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Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #116

Term 2/Friday 3 November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had an enjoyable break. It's full steam ahead for the children as many new topics begin.

Please take five minutes to scan through the newsletter to make sure that you know what is happening for your child/children over the coming weeks. The Diary Dates section at the end is a one-stop-shop that we hope you find useful, too.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

At last! All of our elected School Councillors were in school on the same day to be photographed.

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 have been organising the events for this year's **BBC Children in Need...**



NEW CHILDREN IN NEED DAY



BBC
Children
in Need



This year, BBC Children in Need Day is taking place on **Friday 17 November.**

The School Council have been gathering ideas from the classes and would like to invite everyone to support the charity. Here is what we will be up to:

1. **Cake Fest.** Donate scrummy cakes for others to buy for 20p each cake or slice.
2. **Wear Your Thing.** Dress up how you like. The wackier the better! Don't forget to wild up your hair!
3. **Ka-Ching Change.** Change lives by donating change. Bring in 1p coins, 2ps, 5ps, 10ps and 20ps to make a giant Pudsey.
4. **Danceathon.** Non-stop funky dance moves for 30 minutes! The children will be sent home with a sponsor card on Friday 10 November for them to collect sponsors for the Danceathon. See the card next week for details.

NEW POPPIES FOR SALE

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we will be selling an array of poppy-themed products between **Monday 6 and Friday 10 November**.

The products and their prices are:

Poppy - 30p, Poppy pin badge - £1.00, Wristband - £1.00, Snap-on bracelet - £1.00, Car Sticker - 30p, String bracelet with metal poppy - £1.00.



If your child wishes to purchase one of these items, please send the exact money into their class (not via the school office) and our Y6 children will visit each class, giving everyone that wants to an opportunity to donate. All of the items (apart from the poppies) are limited and are therefore on a first-come-first-served basis. **We will not be supplying the children with a pin to fasten the poppy** to their clothes and so ask that you show them how they can use a button hole to secure the poppy in place.

Our Year 6 volunteers will also be on the playground from 3.00pm next week if parents wish to purchase any of these items.

NEW INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

The proof for your child's individual photograph will be sent home today. If you wish to order, please ensure the completed form and payment are placed in the envelope provided and your child's name is written on the envelope. **The deadline for returning orders is WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER.**

REMINDER STAFF-RUN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Staff-run after school clubs will continue to run until week ending **Friday 17 November** with the exception of Mrs Wells' KS2 Art Club which will **not** take place on Wednesday 8 November due to Y5 Parent Consultations.

GOODBYE MRS SCOATS AND MISS BURTON

This term we say good bye to Mrs Scoats and to Miss Burton, two of Midday Meals team. We thank them for the care that they have provided for the children during their time with us and wish them well as they embark on their new jobs.

NEW JOB VACANCY

This means that we have two vacancies on our Midday Meals team. The jobs are in the Villages Advertiser and also on our website. [Follow this link to read more.](#)

REMINDER OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Langtoft Primary School are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child on behalf of Bourne Baptist Church. Parent, Mrs Sally Knowles, is leading the project and is happy to speak to parents in person if they would like to get involved. This year, families are to make up their own shoebox at home rather than contribute to a class one.

A leaflet was sent home on 20 October outlining the charity and which gifts are appropriate. Please click on this link for further information: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Contributions from last year were incredibly generous and will have made a huge impact in the lives of children around the world who do not enjoy the same privileges, comfort and safety that our own children have.

Please return the shoeboxes to school on the morning of Friday 10 November.

NEW THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

OCTOBER 2017

Jessica Hutchcraft	Bella Curtis	Saffron Rigby-Faux	Archie Renault
James Beswick	Elliott Morton	Robert Theobald	Rebecca Board
Alicia Goodson	Freddie Fisk	Archie Andrew	Bethany Myatt
Lola Williams-Nolan	Ruby Hefferon	Alessandra Isaac	Harry Giddings
Daniel France	Levi Seaton	William Didsbury	Adam Cooke
Erin-Mae Ashmore	Izzy Cox	Ruby Stokes	Elizabeth Moore
Sebastian Hewitt	Abi Pike	Chloe Seaton	Lucie Bradshaw

THANK YOU SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair in October raised £79.20 in commission which will be used to purchase new reading books for our school. Thank you to all the families who visited the fair.

THANK YOU HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Soup Kitchen was very appreciative of the generous food parcels families from The Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 donated during our recent harvest festival. Rev Carolyn has informed me that with government match funding, the KS2 festival raised close to £300 for Farm Africa. Thank you for helping the children to understand the value of giving to others less fortunate than them.

NEW KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL

Our Y6 class had a great adventure at Kingswood's Peak Venture centre last month. Abseiling, climbing, buggy building, archery, fencing...you name it, they had a go at it!



It was the children from Langtoft School that the instructors wanted to work with each day because they knew they would be met with polite, enthusiastic, organised children. I never tire of being told just how great our children are by adults who are impressed with their attitude, manners and ability. Every one of our 5Cs were displayed.



The children's behaviour was exemplary whilst we were away. 'Challenge yourself' was the key message of the week. Each child pushed themselves to have a go at an activity that at first looked too much. They were so pleased with themselves once they reached the top of the climbing tower or solved the puzzle in the problem solving tasks.

Mr Dolby and I would like to thank the children for a great residential at Kingswood. We also must thank Mrs Hunter for accompanying the group and being such a great help and great company.

OPEN DAY

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 our open day starting at **9.30 am** on **Wednesday 8 November 2017**.

The session 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

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~ Learning for Life ~

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

NEW THE FARM KITCHEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Farm Kitchen will be celebrating the festive season by cooking a traditional Christmas lunch on **Friday 15 December**. The menu choices for this day are:

- + roast turkey, cocktail sausage, stuffing, roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots, peas and gravy
- + roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots, peas and gravy
- + roast quorn, sage and onion stuffing, roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots, peas and gravy
- + chocolate Christmas cake or yogurt

Please ensure that you order the meal at [The Farm Kitchen](#) by **Tuesday 5 December**.

NEW CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Also on **Friday 15 December**, we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day and ask children to ‘Wear their Woollies’. Further details will be in the December Newsletter.

UPDATE TEMPORARY STAFF CHANGES

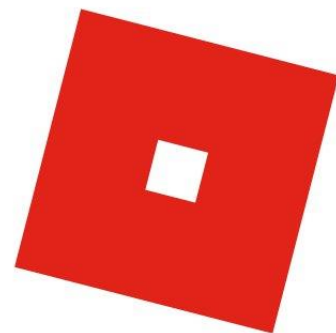
We are in the process of appointing staff to replace Mrs Tween and Miss Timms. This means that I shall be covering PPA in Y3/Y4 on Tuesday afternoons (alongside Mrs Oakley) and that Mrs Strawbridge shall be covering PPA in Y2 on Wednesday afternoons for the foreseeable future.

SAFEGUARDING

This month I write about Roblox.

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a free to play 3D online multiplayer game which can be played on most devices. Players create an Avatar (a digital representation of themselves) and can play a vast number of mini-games with other players. Many of the games have been created by other Roblox users.



Roblox is a game designed to encourage playing with people you don't know which makes it popular for children, teens and adult alike. While the game is designed to keep children as safe as it can, they may still be playing with people who they think are children, but might be adults.

Players can chat to each other while playing any of the games, and you have the ability to add people to a 'Friend' list. The game is currently available on X-Box One, Windows 10, Apple devices and android devices

Do age restrictions apply?

There are no age restrictions for creating an account, but users who are over 13 get access to an expanded vocabulary list and the ability to adjust some settings such as being able to privately message other users who are not on their 'Friend' list and linking social media accounts (Facebook, Musical.ly and more). It's also important to know that some games have been designed for adults by adults so may feature some mature themes: always check the game before letting your child play.

Are there any privacy settings/controls?

Yes. If your child has set their age to under 13, Roblox will place them on a restricted chat system automatically. This means that they will only be able to directly message and be messaged by other users who are on their 'Friend' list. The filtering system is automatically enabled and will block certain words and phrases from being shared, including your password!

To find out more about Roblox, visit the [Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board's website](#). It has really useful guidance for a range of social media.



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 2018
Y4	Thursday 1 February 2018
Y3	Thursday 1 March (World Book Day) 2018
Y2	Thursday 30 November
Y1	Thursday 7 June 2018 in church at 9.30am
FS	Thursday 12 July 2018

We look forward to welcoming you to our assemblies.

AND FINALLY CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

I am very conscious that this time of year can be a very expensive one for families and so this year we are going to invite a pantomime in to school for the children to enjoy. We shall use the school fund to pay for the experience and therefore there will be no cost to parents/carers. On **Monday 18 December**, a performance of *The Wizard of Oz* will take place in the morning (with class parties in the afternoon). The theatre company are going to talk to the younger children beforehand and show them the masks and costumes that they are going to be wearing in the show. This way, the younger children will know that there are 'actors' behind the costumes. What a great idea!

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Academic Year 2017/2018

Parent Consultations	Monday 6 –Thursday 9 November
Netball League (1/3) at Baston school	Tuesday 7 November, 3.30pm
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 (Children and staff only)	Friday 10 November
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
Netball League (2/3) at Baston school	Tuesday 21 November, 3.30pm
Y1's guided tour of Langtoft church	Thursday 23 November
FOLS Dress Down Day (Bring gifts)	Friday 24 November
Y2 Christmas Tree Walk at Tallington Farm	Tuesday 28 November
Y2 Class Assembly	Thursday 30 November, 9.15am
Netball League (3/3) at Baston school	Thursday 30 November, 3.30pm
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
The Farm Kitchen Christmas Lunch	Friday 15 December
'Theatre Productions' pantomime in school	Monday 18 December, am
Christmas class parties	Monday 18 December, pm
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Langtoft's Got Talent auditions	Thursday 4, Friday 5 January at lunchtime

FS Bikeability Balance Bike Course	Week comm. Monday 8 January
Y5/6 Hockey Tournament at Deeping	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 2 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