



Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #155

Term 1 Friday 10 September 2021

Article 31 You have the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Dear Duty Bearers,

Our first week back at school this academic year and what a week it has been! It has been truly wonderful to see all the children back together again, enjoying playing together and making the most of the good weather, our Year 6 children helping to look after the new Foundation Stage and the excitement of learning new things. The atmosphere in school has been amazing and I've received such a warm welcome from you all – from those of you who have come to speak to me on the gate to all the children and staff in school, so thank you.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our other new starters this year: the whole of Foundation Stage who have settled in really well, George in Year 1, Amelia and Isla in Year 3 and Mustaqeem in Year 4. I wish the children and their families a happy and a successful association with our school.

I know it's only been a week since I sent the last newsletter but there is some important information to share at the beginning of this term and also key dairy dates for this academic year (see attached).

GROUNDFORCE DAY WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are always wanting to provide the best learning environment we can so we are organising a Groundforce Day on **Saturday 16 October** and we need your help! We would like to get our school community involved in helping to improve and prepare our outside grounds ready for winter so we would be grateful if you could donate a couple of hours of your time to help us plant, weed and build. If you or anyone you know have specialist gardening skills or could donate any bulbs and plants we would love also to hear from you. Many hands make light work and we would appreciate any help you can give.



CLUBS

We are excited to be able to offer a range of lunchtime and after school clubs again, which will vary each half term to ensure we cater for all children in school.

	After school
Monday	Tennis with Simon Bentley (Y6 only) 13 September to 18 October 3:15-4:15pm (form previously sent via ParentMail)
Tuesday	Cosmic Yoga with Mrs Bytheway (KS1 only) 21 September to 19 October 3:10-4pm
Wednesday	Lunchtime Club Mr Nolan (Y3/4 girls -max 10) ICanDance with Hayley (Y1-Y6) 3:15-4:15pm (form previously sent via ParentMail) Football with Mr Nolan (Y5/6 max 16 children)
Thursday	Irish Dancing with Mrs Britten (KS2 max 20) 23 September to 21 October 3:15-4:15pm
Friday	Kick-Off Soccer 3:15-4:15pm (form previously sent via ParentMail) (spaces still available)

Booking forms will be available on ParentMail next week (dance, Kick-Off Soccer and tennis previously sent). The deadline for requesting a place for yoga, Lunchtime Club, football and Irish dancing is **Wednesday 15 September 9am**.

If your child is attending a sports club after school on their non-PE day they will need to bring kit to get changed into at the end of the day. Children are not permitted to wear football kit to school.

READING AND SPELLING IN KEY STAGE 1

This week the children in Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) have been given a new Home School Record, two reading books and an exercise book for spelling. Please make sure these are returned to school each day in your child's book bag. Please do not put anything else in the book bag, such as a drink or a snack, as these often damage the books.

The two reading books are:

1. a paper, black and white paper copy of the book your children is being taught to read in school at the moment. They will be familiar with the text so if they say it is easy to read – great! We want reading to be a success and not a struggle.
2. The second book is a glossy-cover book in colour from the same 'level'. The words are very similar to those inside the black and white book – just arranged differently to make a new story.

The reading books will be changed every Friday. When your child is ready and completed the Read, Write Inc scheme they will move on to Oxford Reading Tree and their books will be changed every Monday and Thursday. Please read every night with your child, just for a few minutes, alternating between the books each night. We all know what practice makes – permanent.

A spelling list will be given every Friday. The children should practice each day, ready for their 'test' on Fridays. There is an 'How It Works' sheet stuck in the front of the spellings exercise book for you.



JOB VACANCIES

We have two vacancies at the moment. A Midday Meals Supervisory Assistant (working hours are 11:50am to 1:15pm weekdays during term time) and a Relief Cleaner. Our website has full details.

If you are interested and would like to learn more about either role, please contact the school office. The closing date is Friday 1 October.

UNIFORM

Thank you for the support you give to our school uniform guidance. We have high expectations and always strive for our children to look smart, including having shirts/T-shirts tucked in.

Our uniform expectations are:

- ❖ Navy blue jumper, cardigan
- ❖ White or navy blue polo shirt or white blouse or shirt (all tucked in)
- ❖ Charcoal grey - not black - skirt, culottes, pinafore dress, trousers or shorts
- ❖ White or grey socks – not trainer liners or sports socks
- ❖ Grey tights (but not on P.E. days)
- ❖ Black shoes
- ❖ Blue gingham dress for Terms 1, 5 and 6 only

P.E. Kit:

- ❖ Navy blue T-shirt (not polo shirt)
- ❖ Navy blue loose-fit shorts (not tight-fit 'cycling'-style shorts or leggings)
- ❖ Navy blue jogging bottoms

Extra guidance:

On days when children have PE long hair needs to be tied back and earrings must be removed.

REMINDER REQUESTING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It is imperative that all children should be in school so I am sharing with you our procedure for requesting leave of absence;

- Requests must be made by parents/carers who have a legal responsibility via email (enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk) or phone. A form will be sent home to complete.
- A request for a leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.
- A child's previous attendance record will be considered.
- 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 (this can be emailed in to enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk if received electronically).
- Parents/carers removing children from school to go on holiday are doing so without authorisation and are subject to a fixed penalty notice of £60 or £120 per parent per child.

REMINDER ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION

Remember to register your child(ren) for their annual flu vaccination. You will need to visit the website: <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/> and use this code: **EE120381**

- ◆ A letter was sent out to parents/carers of Y1 to Y6 in July so if you have already registered your child(ren) you do not need to do so again.
- ◆ For children in the Foundation Stage, the letter is attached to a ParentMail message that has been sent out this afternoon to all families as a reminder.
- ◆ The proposed date for the vaccination is **Tuesday 12th October**.

After such a fantastic start, I am excited to see what this year will bring. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Wood
Headteacher