

Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #121

Term 4/Friday 4 May 2018



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED RIGHT: Article 29 Your education should help you... to protect the environment...

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Y4 class enjoyed a residential visit to **Stibbington Eco Centre** last week. The weather was almost on our side and the children were able to enjoy finding the pirate's treasure chest using coordinates on a map, pond dipping and owl pellet dissecting to find hidden creatures, and recycling plastic and foil to produce artistic creations.



Each day, the children became Eco Wizards in order to carry out environmentally-friendly jobs around the centre: sorting card, paper and plastic for recycling; putting food waste in the compost bins; and measuring the strength of the wind and the temperature to produce renewable energy. The children really were accessing their right to **Article 29**.

NEW WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Staying on the subject of [Article 29](#).... It is *National Walk to School Week* from **Monday 21 to Friday 25 May**. We are encouraging all our children and their families to walk, scooter or cycle to school each day for a week to protect the environment and to encourage a healthy lifestyle. If you live outside the village, please consider park and stride.

The scheme will operate in a similar way to our own *Walk on Wednesday*. There will be Y6 volunteers handing out tokens on **the junction of Scotts Close and West End and on the junction of Manor Way and West End**. Each morning, children should collect a token from a Y6 volunteer and hand it in at registration time. Children who walk, scooter or cycle **each morning** during *Walk to School Week* will be given a *Walk to School Week* badge and will be entered in to a special prize draw to win a £50 voucher for Terry Wright's cycles.



NEW SPORTS DAY 2018

Our Sports Day takes place on **Thursday 24 May**, 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.

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.

NEW 'FREE READERS'

Traditionally, as children reach Level 11 of the Oxford Reading Tree scheme they have become 'free readers'. This means that they can choose from non-scheme books. Such books are not graded in any way and we have found that children do not always successfully select a book that is matched to their ability or comprehension levels.

To overcome this, we have invested in hundreds of new books which extend the scheme and provide a breadth and challenge for children all the way up to Y6. The books are banded to provide structure and challenge. Gradually and over time, we shall be introducing these books in to classrooms for the children to use. It shall be these titles that we expect the children to read each day as their 'school reading book'. The term 'free reader' will no longer exist.

Non-scheme books will still be available for the children to choose from as extra reading material as they would in a local library. We anticipate that by September 2018, all children will have transferred across to a 'school reading book'.



NEW MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



Mr White, one of our music teachers, has been teaching brass and woodwind instruments for many years on a Wednesday morning. He is part of the *Music for Schools Foundation* and they visited the children in Y2 to Y5 today for an assembly during which many different musical instruments were shown and played.

If your child has been inspired to learn to play one of the instruments shown in the assembly, the *Music for Schools Foundation* have arranged for an after-school event for parents/carers in the hall on **Friday 11 May at 3.20pm**. You can learn more about what the *Foundation* has to offer, ask questions and find out how to 'sign up' your child for music lessons which will start in September 2018. A flyer will be coming home today for you to complete return to the black post box by **Thursday 10 May** to let us know you plan on attending.

NEW STAFF UPDATE

We welcome two members of staff to our school this term. **Mrs Greenham** is our new Administrative Assistant and works in the front office each morning from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm. **Mrs Harrison** is a teaching assistant working in Y3 in the afternoons to support learning. Please join with me in wishing both of them a long and happy career in our school.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

◆ VOLLEYBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2018

In *December 2017's* Newsletter I wrote of our school's success in the South East Lincolnshire volleyball tournament. One of our three teams came first and so were invited to attend a Level 3 County Competition, representing our area of the county.

Our team of Oliver, Louis, Leo and Thomas travelled to the University of Lincoln in March to compete against the qualifying teams from the other regions of Lincolnshire.

The team played so well together, demonstrating skill and camaraderie. If they lost a point, they dug in and made sure they won the next one. **I am delighted and proud to be able to write that the team won the competition** and so our school is officially **Volleyball County Champion**. Brilliant!

A volleyball club for Y5 and Y6 children runs after-school on Wednesdays. If your child is interested in playing the sport, look out for it on the clubs request form in September. We need to find a team who will defend our title.



◆ SOUTH WELLAND ACADEMY



On Saturday 10 March, thirty-four KS2 children competed at the annual Primary School Cross Country Competition at Stamford Welland Academy.

The results were:

Year 5/6 Girls: 4th overall with the first Langtoft girl, **Madison Prince** achieving 6th place.

Year 5/6 Boys: 3rd overall with our first Langtoft boy, **Thomas Preston** finishing 2nd place.

Year 3/4 Girls: 2nd overall with our first Langtoft girl, **Heidi Goodley-Gray** achieving 1st place.

Year 3/4 Boys: 5th overall with our first Langtoft boy, **Jack Hammond** achieving 2nd place.

Well done, everyone! With stiff competition and 18 other teams to race against this is a great set of results.

◆ Y4 GOLF DAY

Congratulations to the ten children from Y4 who took part in a Golf Day organised by Agilitas Sports. Almost all of the children had never played golf before and so this was an opportunity for them to experience a new sport. They must have been natural golf-players because they came home with silver medals. Well done! We hope that the day will encourage you to try the sport again soon.

NEW Y5

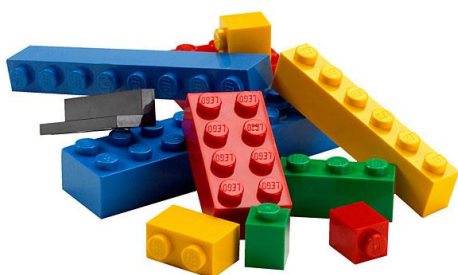
What an exciting few weeks it has been for our Y5 class. A visit to The National Space Centre in Leicester, a residential visit to the Ironbridge Gorge and a great performance for parents/carers and the school in their Class Assembly.

I was fortunate enough to see the Class Assembly and must praise the children for their informative and entertaining assembly. So much knowledge to share! Thank you if you were able to come along and be part of the audience. We hope you enjoyed it.

NEW ATTENDANCE

'Well done' to the forty children across our school who were presented with a '100% attendance' sticker on the last day of Term 4. This means they have not been absent since the first day of the new school year last September. Out of interest, it is Miss Bytheway's Foundation Stage class who has the greatest number of children attending school every day from September.

Class	FS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Number of children with 100% attendance so far	10	3	4	6	8	4	5



REQUEST LEGO

Do you have any **Lego bricks and pieces** that are no longer played with? If so, please consider donating them to our school. Thank you in advance.

NEW THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

MARCH/APRIL 2018

Eloise Thomson	Niamh Patten	Finnlay Field	Darcey Hildebrandt
Taylor Reece	Chloe Seaton	Jeremy Duffill	James Beswick
Robin Gove	Maisie Moulds	Harper Graham	Eleanor Reedman
Harley Warner	Joseph Knowles	Ben Lyon	William Didsbury
William Brittain	Evie Renault	Alfie Price	Daniel France
Huey Turner	Alessandra Isaac	Eva Neal	Archie Renault
Aydan Feetham	Eloise Thomson	Astrid Fairhead- Abrahams	Jessica Gordon
Spencer Scrivens	Lucy Preston	Max Neal	Harley Warner
Freya Stewart	Rebecca Board	Charlie Guest	

NEW THE 5Cs

In March and April, we were pleased to be able to award 5C badges to...

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
Amelia Smythe Heidi Goodley- Gray Isabella Hunter	Connor Cavers Evie Renault Maisie Moulds	Kyle Griffin Dylan Baldock Isabelle Johnson Natalie Pecenkova	Jack Middleton	Scarlet Johnson

REMINDER CLASS ASSEMBLIES

I have pleasure in sharing with you the dates of the remaining Class Assemblies for 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
Y1	Thursday 7 June 2018 in church at 9.30am
FS	Thursday 12 July 2018

INVITE LANGTOFT FOOTBALL CLUB

A Message from Andy Warner: 'Langtoft United are now looking to recruit next season's u7. We will be looking for current Y1/Foundation Stage children. Training is 9am on Saturday mornings on Langtoft playing field. The cost is £3 per session. I will take the sessions. Visit AndrewRobertWarner@gmail.com or Langtoft United Facebook page. I will be sorting an actual start date soon but in the meantime come and join in Paul Cooper's current sessions at the same time.'

AND FINALLY CHANGE OF DATE

We apologise for an incorrect date given for the end of Term 2 in December of this year. Term 2 finishes on Wednesday 19 December 2018. This has been highlighted in yellow in the Term Dates at the end of this Newsletter.

Wishing you a sunny Bank Holiday weekend!

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

2018	
Music for Schools Foundation parents' meeting	Friday 11 May, 3.20pm
F.O.L.S. Bingo Night	Friday 11 May
Key Stage 2 (Y6) SATs week	Week comm. Monday 14 May
Y2 visit to Rutland Birdwatching Centre	Monday 21 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
F.O.L.S. Movie Night	Thursday 7 June
Y6 visit to 'Wicked', London	Wednesday 13 June
Music Academy Rock Band Tour	Friday 15 June
Foundation Stage visit to Great Wood Farm	Monday 18 June
Agilitas Y3/4 Tennis Festival	Tuesday 19 June

Y1 and Y2 visit to Snettisham Park Farm	Wednesday 20 June
Deeping Sports Field Events at Linchfield	Wednesday 20 June, am
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	Monday 25 June
Y6 K'nex Challenge in school	Wednesday 27 June, am
Y3 Evacuation Day to Stibbington	Thursday 28 June
Olympian visit to school and Y6 workshop	Thursday 28 June
F.O.L.S. non-uniform day	Friday 29 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
F.O.L.S. Summer Fayre	Saturday 7 July
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 5 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

Academic Year 2019/2020

Term 1 Staff Training Days: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September 2019

School opens: Wednesday 4 September 2019

Term ends: Friday 18 October 2019

Term 2 Staff Training Day: Monday 28 October 2019

School opens: Tuesday 29 October 2019

Term ends: Thursday 19 December 2019

Term 3 School opens: Monday 6 January 2020

Term ends; Friday 14 February 2020

Term 4 School opens: Monday 24 February 2020

Term ends: Thursday 2 April 2020

Staff Training Day: Friday 3 April 2020

Term 5 School opens: Monday 20 April 2020

Bank Holiday: Monday 4 May 2020

Term ends: Thursday 21 May 2020

Staff Training Day: Friday 22 May 2020

Term 6 School opens: Monday 1 June 2020

Term ends: Tuesday 21 July 2020