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# Langtoft Primary School

## School Closure – Update #17

Thursday 17 July 2020

**‘Be smart! At least 1 metre apart.’**

**This update outlines the plans for week beginning 20 July 2020 and beyond...**

### RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Our school will reopen in September to all year groups. A plan of what this will look like will be shared with you via ParentMail in the coming weeks.

At this stage of planning, there is nothing standing out to me that you need to do anything about. Just bear in mind that the start and end times of the school day will differ for each year group by about 5 or 10 minutes and that it is highly likely that parents of children in Key Stage 2 (Y3 to Y6) will not be able to enter the school site.

Once you receive the plan, I will make myself available to answer questions you may have.

### ‘SUMMER BEES’

At the end of term, we shall send via ParentMail a prompt sheet for parents of the skills that we bee-lieve are essential to a successful return to school in September. The skills will include those key areas of the curriculum that every child should practice over the summer holidays to be school-ready in September.

### SCHOOL DINNERS FOR Y3

Children in Y2 at the moment who are moving to Y3 (Key Stage 2) in September are still able to order a meal through *The Farm Kitchen* but parents must know that the meals are no longer free. The Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme ‘runs out’ when a child moves to Key Stage 2. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, their meals remain free but still need to be ordered online.

### ORDERING SCHOOL DINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Please be advised that the deadline for ordering a cooked meal from *The Farm Kitchen* for the first day back at school is 3:00p.m. on Tuesday 25 August. Menus ‘go live’ from 3 August.

### ANNUAL ACADEMIC REPORTS TO PARENTS

Please be reminded that your child’s report will be sent via ParentMail tomorrow to the Primary Contact Only.

If you want to, there will be an opportunity to discuss the report with your child’s teacher. Face to face meetings are not possible and so we are offering a telephone meeting instead. An opportunity for you to do this is offered **between 11:00a.m. and 2:00pm on Monday 20 July**

**2020 for all year groups except Y3 and Y4. For Y3 and Y4** the times are the same but on **Tuesday 21 July** instead. Please call the school office during these times on 01778 343419 and we will put you in contact with the teacher. We shall not be operating an appointment system on this occasion.

## REMINDER : ANNUAL PERMISSION FORM

Thank you to the 84% of you who have completed the Annual Permission Form sent as a Form on ParentMail. It is much appreciated and has saved much paper and much time. If you have yet to complete the Form, you have until tomorrow to do so.

## GIDDINGS THE GREAT

Alfie from the Foundation Stage class walked around Ferry Meadows to raise money for the MRI and Endocrinology play teams at Addenbrookes, two departments that have been so kind and caring in helping Alfie with his fear of hospitals.

Alfie's mum writes: He did super well and only needed to sit down a few times. Alfie decided off his own back to do this when it was mentioned the children need things to play with while they have bloods and treatment.

He has raised over £900 to split equally between the two departments.



Alfie was supported by his brother during the walk. What a great achievement, boys! This is the sort of act of kindness that earns you a Citizenship badge. You have helped other children to access their Right to **Article 24** (health and health services): *Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.*

## ARCHIE – THE TRI-GOLF COUNTY CHAMPION

Congratulations to Archie in Y4 who has today been crowned the Tri-Golf Champion of Lincolnshire. Archie, representing the south of the county, beat off competition from six other regions in Lincolnshire in the Virtual School Games Final on 1 July. Archie received a T-shirt, a medal and a shield. Well done, Archie!

Our school had at least one finalist in each of the competitions. Here they are with their final positions:



**Cricket - KS2 girls and KS2 boys:** Isabella Curtis 7<sup>th</sup>, Archie Andrew 6<sup>th</sup>

**Pentathlon - Y3/4 girls and Y3/4 boys:** Isabella Curtis 7<sup>th</sup>, Alfie Price 6<sup>th</sup>

**Tennis - KS2 girls and KS2 boys:** Grace Nickson 5<sup>th</sup>, Alfie Price 6<sup>th</sup>

**Tri-golf - KS2 mixed girls and boys:** Archie Worrall 1<sup>st</sup>

Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school, whether they made it through to the final or not. Their efforts have been recognised and we have been awarded the Virtual School Games badge.



**The information below is unchanged from last week:**

## ARE YOU ACCEPTING GIFTS?

We have been asked if we are accepting gifts for teachers this year. It is extremely kind of you to ask. It is always lovely to receive gifts and cards from parents as a token of their appreciation. Having given it some consideration, I am happy for gifts to be delivered to the school gate (just press the buzzer) to be collected. I ask that this is done before Friday 17 July to give time for the gifts/cards to be 'isolated' for 72 hours before staff collect them at the end of term on Tuesday 21 July. Without appearing rude, I ask that food items are shop-sealed rather than homemade (even though they are not as personal). Thank you for thinking of us.

## SCHOOL SHUT TO ALL OVER SUMMER

With this announcement from the *Department for Education* on Monday 30 June:

*The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest.*

Please be advised that our school will close on Tuesday 21 July. It will not be open to any children from Wednesday 22 July 2020 to Wednesday 2 September. Our first day of term will be Thursday 3 September 2020 – unless we are advised otherwise.

## TERM DATES FOR 2021/2022

The term dates for the school year September 2021 to July 2022 are now on our website, at the bottom of the *For Parents* tab. The dates for our school's term may differ from other local schools, especially secondary schools, so please bear that in mind when booking family holidays.

## KEEPING SAFE

With online activity likely to have increased during the lockdown, now is probably a good time to have another chat with your children about how they keep themselves safe online. I have updated our eSafety page on the school website.