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Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #124

Term 1/Friday 7 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back, everyone, to a new school year. I hope that you have enjoyed a great summer. This is short newsletter with a few reminders for the start of term. A full list of Key Dates will be sent with the next newsletter next Friday. These will include the date of our new look Curriculum Evening that will lay out the changes to the way we deliver the curriculum including homework, reading and spelling.

Y6: PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO SEND OUT ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER INFORMATION ABOUT SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR IT ON PARENTMAIL.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I welcome all of our families - new and old. I especially welcome the 22 children that make up our Foundation Stage class. The boys and girls in Miss Bytheway's class look at home already. We wish the children and their families a happy and successful time at our school.

I should also like to thank you on behalf of the staff for the many cards and gifts you gave to us at the end of last term. We do appreciate the kind words you wrote.

REMINDER SAFETY ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the 'school rules' we have in place to keep everyone safe on the playground before and after school:

- Children must not be on the school site without an adult until 8:45am. From this time there is a member of school staff on each playground so you may leave your child if you wish.
- Children should dismount scooters and bikes before coming through the gate and park them in the stands behind the staff car park rather than leaning them against a tree. Pre-school children are asked to do the same but Mum or Dad looking after their 'vehicle' might be a better option!
- Once the bell has rung and your child has lined up, please leave the school site promptly so that we can secure the grounds for the day.
- Similarly, at the end of each day, please empty the playground so that it is clear that no child has been left behind and we can secure the site for children at PlayZone.



- No dogs on site.
- No cigarettes/e-cigarettes on site.
- Children attending our school know not to play on the playground equipment before and after school. The school will not accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur.
- Parents/carers must inform the school when a different-to-usual adult is due to collect a child at the end of the school day.

NEW HELLO (AGAIN) MRS GRAVES, MRS STRAWBRIDGE AND MRS BRITTEN

We welcome back three members to the staff team. Mrs Graves and Mrs Britten return from maternity leave and Mrs Strawbridge, our regular supply teacher, shares Y3 with Mrs Graves until a permanent teacher is employed later this term.

NEW READ WRITE INC. GROUPS

We teach children to read, write and spell using the *Read Write Inc* programme. Each child that is on the programme is assessed at the end of each term and placed in a teaching group according to the progress they have made. Today the children who need to access the programme met their *Read Write Inc.* teacher and had their first lesson of the year in their new groupings. For some children, this means that they are taught by a different teacher in a teaching space different to their classroom.

NEW MEDICAL CONDITIONS



Attached to the email that this newsletter arrived in is a letter asking that you notify us of any medical condition your child has that is managed through prescribed medication and which can impact on their well-being if not managed well. Please return the form by **Friday 14 September** if it is relevant to your child. Thank you.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Children in Y2 to Y6 have been invited today to put themselves forward for as a candidate for the School Council. This year's election will be different to those of the past: the children will not be voting for a boy and for a girl but for the two children best suited to the role.

Candidates will be given the opportunity to present to their class a short speech as to why they should be given their vote ahead of the election on Friday 14 September.



REMINDER NO FREE FRUIT FOR Y3 AT PLAYTIME

I would like to point out to parents/carers of children in Y3 that free fruit is no longer provided at morning playtime now that their child is in Key Stage 2. The scheme provides free fruit to children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 only. It will be necessary for you to supply your child with a snack at playtime. Please remember the school rule: nothing in a packet at playtimes. Fruit, vegetables and bread sticks are ideal. Thank you.

REMINDER TEACHERS OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

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. This has been regular practice for many years now but I should like to outline to you how this will work for your child's class.

- Miss Bytheway will be out of the classroom every Wednesday afternoon. The class are then supervised by Mrs Hudson and Mrs Gaches.
- In Y1, Miss Porter will be out of the classroom every Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Redman and Mrs Falco supervising the children.
- Mrs Pennell in Y2 will be out of the classroom on Thursdays. Mrs Taylor teaches the class on those days.
- In Y3, Mrs Graves and Mrs Strawbridge take their PPA time during the days when they are not in the classroom so there is no need for an additional teacher.
- In Y4 and Y5, Mrs Britten and Mrs Wells 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.
- Mr Dolby, our Deputy Headteacher, in Y6 is out of the classroom on Fridays when he works as part of the Leadership Team in the morning, monitoring the quality of teaching and learning in our school, and has PPA on Friday afternoons. The class are taught by Mrs Musgrove, our music specialist, on Fridays.



On the rare occasions that teachers are absent due to illness or are attending training courses, the class will be taught by myself or by our regular supply teacher, Mrs Strawbridge, whenever possible.

REMINDER NO TO CASH

We are no longer accepting cash as payment for school visits. Cheques and payments made online via ParentMail are still welcome.

REMINDER LOST PROPERTY

We do not have a store of lost property in school. Items left on the playground or found in the corridors, for example, are returned to the child whose name is inside the item. **It is therefore essential that the items of clothing and kit that your child brings to school is named clearly with their name.** Items of lost clothing are not kept in the office and unnamed and unclaimed items are disposed of at the end of each week.

REMINDER LETTERS HOME

We try hard to maintain frequent and clear communication between home and school. We do this by sending out emails using ParentMail. A newsletter is sent out on the first Friday of each month. This is the main way in which we let you know what is going on in school. Parents of children in the Foundation Stage and in Y1 receive an additional newsletter.

We also try to limit sending home letters (for school visits, for example) until a Friday as well.

Letters are listed on our website in the hope that no family will miss out on important news.

REMINDER REQUESTING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- **A request for a leave of absence will only be authorised by the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances.**
- Requests must be made by parents/carers who have a legal responsibility in writing to the Headteacher by completing a form available from the office.
- A request to attend an appointment with a medical professional at a clinic must be supported with a copy of the letter detailing the appointment as sent by the hospital.
- Parents will shortly receive a Fixed Penalty Notice Warning letter which will be valid for the whole of this academic year.
- **PARENTS REMOVING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL TO GO ON HOLIDAY ARE DOING SO WITHOUT AUTHORISATION AND ARE SUBJECT TO A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (FINE) OF £60 PER PARENT PER CHILD.**
- We list at the end of this newsletter the term dates for the next two academic years to help you to plan your family holidays.

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

TERM DATES

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 September**

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:	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