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# Langtoft Primary School

**Newsletter #118**

**Term 3/Friday 5 January 2018**

**Dear Parents/Carers**

Happy new year! Welcome back to Term 3. On behalf of the staff and governors, I hope you were able to enjoy a happy and peaceful holiday with your family. I pass on a 'thank you' from the staff who were very grateful for the cards and gifts given to them at the end of Term 2.

Term 3 is always a key term in the school year. It is the one where children's learning really takes off and progress is accelerated. There are fewer distractions and 'events' round the corner. Keep up that all-important routine of reading with your child (even when they are fluent readers in Key Stage 2), practising spellings little and often each day, reciting times tables and completing homework in plenty of time. An early bed on a 'school night' is always a good idea!

## **REMINDER** PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

May we remind parents/carers that if they want their child to start school in September 2018 the deadline for online applications is **15 January 2018**. The date of birth for these children will be between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014.



Parents/carers can apply online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or ask for a paper application form or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. Parents/carers can only apply by using one of these three methods. If applicants live outside of Lincolnshire then they need to apply to their home Local Authority even if they want a school in Lincolnshire.

Any parent or carer who needs support with the application process is welcome to contact the Education Team on 01522 782030 or email [schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

## **NEW** CHANGES TO RESIDENTIAL VISITS

From next academic year (September 2018), the length of the residential visits enjoyed by the children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 will change so that all residential visits are three days/two nights. The decision to shorten the duration of the Y5 and the Y6 visits is due to rising costs.

I appreciate that for some families, and especially families with more than one child, the charge of the residentials is a growing concern. By making this change, it is hoped that such worries will be reduced. Careful consideration has been given to the impact that a shorter visit will have on delivering the curriculum: it is believed that the visits will still provide the children with the rich, hands-on, practical experiences that they are designed to give.

## **NEW** CHANGES TO STAFFING

We welcome to the Midday Meals Supervisory Assistants team Miss Pinfold and Mrs Lenton. We wish them a long and happy association with our school. **There is still a vacancy for one more Assistant.** Please see our website for details.

We welcome Miss Henderson to our team of 1:1 Teaching Assistants. She is based in Y3 and is already settling well in her role.

Mrs Wall is now the teaching assistant in Y4 following the departure of Miss Timms in autumn. (Thank you to Mrs Smith who filled the role temporarily until Mrs Wall was appointed.)

Mrs Redman has been appointed to cover Y2 on Wednesday afternoons and Y3 and Y4 on Tuesday afternoons, replacing Miss Timms in this role.

Mrs Redman and Mrs Wall are collectively providing additional support outside of the classroom for those children who need it. They are filling the role that was carried out by Mrs Tween before her retirement in Term 1.

I thought it may be helpful for you if I update the arrangements for PPA cover in each class. Class teachers are entitled to the equivalent of 10% of their weekly teaching time out of the classroom. This is to allow them to undertake planning, preparation and assessment tasks – often referred to as PPA.

- Miss Bytheway will be out of the classroom every Wednesday afternoon. The class are then supervised by Mrs Hudson and Mrs Gaches.
- In Y1, Mrs Wogan and Mrs Vere take their PPA time during the days when they are not teaching and so there is no need for an additional adult.
- Mrs Pennell in Y2 will be out of the classroom on Wednesday afternoons when Mrs Redman will be teaching the class. Mrs Pennell, in her leadership role as SENCo, is out of the classroom on Thursdays when Mrs Taylor teaches the class.
- In Y3 and Y4, Miss Porter and Miss Bowman carry out PPA on Tuesday afternoons when Mrs Oakley and Mrs Redman take the class for an hour of P.E. and an hour of topic. Mrs Oakley is a qualified sports coach.
- In Y5, Mrs Musgrove – a music specialist - teaches the class on Friday afternoons when Mrs Wells has PPA time.
- Mr Dolby, our Deputy Headteacher, is out of the classroom on Friday mornings when he works as part of the Leadership Team, monitoring the quality of teaching and learning in our school. His PPA slot is – usually – on Wednesday afternoons when the class are taught by me!



## **NEW** W.O.W. (WALK ON WEDNESDAY)

Our W.O.W. (Walk on Wednesday) scheme was a great success with 97 out of 211 children 'walking' to school on either five or six Wednesdays.

These 97 children were invited to pick a prize from the 'lucky dip' box. The children who walked, cycled or scooted to school every Wednesday during the six week scheme were entered into the main prize draw to win a £50 voucher for Terry Wright's Cycles. The winner was Jessica. Well done!

The W.O.W. scheme will take place again during Spring/Summer. A letter will be sent out nearer the time.

Thank you to our Y6 children who volunteered to hand out W.O.W. tokens in the village. Without their commitment (in all weathers) the scheme would not have run so well.

## **NEW** THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

### **DECEMBER 2017**

Grace Nickson	Ellie Meeds	Jacob Didsbury	Heidi Goodley-Gray
Izzy Winsworth	Emily Seaton	Grace Goodchild	Finnlay Field
India Hollands-Meadows	Harry Giddings	Maddison Harwood	Isabella Curtis
Alfie Barton	Lilly Meeds	William Didsbury	

## **NEW** THE 5Cs

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

<b>Caring</b>	<b>Conscientious</b>	<b>Considerate</b>	<b>Cooperative</b>	<b>Courteous</b>
	Freddie Fisk			

(There were more nominations than just Freddie but if you're not wearing other 5C badges you won't receive your new one...)

## **REMINDER** FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please be reminded that family holidays during term times will be unauthorised. In line with our Attendance Policy and guidance from the Department for Education, parents/carers have the responsibility to ensure their child's attendance at school each day unless they are ill. As a school, we instruct the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to each parent of each child for chooses to remove their child from school without the authorisation

of the headteacher. Each request is checked and when an unauthorised absence meets the criteria, the Local Authority will then issue the Penalty. Please note that the Penalty is paid to the Local Authority and not to the school.

## 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
Y5	Thursday 3 May 2018
Y4	Thursday 1 February 2018
Y3	Thursday 1 March (World Book Day) 2018
Y1	Thursday 7 June 2018 in church at 9.30am
FS	Thursday 12 July 2018

We look forward to welcoming you to our assemblies.

## THANK YOU FROM:

### ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, LANGTOFT

Our Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival took place back in October and our donations to the Farm Africa Project totalled £141.53. When added to the donations from the church's Harvest Festival, Farm Africa received £249.43 in total. This amount will help the farmers in Africa produce crops and pay for school costs so that children can be educated.



### KS1 PRODUCTION OF 'IS THERE A BABY IN THERE?'

Donations of £190.45 were following the performances of *'Is There a Baby in There?'* This generous amount will be paid into the school fund to contribute towards new educational resources for KS1. Thank you.

A selection of the children's photographs kindly taken by Mrs Falco are on the 'Our Curriculum' tab, 'Gallery' section of our website, in the 'KS1 Performances' section.

## REMINDER iCan!Dance CLUB MEMBERS

As a school we will be entering the *Agilitas Dance Showcase* on **Wednesday 7 February** at the South Holland Centre, Spalding. This event will take place during the school day.

Regrettably, spectators are not invited to the Dance Showcase but parents/carers will be invited to watch the completed dance routine at Miss Allen's after-school club session on 7 February at 4.00pm.

Yours faithfully

**Mr J McCullough**  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

### Academic Year 2017/2018

2018	
FS Bikeability Balance Bike Course	Monday 8 – Thursday 11 January
Y5/6 Hockey Tournament in Deeping	Monday 8 January
Netball after school club starts (1/3)	Tuesday 9 January, 3.15 – 4.15pm
Closing date for online Primary Applications (for Sept 2018)	Monday 15 January
Y3 Sunita's Indian Experience in school	Thursday 18 January
Agilitas KS2 Swimming Gala in Spalding	Wednesday 24 January
Agilitas Y5/6 Netball Tournament	Tuesday 30 January
Y4 Class Assembly	Thursday 1 February, 9.15am
Y3 visit to Maharani's Indian Restaurant	Monday 5 February
Dance Festival in Spalding	Wednesday 7 February
FS/KS1 Chinese Dragon Dance to parents	Friday 9 February, 2.45pm
Langtoft's Got Talent 2018, Live!	Friday 9 February, 6.30pm
Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics	Tuesday 27 February
Y5 to the Space Centre, Leicester (TBC)	Wednesday 28 February
World Book Day	Thursday 1 March
Y3 Class Assembly	Thursday 1 March, 9.15am
Parent Consultation week	Week comm. Monday 5 March
Y2 Multiskills at Bourne Grammar School	Tuesday 6 March

Y1 visit to Tattershall Castle (TBC)	Monday 12 March
Y5 Residential to Ironbridge	Tuesday 20 – Friday 23 March
Tempest Class Photographs	Monday 23 April
Y4 Residential at Stibbington	Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 April
Y5 Class Assembly	Thursday 3 May, 9.15am
SATs week	Week comm. Monday 14 May
Agilitas Y5/6 Rounders Tournament	Wednesday 23 May
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
Agilitas Y3/4 Tennis Festival	Tuesday 19 June
Deeping Sports Track Events at Langtoft	Thursday 21 June, 4.00pm
New Starters Familiarisation afternoon (1/3)	Friday 22 June, 1.30 – 2.30pm
Y4 visit to Peterborough Cathedral (TBC)	Monday 25 June
Y3 Evacuation Day to Stibbington (TBC)	Thursday 28 June
New Starters 'Stay and Play' session (2/3)	Friday 29 June, 1.30 – 2.30pm
New Starters 'Stay and Play' session (3/3)	Friday 6 July, 1.30 – 2.30pm
Agilitas Y5/6 Athletics Competition	Tuesday 10 July
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 3**      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