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Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #129

Term 3/Friday 11 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

A happy new year to you all! Welcome back to Term 3. 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. Your tokens of appreciation are appreciated!

It was great to welcome so many of you to the Christmas-themed performances the children presented in December. From the joy of *Lights, Camel, Action* to the beauty of Silent Night in German, I hope that you were able to enjoy a magical moment.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As a school we donated **£174.50** to Save the Children as part of their Christmas Jumper Day campaign. Thank you for helping your child to support this child-centred charity. With your donations for The Poppy Appeal and for Children In Need, we have been able to raise over £500 in recent weeks for three worthwhile charities.

SAFEGUARDING NEW PAGE ON WEBSITE

A new page has been created on our website dedicated to safeguarding. It can be found under the 'For Parents' tab. The plan is for the page to contain information and guidance for parents/carers. Already on there is a really useful online safety 'calendar' published by Childnet International that provides a month-by-month 'checklist' for you as parents to use check your child's safety whilst online. The page will be growing over the coming weeks so do revisit it from time to time.



MINI POLICE SAVE THE DATE

The next project for our Mini Police is a bike-marking event to take place on **THURSDAY 31 JANUARY**. Children will be able to bring their bikes to school and have them 'marked' with 'invisible' paint that can only be detected with police equipment. This increases the chance of stolen bicycles being returned to their owner.



The Mini Police will be designing posters with PCSO Michelle Laughton to advertise the event nearer the time. Look out for these. The Mini Police will also be selling lights for cycles at a low cost.

‘NO PAPER’ DAY BEING A GLOBAL CITIZEN

As we continue on our journey to becoming a fully-fledged Rights Respecting School, we turn our attention to what it means to be a ‘global citizen’. The children are learning of the Global Goals for sustainable development and how their actions impact on our planet.

Mrs Wells writes: With this in mind, we will be holding a series of ‘Theme Days’. The first, on Monday 4 February, will focus on **Global Goal 12, RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**. On this day we will continue with learning as usual; however, we will not be using any paper. This means: no exercise books, no reading books, no text books, no photocopied sheets or letters home. Instead, there will be alternative and inventive ways to explore the curriculum.

The big question is: *What impact can we have by doing this?* Can we manage a whole day without paper? Are we too reliant on paper? And how much paper could we save? It looks like we will have a very interesting day ahead of us.

SCHOOL GAMES:VOLLEYBALL

Three teams of Y5/6 children represented our school in the School Games Y5/6 Volleyball Competition in December. The 12 children played a round of games against other schools in the morning to decide their place within their ‘pool’. In the afternoon, the teams then competed to secure their final position in the competition.



Of the 24 teams taking part, our three teams from Langtoft finished in 11th, 6th and 1st place. This means the ‘A Team’ will go on to represent our area of the county in the County Competition in March. I must celebrate with you the great teamwork, determination and enjoyment the children displayed whilst playing.

GIVING PERMISSION



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In an effort to reduce the amount of paper we use and to save you time, we recently introduced a new way for you as parents/carers to give your permission for your child/ren to take part in such events as school visits and sporting competitions. The 'Forms' section in ParentMail offers a 'click in a box' format. We have used this for quite a few events now and it seems to be working really well. We shall make this the system we use from now on.

REMINDER WHAT HAPPENS IF IT SNOWS?

Now that winter is here, it is good time to remind you of the process we have in place for communicating when a decision has been made to not open the school.

The decision to not open the school due to weather conditions is taken jointly by the Chair of Governors and me in consultation with our caretaker, school lunch provider and PlayZone. We consider whether or not the school site is a safe environment and that sufficient levels of safety can be maintained; whether there is a water and energy supply; whether a sufficient number of staff can safely travel to the school site to provide an adequate ratio of adults to children. The decision to not open the school is never taken lightly and always with the safety of children and adults at its heart.



If the weather is such that the decision is taken to not open the school, you will be informed in two ways:

1. A statement will be placed on our [school website](#) before 0800 in the NEWS box
2. An email will be sent via [ParentMail](#) (one per family)

Experience from February of last year tells us that our website refreshes instantly whereas ParentMail can take up to 40 minutes to deliver a message once it is 'sent'.

If the school is open but there is a change in the weather that means we need to close the school and send children home, an emergency text will be sent via Parentmail to the **primary account holder only**. Please check that your ParentMail account has the correct telephone number listed.

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL:



Please send your child to school each day with a drinks bottle that can be re-used. We are using too many plastic cups and then throwing them away. This is not good for nature.

THE 5Cs

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

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
Wren Vallance Ethan Brawn Dylan Baldock Ella Langham Herbie Hefferon Jocelyn Baynes	Jessica Gordon Alex Hutchinson William Didsbury Grace Nickson			
Citizenship	Elizabeth Moore			

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS DECEMBER 2018

Last month's entrants into *The Golden Book of Greatness* were:

Daisy Machin	Connie Hodgetts	Theia Middleton	Spencer Scrivens
Archie Price	Harry Baker	Ryan Langham	Savannah Luciano
Archie Worrall	Lola Williams-Nolan	Maisie Moulds	Freya Stewart
Charlie Roberts	James Beswick	Mia Le Sage	

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The remaining classes' Class Assembly are:

Class	Date
Y4	Wednesday 8 May 2019
Y3	Wednesday 3 April 2019
Y2	Wednesday 6 February 2019
Y1	Wednesday 6 March 2019
FS	Wednesday 17 July 2019

- Each Class Assembly takes place in the school hall and starts at 9:15am
- 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.



REMINDER P.E. KITS

Please make sure that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day and that their kit is the correct one: **navy blue** T-shirt (embroidered with logo), **navy blues** shorts and trainers or plimsolls (Key Stage 1 only). Key Stage 2 will have P.E. lessons outside whenever possible so we recommend **navy blue** jogging bottoms and **navy blue** sweatshirts to provide warmth. Variations of this are unacceptable. Thank you for your help with this matter.

STARTING SCHOOL THIS YEAR

You can now apply for your child to join our school in the Foundation Stage class in September 2019. Admission to our school is coordinated by Lincolnshire County Council so please apply directly to them by visiting <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal/> You will need to create an account (which is easy to do. Be sure to apply by **Tuesday 15 January 2019**. From the figures we are able to access presently the indication is that our Foundation Stage class will be full in September.

Yours faithfully

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 1 visit to Langtoft Church	Tuesday 15 January 2019
School Games Swimming at Castle Pool (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 by invitation)	Wednesday 16 January
School Games Netball at Bourne Grammar (by invitation)	Tuesday 22 January
Year 5 Visit to The National Space Centre	Monday 28 January
School Games Dance Competition at the South Holland Centre (KS2)	Tuesday 29 January
PCSO/Mini Police Bike Marking (2pm – 4pm)	Thursday 31 January

FEBRUARY AND BEYOND

2019	
Year 2 Class Assembly	Wednesday 6 February
Progress Review meetings with parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities	Thursday 7 February
School Games Athletics (Year 5 and Year 6 by invitation) at Spalding High School	Tuesday 12 February
Progress Review meetings with parents of children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium	Thursday 14 February
Langtoft's Got Talent (6:30 pm)	Friday 15 February
Term 3 ends	Friday 15 February
Term 4 begins	Monday 25 February
Parent/Teacher consultations (Spring)	Tuesday 26 February and Thursday 28 February
MultiSkills Event at Bourne Grammar (Year 2)	Tuesday 5 March
Year 1 Class Assembly	Wednesday 6 March
School Games Football (Year 3 and Year 4 by invitation) at Bourne Academy	Tuesday 19 March
Y5 Ironbridge residential visit	Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 March
Progress Review meetings with parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities	Thursday 28 March
School Games Lacrosse at The Deepings School (TBA)	Tuesday 2 April
Year 3 Class Assembly	Wednesday 3 April
Progress Review meetings with parents of children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium	Thursday 4 April
Term 4 ends	Friday 5 April
Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 22 April
Term 5 Begins	Tuesday 23 April
Y4 Stibbington residential visit	Wednesday 24 to Friday 26 April

Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 6 May
Year 4 Class Assembly	Wednesday 8 May
Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) for pupils in Y6	Monday 13 to Thursday 16 May, each morning
Progress Review meetings with parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities	Thursday 16 May
School Games Rounders at Bourne Academy (TBA)	Tuesday 21 May
Sports Day	Wednesday 22 May, Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 at 10:00am and Key Stage 2 at 1:15pm
Progress Review meetings with parents of children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium	Thursday 23 May
Term 5 ends	Friday 24 May
Term 6 begins	Monday 3 June
School Games Cricket at Deeping CC (TBA)	Tuesday 4 June
Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Week beginning 10 June
Deeping Sports	Thursday 13 June
School Games Tennis (Year 3 and Year 4 by invitation) venue TBC	Tuesday 18 June
School Games Change 4 Life (Year 3 and Year 4) at Spalding High School	Tuesday 25 June
Parent/Teacher consultations (Summer)	Tuesday 2 and Thursday 4 July. TBC
Progress Review meetings with parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities	Thursday 4 July
School Games Athletics (Year 5 and Year 6 by invitation) at Spalding Academy	Wednesday 10 July
Progress Review meetings with parents of children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium	Thursday 11 July
Class Parties	Thurs 18 July, afternoon
Y6 Production – performance to families	Thursday 18 July, 7pm
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 19 July, 9:30am
Term 6 ends	Friday 19 July

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2018/2019

Term 3	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:	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