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Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #115

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to be able to begin this month's Newsletter with the results of this school year's first sporting event...

NEW KS2 CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

The school sports calendar kicked off with the annual KS2 Cross Country competition, hosted by Agilitas Sports at Spalding High School. Forty children from Y3 to Y6 represented our school. The results say it all:



Year 5/6 Boys: Silver medal winners; Thomas Preston (5th), Jake Currall, Alex Sadler, Leo Sangiorgio, Kyle Griffen, Louis Durham, Ollie Feetham, Charlie Janaway, William Burgess and Jack Knowles



Year 5/6 Girls: Gold medal winners; Madison Prince (3rd), Paige Owen, Emily Manders-Jones, Amelia Smythe, Isabella Hunter, Fay Swindell, Grace Goodchild, Ella Stewart, Rihanna Chapman and Ruby Stokes



Year 3/4 Boys: Gold medal winners; Jack Hammond (3rd), Harley Warner (9th), Freddie Fisk, Harry Burgess, Finlay Smith, Oscar Worrall, Archie Andrew, Aaron Sadler, Lewis Wingfield and Joseph Knowles.

Year 3/4 Girls: Silver medal winners; Heidi Goodley-Gray (3rd), Maya Sangiorgio (4th), Harper Graham, Alicia Goodson, Faye Scott, Emily Seaton, Eleanor Reedman, Lucy Preston and Chloe Seaton.

Never before have we had such brilliant results in the same competition. What a great result for our school. Well done to all of the children who took part and who contributed to the final positions.



Thank you to Mr Dolby, Mrs Adams and Mrs Preston for accompanying the children to the event.

NEW OFSTED INSPECTION

Our school was inspected last month by Her Majesty's Inspector, Mrs Williams. The purpose of the inspection was to determine if our school is still a 'good' school and to check our safeguarding procedures are effective. The outcome of the inspection is that our school continues to be a good school. I have attached a copy of the Inspector's letter to me. The letter is also on our website.

Our Chair of Governors writes:

I am delighted to be able to share a full copy of our school's latest OFSTED inspection letter with you. As you are aware, this one day 'short' inspection was carried out on Tuesday 19 September 2017. I hope you will be pleased with the outcome. This 'Good' judgement is richly deserved by Mr McCullough and his excellent team.

As governors, we are very pleased with the outcome of the inspection and the many positive aspects that it endorses as far as the life of our school is concerned. The national inspection framework has changed significantly in recent months and has become increasingly demanding - with particular focus on leadership and management within the school. It is therefore to the credit of the school staff, governors, parents and most importantly the pupils, that this is such a good outcome. There is so much to be proud of.

As you read through you will find many things worthy of note and celebration. I personally am particularly encouraged to read confirmation that: 'Pupils say that they feel safe at school, they enjoy challenging themselves, and demonstrate good manners and respect for each other and visitors. Our staff are passionate about providing pupils with a range of experiences to enhance their education and that our focus on challenging pupils to achieve more and targeting individual needs is recognised. As governors we are recognised for our



active role in the school and that our broad range of skills and knowledge are utilised well to provide support and challenge to the leadership team'.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr McCullough and the staff for the great efforts that they have made in sustaining (and improving) progress at the school in so many ways. The inspection is testimony to all that they continue to do. Most importantly I would like to thank you as parents and your children for all that you give to our school community. It is a great privilege for me to serve as Chair of Governors in a school that has so much to offer.

The inspection has helpfully identified the need to keep challenging ourselves and the pupils to make even greater progress through the opportunities we provide. I can assure you that governors will be working closely with Mr McCullough and his staff to take the next steps forward. You will not be surprised to learn that the leadership team are already developing the opportunities identified into actionable plans in our School Improvement Plan which drives our strategic direction.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Russ Seaton

Chair of Governors, Langtoft Primary School

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If I had to choose a section of the letter that I was most proud of it would be: *Pupils say that they feel safe at school and know who to talk to if they have a worry. Pupils told me that they try hard at school and teachers set work for them that challenges them.* What more can we ask for?

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

The new School Council for this Academic Year are:

Amelia Smythe and Gabriel Carver (Y6)

Mollie Gordon and Liam Mulligan (Y5)

Heidi Goodley-Gray and Jacob Didsbury (Y4)

Alicia Goodson and Aaron Sadler (Y3)

Freya Stewart and Harry Baker (Y2)

They will be working on various projects and events throughout the school year. Watch this space!

SAFEGUARDING SCOOTING, CYCLING AND PARKING



I have spoken with the children in Y5 and Y6 about the concerns one of our neighbours has expressed regarding the **unsafe way in which a number of children travel to school**. In this example, children have been scootering or cycling at top speed along pavements and then performing stunts off the kerb into the road. Many children in these year groups travel to school alone. I agree with this: Langtoft is a relatively safe environment, it is great exercise and the children are growing in independence. Perhaps a word with your son or daughter will reassure you that your child knows how to use the pavements in a way that is safe for all.

We have received further complaints from residents concerning inconsiderate parking by parents and visitors to our school. **May we ask that parents do not park in front of residential driveways and so blocking homeowners from leaving their driveways, on the yellow zig zag school lines leading up to the school gates and on the pathway that leads along the side of the school and into the pavilion car park**. My understanding is that local residents have been spoken to rudely by our parents/carers when they have been asked to move their cars.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that **no child should be arriving alone on the school before 0845**. This week I have spoken to several children (mainly in Y6) who arrive on site from about 0835. Staff do not supervise playgrounds until 0845. What if something was to happen...

NEW ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS



Junior Road Safety Officer

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership offers The Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme as part of its road safety education programme for schools. The scheme has now been operating successfully for over ten years.

The aim is to promote road safety within school. Our two pupils, **Leo Sangiorgio and Isobelle Johnson (Y6)**, have been selected for the posts and their task is to organise road safety initiatives which includes setting up and maintaining a notice board within school, participating in themed assemblies and running competitions.

GOODBYE MISS TIMMS

We say goodbye to our Higher Level Teaching Assistant Miss Timms at the end of the term. After 14 years at our school, Miss Timms is to retrain to be a PCSO. Over the years, Miss Timms has supported many children, teaching them to read, carry out long multiplication or make friends again after a fall out. We wish her every success in her new career.



NEW HARVEST FESTIVALS

On **Thursday 19 October**, we shall be celebrating harvest by hosting two assemblies for parents/carers to enjoy.

At 9.15am Foundation Stage and KS1 children will be hosting their assembly in the school hall by supporting the Peterborough Soup Kitchen. This charity supports homeless and disadvantaged people in the city. The charity kindly requests that children bring to school on the day of the festival a selection of the following items: **coffee, drinking chocolate, corned beef, sugar, chocolate spread, orange squash, blackcurrant squash, fresh fruit, crisps, cakes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's deodorant, soap.**

FARM AFRICA

At 2.15pm KS2 children will be hosting their assembly in the school hall by supporting *Farm Africa*, a charity the Baston, Thurlby and Langtoft group of charities is supporting. Today, your child will bring home a donation envelope for *Farm Africa*. Please help support this charity by allowing your child to return the envelope (with your Gift Aid details completed) to class on the day of the festival.

The Rev. Carolyn Bailey will be attending both festivals in the school hall. **We thank you in advance for your support and generosity.**

Please note that we can only provide up to a maximum of two chairs per family (not per child). Pushchairs and prams will need to be parked in the Main Entrance and parents/carers intending to video record the festivals will need to arrive in enough time to 'sign in' at the office. Thank you.

NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

If you haven't yet visited our annual Scholastic Book Fair, it will continue to take place after school today and again on Monday 9 October. Please support our school if you can by visiting the fair as the commission we earn will help to buy new reading books across the school.



WELCOME BABY BRITTEN

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Britten on the safe arrival of baby Harry.

Harry was born on 19 September at 8.54am, weighing 9 lb 1oz.

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OPEN DAYS

**Wednesday 1 November 2017 and
Wednesday 8 November 2017**

Was your child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014?

If so, now is the time to be choosing a school for your child for September 2018.

You are welcome to visit our friendly school and see for yourself what we have to offer. We will be holding two open days starting at **9.30 am** on

Wednesday 1 November and Wednesday 8 November 2017.

Both sessions will be identical and will last approximately 1 – 1½ hours.

Please call us if you would like to attend one of the sessions. Our telephone number is 01778 343419 or you can email us at enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk

We are closed for the half term holidays
Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October 2017 inclusive.

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~ Learning for Life ~

‘This school continues to be good.’ (Ofsted, 2017)

NEW THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

Last month's entrants into The Golden Book of Greatness were:

September 2017

Finnlay Field	James Beswick	Archie Renault	Alessandra Isaac
Charlie-John Guest	Archie Worrall	Freya Stuart	Huey Turner
Alfie Price	Bella Curtis	Jack Andresen	Amelie Buggs
Aaron Sadler	Max Neal	Vitek Pecenka	Maddison Harwood
Levi Seaton	Rhys Smith	Daniel France	Connor Cavers
Tom Davis	Tom Ferris	Rihanna Chapman	Noah Young
Lucy Preston	Eva Simister	Poppy Stokes	Maisie Jeffs
Pacey Hutchcraft			

UPDATE MACMILLAN CAKE EVENT

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who donated and bought cakes in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. The event raised £157.60.

REMINDER SWIMMING LESSONS

Y5/6 will attend their lessons next term from Thursday 2 November to Thursday 7 December, a total of six weeks. Please help your child to remember to bring in their swimming kit on these dates. Thank you.

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 on the day of the assembly. Video recordings are for private home use only and should not be shared with others or uploaded onto social media sites.

Class	Date
Y6	Friday 10 November
Y5	Thursday 3 May
Y4	Thursday 1 February

Y3	Thursday 1 March (World Book Day)
Y2	Thursday 30 November
Y1	Thursday 7 June in church at 9.30am
FS	Thursday 12 July

We look forward to welcoming you to our assemblies.

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Academic Year 2017/2018

Scholastic Book Fair	Continues Fri 6, Mon 9 October, 3.15pm
Y6 Kingswood Residential	Monday 9 – Friday 13 October
Individual photographs	Monday 16 October (Younger siblings 8.30am onwards)
KS1 Harvest Festival in hall	Thursday 19 October, 9.15am
KS2 Harvest Festival in hall	Thursday 19 October, 2.15pm
Open Day for starting school in September 2018 (1 of 2)	Wednesday 1 November, 9.30am
Y4 Stibbington Information Evening	Wednesday 1 November, 6.00pm
Y5 Ironbridge Information Evening	Wednesday 1 November, 6.30pm
Y5/6 swimming lessons start	Thursday 2 November (1 of 6)
FOLS Disco	Thursday 2 November FS/KS1 6 – 7pm, KS2 7.15 – 8.15pm
Parent Consultations	Monday 6 – Thursday 9 November
Open Day for starting school in September 2018 (2 of 2)	Wednesday 8 November, 9.30am
Foundation Stage Parents' Workshop (Reading Part 2)	Thursday 9 November, 9.00am or 6.30pm
FS – Y4 Flu Immunisations (School Nurse)	Thursday 9 November
Y6 Class Assembly	Friday 10 November, 9.15am
Y6 Remembrance Service at church	Friday 10 November

(Children and staff only)	
KS2 Swimming Gala at Deeping	Thursday 16 November, 9.30 – 11.30am
Staff-run after school clubs finish	Friday 17 November
Children in Need Day	Friday 17 November
Y6 Volleyball Competition	Tuesday 21 November
Y2 Class Assembly	Thursday 30 November, 9.15am
FOLS Christmas Fayre	Friday 1 December, 4.30 – 6.30pm
FS/KS1 Christmas Production	Tuesday 12 December, 1.30pm Wednesday 13 December, 9.30am
KS2 Carol Service in church	Thursday 14 December, 10.00am
Christmas Jumper Day (Wear your woollies for £1.00!)	Friday 15 December
'Theatre Productions' pantomime in school	Monday 18 December, am
Christmas class parties	Monday 18 December, pm
2018	
Langtoft's Got Talent auditions	Thursday 4, Friday 5 January
FS Bikeability Balance Bike Course	Week comm. Monday 8 January
Y3 Sunita's Indian Experience	Thursday 18 January
Y4 Class Assembly	Thursday 1 February, 9.15am
Y3 visit to Maharani's Indian Restaurant	Monday 5 February
Dance Festival	Wednesday 7 February
Langtoft's Got Talent 2018	Friday 9 February, 6.30pm
Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics	Tuesday 27 February
World Book Day	Thursday 1 March
Y3 Class Assembly	Thursday 1 March, 9.15am
Y5 Residential to Ironbridge	Tuesday 20 – Friday 23 March
Tempest Class Photographs	Monday 23 April
Y4 Residential to Stibbington	Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 April
Y5 Class Assembly	Thursday 3 May, 9.15am
Sports Day	Thursday 24 May
Y6 Bikeability course	Tuesday 5 – Friday 8 June
Y1 Class Assembly in church	Thursday 7 June, 9.30am
Y6 visit to 'Wicked' Theatre Show, London	Wednesday 13 June

Deeping Sports Track Events at Langtoft	Thursday 21 June, 4.00pm
New Starters Familiarisation afternoon	Friday 22 June, 1.30pm
FS Class Assembly	Thursday 12 July, 9.15am
Y6 End of Year Performance	Thursday 19 July, 7.00pm
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 20 July, 9.15am

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2017/2018

Term 1 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

Academic Year 2018/2019

Term 1 **Staff Training Day: Monday 3 September 2018**

School opens: Tuesday 4 September 2018

Term ends: Friday 19 October 2018

Term 2 Staff Training Day: Monday 29 October 2018

School opens: Tuesday 30 October 2018

Term ends: Wednesday 19 December 2018

Term 3 Staff Training Days: Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January 2019

School opens: Monday 7 January 2019

Term ends: Friday 15 February 2019

Term 4 School opens: Monday 25 February 2019

Term ends: Friday 5 April 2019

Term 5 Bank holiday: Monday 22 April 2019

School opens: Tuesday 23 April 2019

Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2019

Term ends: Friday 24 May 2019

Term 6 School opens: Monday 3 June 2019

Term ends: Friday 19 July 2019