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# Langtoft Primary School

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## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED RIGHT:

**Article 12** You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously

### Dear Duty Bearers,

Welcome back, everyone, to a new school year. We hope that you were able to enjoy the great summer. The children in Y1 to Y6 have settled quickly in to their new classes. It is a pleasure for me for to be able to drop in to every classroom and see the children engage in new and exciting learning. Mrs Bytheway and Mrs Hudson have welcomed 30 children in to the Foundation Stage class. They have completed their first full week at school (including lunchtime!) and are doing very well. We now have 206 children in our school from 124 different families. 110 are boys and 96 are girls.

## TOP NEWS RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD

Following an assessment from Martin of UNICEF UK at the end of Term 6, I am delighted and proud to announce that Langtoft Primary School is now a (*drum roll*)...

## GOLD LEVEL RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

This means children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school. Langtoft Primary School is just one of seven schools in Lincolnshire who have been awarded the **Gold Level** and joins around 400 schools in the whole of the United Kingdom whose work has been recognised in this way.



The assessment identifies:

- *A very positive and inclusive ethos founded on trusting and mutually respectful relationships.*
- *Strong pupil participation underpinned by their voice being genuinely listened to and valued.*
- *Clear and prominent displays linking the Convention on the Rights of the Child to learning and all aspects of school life.*

The [full assessment can be read here](#) and is on the home page of [our website](#). I thought these two extracts were worthy of sharing with you.

*'...Becoming a Rights Respecting school has built upon the school's long established and strong culture of inclusivity and valuing each person as an individual. The children spoke about the importance of understanding that everyone is different, "...and that's a good thing." The way the children spoke of various children with additional needs made it clear that they were positive about difference and diversity...'*

*'...The children were particularly fluent when speaking about mental health and their emotional literacy is impressive... a range of strategies developed by the school to support this...to encourage reflection and prompt dialogue about an extensive range of emotions. A Y5 pupil explained, "It's about emotions such as embarrassment." Another child said, "It matters to talk about how you feel, it's your self-esteem."*

How great that our children stand out in this way. We are proud of how the children shared with Martin what Rights mean to them. I thank them, the staff, governors and parents who contributed to the assessment. **I especially thank Mrs Wells who has been our Rights Respecting School Champion since our journey to Gold Level began in 2016.** Her leadership of the staff and children has been focused and infectious.

## **MORE TOP NEWS** PHONICS CHECK

Every June, children who are in Y1 are assessed to establish their ability to use phonics to read words. The process is called *Y1 Phonics Screening Check* and is a statutory assessment. I am delighted to report that each and every one of our Y1 children (now in Y2) reached the required standard. That is:

# 100%

...of Langtoft Primary School children compared to the national average of around 80%. Teachers and Teaching Assistants in our school deliver high quality phonics teaching every

day to children who are keen to learn and who are supported well at home. This great combination means that our children get off to the best possible start in their reading careers. **Thank you to Mrs Bytheway who is our Reader Leader and who regular updates staff on best practice and who assesses the children each termlet to monitor their progress in phonics.**

## **DEMOCRACY AT WORK SCHOOL** SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week, we held our annual elections to find our new School Council representatives. I explained to the children that the election was an example of democracy. It also showed that as Duty Bearers we were ensuring their access to **Article 12** [You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.](#)

More children than ever put themselves forward to be elected. How great that so many children want to be part of the Council! I thanked everyone for wanting to take on the role. Only two children from each class in Y2 to Y6 can be elected, though. Congratulations to:



**Eloise and Jessica, Eva and Huey, Chester and Toby, Harley and Joseph, and Finlay and Isaac**

Our next election will be for new members of the Mini Police. Watch this space...



### **PLEASE HELP** DRINKS BOTTLES

Please, please, please do NOT pack your child's drinks bottle in their book bag. So far this term (eight days) over 20 books and reading records have been ruined. To replace them is costly as the books come in large packs rather than as individual books, costing hundreds of pounds each pack.

**Thank you for your help.**

## **NEW** CHANGE TO LUNCH SITTINGS

From next week (beginning 16 September), the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 classes will eat their lunch first (from 12:00 noon) and Key Stage 2 children will eat their lunches from around 12:35.

## **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 takes her PPA time on Wednesday afternoons. The class are then supervised by Mrs Falco and Mrs Redman.
- Mrs Pennell in Y2 is out of the classroom all day on Thursdays. This is because she carries out leadership role as the school's Special Educational needs Coordinator (SENCo) in the morning and takes PPA in the afternoon. The children are taught by Mrs Strawbridge with Mrs Gaches.
- In Y3 Mrs Graves and Mrs Gray take their PPA time during the days when they are not teaching and so there is no need for an additional adult.
- 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.
- In Y6, Mr Dolby, our Deputy Headteacher, is out of the classroom on Friday mornings when he works as part of the Leadership Team, monitoring the quality of teaching and learning in our school. His PPA slot is – usually – on Friday afternoons when the class are taught by me!

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

## **NEWS** DEEPINGS LIBRARY

Louisa from the Deepings Library writes to let us know:

*The library is a finalist and has a chance of being awarded anything from £1,000 to £100,000 to spend on improvements to our services for our younger members. The link to vote is below, you can vote once EVERY DAY.*

<https://www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures/finalists?categoryid=2#vote> .

*Please spread the word!*

# CONGRATULATIONS



## BABY NEWS CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to be able to announce the news that Miss Porter is expecting her first baby at the end of the year. What wonderful news! Now at 25 weeks, Miss Porter is enjoying a healthy pregnancy. Please join with me in wishing her the very best for the remainder of her pregnancy. Of course, we all know that the best is yet to come!

## STAFF NEWS AN UPDATE

We congratulate Miss Bytheway (as was) and her new husband on their marriage during the summer break. Miss Bytheway will now be known as Mrs Bytheway. We wish them a lifetime of happiness together.

We welcome back to our team of teaching assistants Mrs Downie. She will be working within the Y6 class for this year.

We said goodbye over the summer to Mrs Musgrove who, for many years, has provided supply cover to Y5 and Y6 on Fridays. A talented musician and highly thought of by the children she taught, Mrs Musgrove, will be missed.

## NEWS ALDI OFFER

This September, Aldi have launched a fantastic promotion for schools. Please help us in our chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a healthy legacy for our school.

Whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store, please pick up your Team GB sticker and bring these into school to add to our Aldi's Kit for Schools poster. We need 300 Team GB stickers to complete the poster in order to then receive a school sports kit and the chance to win the fantastic cash prize of £20,000.

You can find out more at [www.getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools](http://www.getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools)



## MAY 2020 BANK HOLIDAY CHANGE OF DATE

It has been announced there is to be a change to May Bank Holiday 2020. The early May Bank Holiday, originally planned for Monday 4 May 2020, will now be on **Friday 8 May 2020**. The Term Dates have been updated on the website and are attached to this newsletter.

## **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 items of clothing and kit that your child brings to school are named clearly. This way the items will be returned.** 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** 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 REMOVING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL TO GO ON HOLIDAY ARE DOING SO WITHOUT AUTHORISATION AND ARE SUBJECT TO A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (FINE) OF £60 OR £120 PER PARENT PER CHILD.**

## **REMINDER** SAFETY ON THE SCHOOL SITE

The school site is private property belonging to Lincolnshire County Council. Parents and visitors are welcomed on to the site at the discretion of the headteacher. With this in mind and with the intent to make the site safe for all, please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the 'school rules' we have in place to keep everyone safe 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.
- The car park is for school staff, PlayZone staff and invited guests.
- 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 school. After school, children in the Foundation Stage class and Y1 and Y2 may play on the equipment whilst waiting for an older sibling as long as they are supervised by an adult. The school will not accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur.
- It is the responsibility of the adult bringing or collecting a child to closely supervise the child so that lessons are not disturbed and equipment is not misused or damaged.
- 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.

**Thank you so much in advance for your cooperation and help with this.**

## **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** ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

A note to remind parents/carers of children in Y6 that a ParentMail was sent to you on 6 September explaining the process for applying for a place for your child at secondary school for September 2020.

## **TERM DATES** 2019/2020 AND 2020/2021 PUBLISHED

Term dates for the next two academic years have now been confirmed and are published on [our website here](#). Please use them to help you plan your family holiday around term time.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr J McCullough**  
Headteacher

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>2019</b>	
Swimming KS2 (by invitation)	Thursday 12 September to Thursday 17 October
Reading Workshops for parents of children in	Thursday 19 September, 9:00am and 6pm

the Foundation Stage class	
F.O.L.S. Annual General Meeting	Thursday 19 September 5:30pm
Numbers and Shapes Workshop (Foundation Stage Only)	Thursday 3 October, 3:30pm and 6:00pm
Curriculum Event for Y1 to Y6	
Y6 Kingswood Residential visit	Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 October
Tempest Photography (Portraits and Siblings)	Monday 14 October, morning
Harvest Festival in school hall. Limited to two persons per child.	Wednesday 16 October, Foundation/Key Stage 1, 9:15am and Key Stage 2, 2:15pm TO BE CONFIRMED
Annual Flu Immunisations	Thursday 17 October
F.O.L.S. DISCO	Thursday 17 October FS/KS1 6 – 7pm KS2 7:15 – 8:15pm
<b>Term 1 ends</b>	<b>Friday 18 October 2019</b>
SCHOOL CLOSED Training Day	Monday 28 October
<b>Term 2 begins</b>	<b>Tuesday 29 October at 8:55am</b>
Parent/Teacher consultations (Autumn)	Tuesday 29 October and Thursday 31 October
Open Day for parents of children starting school in September 2019	Monday 4 November and Monday 11 November 9:30am
Progress Review Meetings with parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities	Thursday 5 December 2019, morning
Y5 Bikeability	Monday 2 to Thursday 5 December
Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Christmas performance to parents/family. Limited to two persons per child.	Tuesday 10 December at 2:00pm and Wednesday 11 December at 9:30am
<i>Progress Review Meetings</i> with parents of children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium	Thursday 12 December, morning
M&M Production of Cinderella	Tuesday 17 December
Christmas Class Party	Wednesday 18 December, afternoon
Key Stage 2 Carol Service in the church for parents and families	Thursday 19 December at 10:00am.
<b>Term 2 ends</b>	<b>Thursday 19 December</b>

<b>2020</b>	
<b>Term 3 begins</b>	<b>Monday 6 January</b>
Reading Workshop Part 2 for parents of children in the Foundation Stage class	Thursday 16 January– 9:00am or 6:00pm
<b>Term 3 ends</b>	<b>Friday 14 February</b>
<b>Term 4 begins</b>	<b>Monday 24 February</b>
Parent/Teacher consultations (Spring)	Tuesday 11 February and Thursday 13 February
Progress Review Meetings with parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities	Thursday 26 March, morning
Y5 Ironbridge residential visit	Tuesday 31 March to Thursday 2 April
Progress Review meetings with parents of children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium	Thursday 2 April
<b>Term 4 ends</b>	<b>Thursday 2 April</b>
SCHOOL CLOSED Training Day	Friday 3 April
<b>Term 5 begins</b>	<b>Monday 20 April</b>
Y4 Stibbington residential visit	Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 April
SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday	Friday 8 May 2019
Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) for pupils in Y6	Monday 11 to Thursday 14 May, each morning
Sports Day	Wednesday 20 May, Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 at 10:00am and Key Stage 2 at 1:15pm
Parent/Teacher consultations (Summer)	Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 May
<b>Term 5 ends</b>	<b>Thursday 21 May</b>
SCHOOL CLOSED Training Day	Friday 22 May
<b>Term 6 begins</b>	<b>Monday 1 June</b>
Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Week beginning 8 June
Progress Review meetings with parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities	Thursday 2 July
Progress Review meetings with parents of children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium	Thursday 9 July

Annual Academic Report to Parents issued	Friday 10 July
Class Parties	Monday 20 July, afternoon
Y6 Production – performance to families	Monday 20 July, 7:00pm
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 21 July, 9:30am
Term 6 ends	Tuesday 21 July

## Academic Year 2019/2020

<b>Term 1</b>	Term ends:	Friday 18 October 2019
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Staff Training Day:</b>	<b>Monday 28 October 2019</b>
	School opens:	Tuesday 29 October 2019
	Term ends:	Thursday 19 December 2019
<b>Term 3</b>	School opens:	Monday 6 January 2020
	Term ends:	Friday 14 February 2020
<b>Term 4</b>	School opens:	Monday 24 February 2020
	Term ends:	Thursday 2 April 2020
	<b>Staff Training Day:</b>	<b>Friday 3 April 2020</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	School opens:	Monday 20 April 2020
	<b>Bank Holiday:</b>	<b>Friday 8 May 2020</b>
		<b>NB CHANGE OF DATE (from Monday 4 May 2020)</b>
	Term ends:	Thursday 21 May 2020
	<b>Staff Training Day:</b>	<b>Friday 22 May 2020</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	School opens:	Monday 1 June 2020
	Term ends:	Tuesday 21 July 2020