATE ROTARY ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Megan Smith (Y6) who won the Key Stage 2 Rotary Art competition which took place in March. Pictured is Megan receiving a cheque for £50 as her winner's prize. Congratulations, Megan!

THANK YOU MAHARANI'S INDIAN RESTAURANT



Thank you to Maharani's Indian Restaurant in Deeping St James for inviting our Y3 children to their restaurant last month.

The children learnt about the geography of India and its culture, spices used in traditional dishes and, most exciting of all, helped the chefs in the kitchen.

The children made their own naan bread and then enjoyed a meal after all their

learning!

More photographs have been placed in the gallery section of our website under 'KS2 day visits'.

WELL DONE! FAY SWINDELL

Well done to Fay Swindell (Y5) who recently cut off her long hair in support of *The Little Princess Trust* charity. Fay has raised £600 so far! If you still wish to donate, please contact Mrs Swindell on 07856 015391. Thank you in advance.



Before.....

...and after!



Fay's actions give a really important message to the other children in the school and is a perfect example of what one of our 5Cs – **C**onsiderate – truly means: Fay has thought about what other people need and has done something about it.

UPDATE THE 5Cs

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

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
Alfie Henson	Isaac Batstone	Eva Barfield Madison Prince Erin Flint Daniel Phillips	Lucie Bradshaw Darcey Hildebrandt Savannah Luciano	Sophie Hodges Ellie Meeds

UPDATE THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

May 2017

Owen Morton	Amelie Buggs	Alfie Barton	Poppy Howard
William Didsbury	Huey Turner	Daniel France	Barnaby James
Sebastian Hewitt	Elizabeth Moore	Saffron Rigby-Faux	Harry Giddings
Freya Stewart	Chester Cooper	Jack Hammond	Taylor Reece
Ben Lyon	Maya Sangiorgio	Freddie Fisk	Grace Nickson

Summer Johnson	Arabella Rigby-Faux	Rebecca Board	Hugo Bevan
Wren Vallance	Elliott Morton	Aydan Feetham	Savannah Luciano
Robin Gove	Fay Swindell	Isobelle Johnson	Rosie Myatt
Thomas Preston	Jack Knowles	Lucy Lyon	Molly Ringrose
Natalie Pecenkova	Matthew Bryan	Evan Morris	Harley Warner
James Beswick	Toby Bradshaw	Tom Ferris	Charlie Janaway
Izzy Cox	Atte Maaranen	Adam Cooke	Isabella Cunnington
Mollie Gordon	Vitek Pecenka	Harry Baker	Eva Barfield
Herbie Hefferon	Gianni Renda	Isla Jenkins	Faith Harwood
Annabelle Charity-Keeffe		Freya Fairhead-Abrahams	

UPDATE SPORTING EVENTS

ASCOUGHTEE CROSS COUNTRY: WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH



Pictured: the four teams who took part in the Ayscoughfee School Cross Country Competition last term. Great determination from all runners saw every team finish in the top three with the Y5/6 Boys Team winning! Jacob, Jake and Thomas finished in first, second and third place! Beat that!





CRICKET COMPETITION: WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE



Mrs Graves took eight Y5/6 children to the annual Agilitas Cricket competition. The team were runners-up, finishing in second place against other local primary schools.

Pictured left: Samuel Callisto, Thomas Ellis, Layla Kirk, Warrick McKoy, Jacob Poxon, Brandon Renault, Finley Rickards and Megan Smith.

Thank you to Mrs Graves, Mrs Nickson and Mrs Hunter for training the children for the event.

REMINDER AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

All staff-run clubs have now finished except:

- Y6 children who currently take part in **Rounders with Mrs Graves**. Remaining sessions are: Wednesday 14 June (after Sports Day) and Tuesday 20 June
- **Netball with Sports Coach, Mrs Oakley**. Remaining sessions are: Tuesday 13 and 20 June.
- Y5 **11+ sessions with Mr McCullough**: Thursday 15 June until Thursday 6 July.

Dani's Dance Club and Kick Off Soccer clubs continue as normal.

FOLS EVENTS JUNE/JULY

Please support the forthcoming events run by F.O.L.S.

QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 23 JUNE AT 7.00PM

Come along to our Quiz Night where teams of up to 4 people enjoy a night of general knowledge. Entry forms can be collected from the Main Entrance.

RAFFLE TICKETS

To raise funds for our school, today each child will be given a book of five raffle tickets to purchase for £1.00 a ticket. Please return your payment and raffle ticket stubs in a named envelope no later than Wednesday 28 June. Thank you in advance.

F.O.L.S. SUMMER FAYRE: SATURDAY 1 JULY

Our annual Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 1 July from 11.00am – 2.00pm. There will be lots to do including rides, bar, BBQ, ice-creams, games, stalls, live bands and performers. Shortly there will be a volunteer list in the Main Entrance to 'sign up' to take charge of a stall. We need your help!

DIARY DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

Deeping Sports Track Events at Langtoft	:	Tuesday 13 June, 4.00pm
Sports Day (KS1 10.00am, KS2 1.30pm)	:	Wednesday 14 June
Dani's Dance after school club commences	:	Wednesday 14 June, 3.15pm
Alternative Sports Day	:	Thursday 15 June
Y4 visit to Peterborough Cathedral	:	Monday 19 June
Y4-6 Internet Safety lesson	:	Tuesday 20 June
Y6 visit to see 'Matilda' in London	:	Wednesday 21 June
Y6 Taster Day at The Deepings School	:	Thursday 22 June
New starters/parents (Sept 2017) Familiarisation	:	Friday 23 June at 1.30pm
Rugby Festival at Baston Primary School	:	Monday 26 June
Y3 Evacuation Day in Stibbington	:	Tuesday 27 June
Y5/6 Rounders Tournament at Spalding High	:	Tuesday 27 June
Cluster Music Concert in school hall	:	Wednesday 28 June at 9.15am
Y6 'Moving On' talk by Lincolnshire County Council	:	Wednesday 28 June at 1.30pm
New Starters 'Stay and Play' (1/2)	:	Friday 30 June at 1.30pm
FOLS Summer Fete	:	Saturday 1 July, 11.00am – 2.00pm
Y1/Y2 visit to the Sealife Centre, Hunstanton	:	Monday 3 July
Y5/6 Athletics Competition at Spalding High	:	Tuesday 4 July
SEN Progress Review meetings with parents	:	Thursday 6 July
Y6 Bourne Grammar School Welcome Day	:	Friday 7 July
New Starters 'Stay and Play' (2/2)	:	Friday 7 July at 1.30pm
Whole School 'Games Day' (TBC)	:	Monday 10 July
Change for Life Festival (TBC)	:	Tuesday 11 July
FS Class Assembly to parents	:	Thursday 13 July, 9.15am
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	:	Wednesday 19 July, 9.15am

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2016/2017

Term 6 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