

Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #123

Term 6/Friday 6 July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are enjoying the sunny weather whenever you can. I can't recall the last time it was so warm for so long. Who can remember what rain looks like?

As this school year draws to an end (the last day of Term 6 is Friday 20 July), we start looking forward to the next one. Below I list which staff will be based in which year group from September:

Year	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistant	Additional Teaching Assistants
EYFS	Miss Bytheway	Mrs Hudson	
Y1	Miss Porter	Mrs Falco	
Y2	Mrs Pennell	Mrs Gaches	
Y3	Mrs Graves*/Mrs Strawbridge**	Mrs Redman	Mrs Nickson
Y4	Mrs Britten*	Mrs Wall	Mrs Adams, Mrs Harrison, Miss Henderson
Y5	Mrs Wells	Mrs Smith	Mrs Adams, Mrs Oke
Y6	Mr Dolby	Mrs Coles	

* We welcome back from maternity leave Mrs Graves and Mrs Britten. Both teachers have been spending time in school recently, reacquainting themselves with the children and the school's routines. Mrs Graves is returning for three days per week and Mrs Britten returns full time.



** Mrs Graves and Mrs Strawbridge are sharing the duties of teaching Y3. Mrs Graves will teach the children Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Strawbridge teaching Thursday and Friday. Until a permanent teacher is appointed to share the class with Mrs Graves, Mrs Strawbridge is fulfilling the role temporarily until October/November. We have attempted to appoint a teacher to work alongside Mrs Graves but were unable to find a suitable person. To help settle the children quickly in to life in Key Stage 2, Mrs Graves has kindly offered to teach the class for four days a week whenever she can until a new appointment is made.

NEW MEET THE TEACHER

We have arranged for the children to meet their new teachers by spending two mornings in their new classrooms on the mornings of **Tuesday 10 July and Thursday 19 July**. The children in Y2 at the moment will need to 'line up' on each morning on the Key Stage 2 playground which is in front of PlayZone, just like they will in September as Y3s.

In September, once the new term has begun properly, we shall be hosting curriculum information sessions for you to meet your child's new teacher/s and to find out more about what your child will be learning. Look out for dates in the September newsletter.

NEW ANNUAL ACADEMIC REPORT

Your child's Annual Academic Report for 2017/2018 will be sent home in your child's book bag next week on **Friday 13 July**. The report will be in a sealed envelope addressed to 'Parent/Carer of...' We shall be making it very clear to the children that the envelope is to be opened by you and not by them. The reason for this is because of the confidential nature of the report. We respectfully request that the envelope is not opened until you are off the school site. Thank you.

There will be an opportunity to discuss any aspect of the Report that is unclear with your child's teacher on Monday 16 July between the end of the school day and 4:30pm.

NEW STAFF UPDATE

We say 'goodbye and good luck' to Miss Tarrant at the end of this term. Miss Tarrant has been training to be a (brilliant) teacher, working alongside her (brilliant) mentor, Mrs Wells, in Y5. We are delighted that Miss Tarrant has secured a teaching position for September at William Law CE Primary School in Peterborough. We wish her every success for the future.



REMINDER F.O.L.S. SUMMER FAYRE

We look forward to seeing you at tomorrow's *Friends of Langtoft School* Summer Fayre. The event starts at 11:00am and finishes at 2:00pm (just in time for kick off at 3:00pm. How's that for planning?).

This year's Fayre has a pirate theme and all of the usual fun and games will be there. The freezer is fully-stocked with ice-creams! Please come along and support the F.O.L.S. to raise funds for our school.

NEW SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Deepings Library is one of many libraries taking part in this summer's *Reading Challenge*. The *Summer Reading Challenge* takes place over the summer holidays in libraries throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Developed by charity The Reading Agency, along with the UK public library network, it is now in its 20th year and is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for primary aged children.

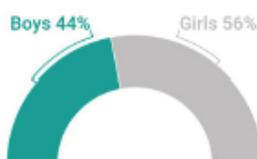
761,758

children in the UK took part in Animal Agents, the Summer Reading Challenge 2017



415,732

children completed the Challenge by reading at least 6 library books (57%)



Only 1 in 4 boys read outside of class every day*
44% of Challenge participants were boys



89,632

book reviews were written by children on summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Each year there's a new theme to keep the *Summer Reading Challenge* fresh and exciting. For 2018 the theme is Mischief Makers, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic Beano. Mischief Makers will celebrate adventure, friendship, reading and fun and is a must for all children who want to live in the moment and be themselves.

How it works:

The *Summer Reading Challenge* encourages children and families into their local libraries and inspires them to read for pleasure by combining free access to books with fun social activities and a creative online element.

It's easy to take part

- Children sign up at their local library from Saturday 14 July.
- They receive a Mischief Makers collector poster to get them started
- They borrow and read at least SIX books during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way
- They can read any library book they choose – story books, fact books, joke books, audio books - they all count
- They receive a certificate and/or medal when they finish

We have attached a leaflet with this month's newsletter.

DO YOU KNOW? SAFEGUARDING

Q. Do you know who our *Designated Safeguarding Lead* is?

A. Mr Dolby (Deputy Headteacher and Y6 teacher) and I are both trained to be able to address concerns that children, staff and parents/carers may have in terms of children's safety and well-being. We can be contacted in person, by telephone and by email.

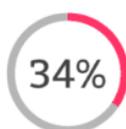
NEW SAFEGUARDING/ONLINE GAMING

This month, I share with you useful guidance about online gaming. Online gaming means you can play in real time with people across the world through a computer, games console, tablet or smartphone connected to the internet. Games can offer children a world of adventure to immerse themselves in, but it's important to understand how children can stay safe and what games are appropriate for their age.

What do I need to know about online gaming?

Gaming is a fun and sociable way to spend time, encouraging teamwork and developing skills. All good stuff, but there are a few things you need to be aware of:

- Get involved by finding out what type of games your child enjoys and making sure they're appropriate for their age. This link <http://parentinfo.org/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained> explains the ratings found on packaging. **You wouldn't let your child watch an 18 film so why let them play an 18 game?**
- Some games let children play and chat with anyone in the world. This means they might come across offensive language and bullying
- Not everyone online is who they say they are. Children should avoid giving out personal details that could identify them or their location
- Some games encourage players to buy extra elements during the game – children have been known to run up large bills without realising
- In extreme cases bullying, also known as 'griefing', can be used as a tactic to win games. Children may find themselves either bullying or being bullied



Habits

of 3-4 year-olds play games on a tablet device¹



Behaviour

of parents are worried about aspects of their child's game playing²



Frequency

of children play online against people they haven't met in person

Keeping your child safe whilst online gaming

There is nothing like sitting down with your children and joining in some of their games to find out just why they find them such fun. Here's how to keep their gaming experience healthy:

- ✓ Find out what sort of games your children enjoy – do they prefer role-play games, sports games, strategy and quest games or first-person shooter games?
- ✓ Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and what kind of language is being used in live chat ([usually via headphones which means that you can't hear](#)). Gaming sites often have ways of reporting abusive chat and excluding anti-social players. Make sure your child knows how to do this
- ✓ Especially for younger children, change the settings on your tablet or smartphone to 'airplane' mode. That way, they can play the game offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know
- ✓ Make sure you and your family agree what games can be played and that children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't. Agree how long they're allowed to play for
- ✓ Teach your children to protect themselves – remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks
- ✓ Read each game's advice for parents and play the game yourself to help you understand more about how the game your child is playing works and its appropriateness

REMINDER CASHLESS FROM SEPTEMBER

From September 2018 (the start of the new school year) we will only accept online payments and cheques as payment for school visits and events. We are also looking into ways in which you can give permission online without the need to complete and return a reply slip.

NEW THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS

JUNE 2018

Gabriel carver	Jake Currall	Oliver Feetham	Evie-Rose White
James Stacy	Ella Langham	Ethan Baldock	Eliza-Petal Adams
Abbie Pike	Jocelyn Baynes	Alfie Barton	Saffron Rigby-Faux
Levi Seaton	Bella Curtis	Tom Ferris	Mollie Gordon
Atte Maaranen	Izzy Cox	Adam Cooke	Ruby Stokes
Ruby Wedgwood-Jibb	Lucie Bradshaw	Jack Knowles	Thomas Preston
Rhys Smith	Eva Neal	Ruby Hefferon	Sam Richmond
Archie Renault	Jessica Gordon	Spencer Scrivens	Eloise Thomson
Lily Fletcher	Danny Stokes	Daniel France	Alessandra Isaac
Olivia Upward	Elizabeth Moore	Poppy Howard	Gianni Renda
Max Neal	Lucy Preston	Taylor Reddy	Dani Hristov
Vitek Pecenka	Amelie Buggs	Alfie Price	William Didsbury
Evie Reece	Ryan Langham	Alex Hutchinson	

NEW THE 5Cs

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

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
William Brittain Ruby Stokes Liam Mulligan Tom Davis Robin Gove	Toby Twell Noah Patten Dani Hristov	Courtney Mitchell Freya Fairhead- Abrahams Austin Elliott Izzy Cox Erin-Mae Ashmore Lucy Lyon Emily Manders- Jones Jak Henson Isabella Hunter Ella Stewart	Charlie Roberts	Georgia Hunter Thomas Ferris Natalie Pecenkova Arabella Rigby- Faux Elliot Morton
Citizenship	Emily Manders-Jones (Race for Life, raised £100) Oscar Worrall (Langtoft Fun Run, raised £69 for British Red Cross)			

REMINDER SAFETY ON THE ROADS

Please take care on the roads that surround our school, especially the narrow one that leads from Manor Close to the pavilion car park. I have been made aware of an unpleasant 'near miss' between a child, a grandparent on a bicycle and a car who did not stop to give way. We all know that none of us want an accident to happen so maybe just this gentle reminder will be enough to make us think twice and change down a gear...

AND FINALLY DEEPING SPORTS 2018

Where are the photographs? How many medals? What's going on? I'm just waiting for everyone that took part to be in school on the same day with their medals and P.E. kit so that I can take a photograph. It's proving to be an impossible task!

Yours sincerely

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

2018	
F.O.L.S. Summer Fayre	Saturday 7 July, 11:00am to 2:00pm
Foundation Stage Class Assembly	Thursday 12 July, 9.15am
F.O.L.S. Disco	Thursday 12 July, 'New Starters'/FS/KS1, 6:00pm-7:00pm, KS2, 7:15pm-8:15pm
Y6 End of Year Performance	Thursday 19 July, 7.00pm
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 20 July, 9.15am
Term 1 begins for Y1 to Y6	Tuesday 4 September 2018, 8:55am
Term 1 begins for EYFS	Thursday 6 September 2018, 8:55am

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2017/2018

Term 6 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