



Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #139

Term 1/Friday 6 December 2019

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED RIGHT: Article 24 You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.



Dear Duty Bearers,

NEWS

Now that December has arrived, we can start talking about all things Christmas! There is so much happening at school that we thought you might appreciate a day-by-day guide to the last days of this term.

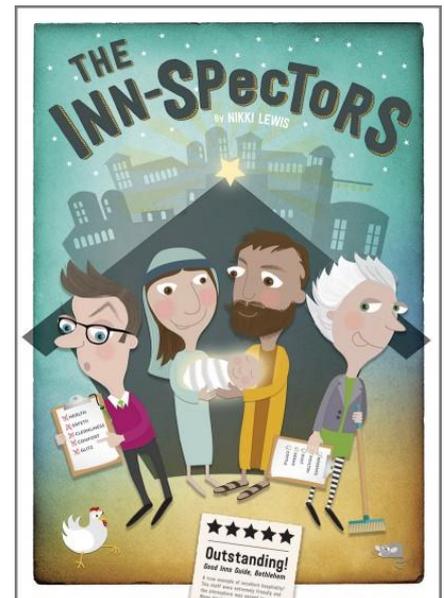
◆ TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER – that's today!

Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 perform 'The Inn-Spectors' to parents/carers at 2:00pm in the hall.

◆ WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 perform 'The Inn-Spectors' to parents/carers at 9:30am in the hall.

! PLEASE NOTE. There is a limit of **two persons per pupil** for each performance. This is to ensure that we abide with fire regulations.



! PLEASE NOTE. Only adults that sign the register on arrival have **permission to video record** the performance for private home use only. **You do not have permission to upload videos or images onto social media.**

◆ FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

The children are invited to support this year's **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**. Watch their advert [here](#). (Please note the link will take you to Youtube.) In exchange for a donation of **at least £1.00** your child may come to school dressed in their most festive Christmas jumper/top together with non-uniform. The money raised will go to Save



the Children. Part of the work that *Save the Children* do is help children across the world access their rights, especially Article #24 that I have put at the top of this newsletter. **Thank you.**

◆ **ALSO ON FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER**

The Farm Kitchen will be celebrating the festive season by cooking a traditional Christmas lunch on this day to those children whose parents have ordered one.

◆ **TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER**

M&M Productions are back for a second year. This year the group are performing 'Cinderella' in our school hall. This event has been fully funded by the Friends of Langtoft School (F.O.L.S.). Please join with me in thanking the Committee. **Thank you!**

◆ **WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER**

Each class celebrates the festive season with their own class party in the afternoon. The children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes so that they are dressed ready for the party in the afternoon. (Please be aware that KS2 will be rehearsing in the church in the morning and so should wrap up warm for this!)

A request for a small donation of food from children in Key Stage 2 will be sent home via your child's teacher by Wednesday 11 December. For children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, a suggested list of foods for you to 'sign up' for will be displayed in the window of the Main Entrance from Wednesday 11 December.



! DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE FOODS CONTAINING PEANUTS OR NUTS.

! PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES ARE ADVISED TO PROVIDE THEIR CHILD WITH THEIR OWN PARTY PLATTER.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

◆ **THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER AT 10.00AM**

Children in Key Stage 2 will be hosting a Christmas Carol Service at St Michael and All Angels Church in the village. Space is limited in the church so we respectfully ask that there is a **maximum of two persons per family.**

◆ **THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER**

The school closes for the holiday period at 3:10pm/3:15pm.

◆ MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020

The school reopens for Term 3.

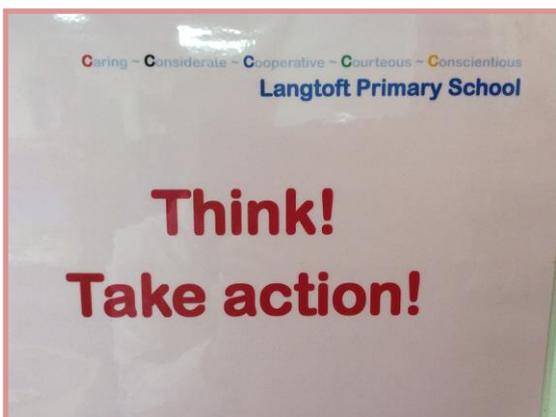
NEWS NEW BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The children, through the School Council, have helped me to revise our behaviour management system. The old 'Step' system has been replaced with a new 'peg' system. What I am really pleased about is the way that the new system recognises those children whose behaviour is always what is at expected at Langtoft. Let me explain:



This is a photograph of the Y4 pegs. Each child has a peg with their name on. Their peg starts the day on the 'expected' card. It reads: 'We respect what is expected of us.' This is the way in which every child 'signs up' to the school's expectations at the start of each day. The expectations of behaviour have been agreed by the class and their teacher in their *Class Charter* and reflect our 5Cs and take in to consideration the age of the children. (All classes from Y1 onwards have the same system. In EYFS, the pegs have been replaced with pictures the children have chosen.)

When a child disrupts learning or hurts another child, for example, they move their own peg to the 'Think! Take Action!' card. This is because their behaviour is not what we expect at our school.



The children stay on 'Think! Take Action!' for as long as they need to. For some children, this is ten minutes, for others it may be a full morning. The class teacher keeps a record of whose peg is moved and how frequently it is moved.

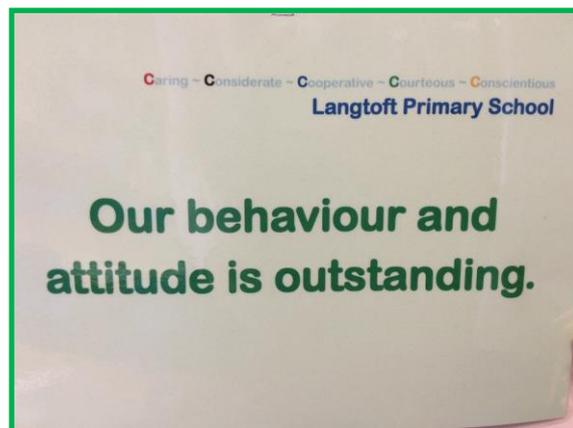
Children who move their pegs regularly (daily) or who make wrong choices (fighting, swearing) bring their peg to me. We talk about what is expected of them so that they can return their peg to the 'expected' card as soon as possible. Everyone's peg returns to the 'expected'

card at the start of each day - a fresh start.

I keep a record of this because if a child brings their peg to me a second time, I will contact you by telephone. If, after the conversation between home and school, the child returns with

their peg again, I shall be asking the parents to come in to school for a more formal conversation about their child's behaviour.

Now for the best part: the outstanding behaviour and attitude card. It took the School Council quite a few meetings to decide on the word 'outstanding' but I am glad that they did because the word 'outstanding' fits perfectly those children whose behaviour and attitude to learning is always exemplary. In the past, with the 'Step' system, these children were overlooked because they never did anything to distract the teacher's attention – which was good! We were keen to acknowledge them and so if your child regularly moves their peg to the 'outstanding' card, you will receive a letter home, praising your child's behaviour and attitude.



It is important to add that one size does not fit all. There are children in our school who have special educational needs or challenging lives that mean it is difficult for them to behave 'the Langtoft way' all of the time. In the past, this has been difficult for some parents to accept. I would like to be clear on this point. Staff work very hard to provide the best learning environment that we can for ALL children that attend our school. To achieve this, we must make reasonable adjustments to help those children for whom school and life is just that bit more difficult.

CHARITY SUPPORT UPDATE

I am pleased to be able to announce that recent charity events, in and out of school, that have involved our children have raised close to £600.

- ◆ Children In Need raised £373.50
- ◆ Harvest Festival donations to WaterAid raised £80.00
- ◆ Robin and his mum raises £130 for the Steps charity

Robin and his Mum completed the Rotary Club of Stamford Santa Fun Run on Sunday to raise funds for the Steps charity. The information the charity provided assisted Robin's parents when Robin received his talipes ('clubfoot') treatment after he was born. Wearing Santa suits, Robin and his mum ran 5km, raising £130. With your help, they would like to reach their goal of £200. The link to the Just Giving website is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/karen-gove>



Thank you for your support.

TOP 2% IN THE COUNTRY IT'S OFFICIAL

I was delighted to receive a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP...



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BT
tel: 0370 000 2288 www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus

Mr James McCullough
Langtoft Primary School
Manor Close
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Cambridgeshire
PE6 9NB

28 October 2019

Dear Mr McCullough,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievements in the 2019 phonics screening check. Your excellent teaching of phonics is something I hope to see replicated across the country: decoding skills are the foundations for pupils to progress to reading fluently, for purpose and for enjoyment.

There is a substantial body of evidence that demonstrates that systematic phonics is a highly effective method for teaching children to read. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 100 per cent of pupils at Langtoft Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top two per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 88 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of teaching pupils to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in literacy, from which they can develop excellent vocabulary and cultivate a love of reading that can last a lifetime.

Thank you for your commitment and success in teaching the next generation to read so effectively.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS NOVEMBER 2019

Entrants into *The Golden Book of Greatness* were:

Nievah T	Sophia R	Alfie C	Maddison H
Maisie B	Freddie G	James B	Bella C
Lilly M	William D	Alfie B	Jack A
Alfie P	Sam R	Mia L-S	Gracie G
Emily G	Eloise T	Jessica G	Spencer S
George J	Ben L	Austin E	Rebecca B
Maisie M	Oakley H	Eva S	Faith H
India H-M	Harley W	William B	Ava G
Theia M	Ruby H	Rudi Q	Connie R
Jack F	Ruby G	James S	Evalyn M
Teddy M	Levi S	Evie R	

THE 5Cs

In October and November, we were pleased to be able to award 5C badges to...

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
	Eloise T Archie R	Ethan B	Connor H Niamh P Leyla P Joshua B	Sasha J
Citizenship				

SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE

We have enjoyed a good start to the season of School Games events with four golds, a silver and three bronze medals.

◆ SWIMMING

On 6 November, children from Y3 to 6 competed in the School Games Swimming Gala. Mrs Graves writes: *There were opportunities to swim individual races as well as team relays. All of our children swam really well and gave their all. They were a pleasure to watch racing. There were many high finishing positions achieved by the children and some very nail biting finishes, too.*

Four children achieved Gold medals in their individual races:

Maya S - front crawl, Aaron S - front crawl, Rebecca B - front crawl, Toby T – back stroke

Overall, the Y5/6 teams achieved highly, with the girls team and the boys team each finishing in second position out of the six schools taking part; however, as a combined team, they achieved joint first position with Deeping St James Primary. There is the chance that some of these children will now be selected to go through to the next level and represent our school in the County Finals later in the school year.

Mrs Graves continues: *Although the younger teams did not finish as high, they should feel very proud of how they represented the school and tried their hardest. They know for next year what to expect so please keep on swimming out of school and continue to try your best!*

A message of parents of children in Y2 to Y5: please let the office know of your child's swimming achievements out of school. Selecting competitors based on what the children tell us is not always the best method!

◆ VOLLEYBALL

Three teams of four players made up the squad representing our school at the School Games Volleyball competition on 26 November. Our A, B and C teams played five games each in the morning to decide which of the teams from the other school they would play in the afternoon.

Our A Team won came top of their group and played two further matches in the afternoon to determine whether they would finish first, second or third. Winning every game they played, the team were jubilant only to find that it was the number of points scored over the two matches that counted, not how many games they had won. Missing the gold by one point, the team (and their manager!) were disappointed with the result.

On a positive note, all of the children played with honesty and passion and I could see their skills improving with each game. With Y4 and Y5s also attending the volleyball club, we shall set our sights on next year...



Thank you to Mrs Seaton for accompanying the teams to the event.

◆ CROSS COUNTRY

On 3 December, teams from Y3 to Y6 participated in the School Games Cross Country competition at Spalding Grammar School along with 13 other schools. Y5 and 6 ran for a distance of 1.5km and Y3 and 4 ran for 1km. There were some excellent finishing positions with the first Langtoft children arriving home being: Harley Warner in seventh position for the Y5/6 Boys; Maya Sangiorgio in ninth for the Y5/6 Girls; Alex Hutchinson in fifth for the Y3/4 Boys and Maddie Harwood in eleventh for the Y3/4 Girls.

The finishing position of the first five children for each category converted in to points. The team with the lowest total came first. This meant that the Y5/6 Boys team finished in third place for bronze; Y5/6 Girls in fourth; Year 3/4 Boys in third for bronze and Y3/4 Girls in third for bronze.

Congratulations to all children who took part.



Thank you to Miss Moohan, Mrs Upward and Miss Joyner for accompanying the teams to the event.

F.O.L.S. UPDATE

What a great job F.O.L.S. are doing! The Christmas Fayre on Friday was a success. The total is about to be announced. Look out for a feature in Friday's Stamford Mercury. The Fayre marked the end of a fun term – Elfridges, Hallowe'en disco. Each class has been given £200 to spend on resources and learning experiences. Y2 were able to travel to Tallington to choose a tree for the hall thanks to a donation from F.O.L.S.



Y2
having
fun
choosing
a tree

THE MIGHTY POSH

Peterborough United Football Club visited our school last week and led a coaching session with 45 children from Key Stage 2. Phil and his friend, Peter Burrow, then led a (very loud) assembly during which the children were given the opportunity to take home two free tickets (one adult and one under 18) to the Bolton wanderers match on 14 December (this Saturday) or the Doncaster Rovers match on Boxing Day. If your child did not bring home a ticket and you would like to attend, please call in at the office for ticket information.



Thank you to Mrs Nickson for organising the visit.

WINTER IS COMING WHAT TO DO

As we head into winter and urgent care is at a higher demand, NHS Lincolnshire would like to work with schools and parents to ensure that families are offered the right tools to identify the most effective pathway for any illness/injury. Please visit the link

<http://www.asaplincs.nhs.uk/>

Now is also a 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 due to bad weather.**

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 2018 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.

REMINDER STARTING SCHOOL IN 2020

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, they will be due to start school in September 2020. You will need to apply online before 12 noon on 15 January 2020. Follow this [link to Lincolnshire County Council's website](#).

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.

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



Caring ~ Considerate ~ Cooperative ~ Courteous ~ Conscientious

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Dates for your Diary

2019	
School Games Dodgeball (by invitation)	Tuesday 10 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	Friday 13 December, morning <i>(date changed from Thursday 12 December)</i>
Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 December
The Farm Kitchen Christmas Lunch	Friday 13 December
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.
Term 2 ends	Thursday 19 December
2020	
Term 3 begins	Monday 6 January
Y3 Zoolab Visit (classroom)	Monday 13 January
Reading Workshop Part 2 for parents of children in the Foundation Stage class	Thursday 16 January– 9:00am or 6:00pm
Cluster Football (by invitation)	Thursday 16 January
School Games Netball (by invitation)	Tuesday 21 January
Y5 National Space Centre Visit	Monday 27 January
Dance Festival (by invitation)	Tuesday 28 January
Y1 Visit from Peterborough Museum – Toys Topic	Tuesday 4 February (classroom)
School Games Hockey (by invitation)	Wednesday 5 February
F.O.L.S Family Quiz	Friday 7 February
Parent/Teacher consultations (Spring)	Tuesday 11 February and Thursday 13 February

Cluster Cross Country (by invitation)	Wednesday 12 February
Term 3 ends	Friday 14 February
Term 4 begins	Monday 24 February
School Games Athletics (by invitation)	Tuesday 25 February
Y2 Multi Skills at Bourne Grammar	Tuesday 3 March
Y1 Visit to Peterborough Museum	Tuesday 3 March
School Games Golf (by invitation)	Tuesday 3 March
SCIENCE WEEK	Monday 9 to Friday 13 March
School Games Lacrosse (by invitation)	Tuesday 10 March
Cluster Girls Football (by invitation)	Wednesday 11 March
School Games Football (by invitation)	Tuesday 17 March
Cluster Football (by invitation)	Wednesday 18 March
Cross Country (Ayschoughfee Hall at Spalding Grammar School)	Wednesday 18 March
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
School Games Multi Skills KS1 (by invitation)	Wednesday 1 April
Progress Review meetings with parents of children for whom the school receives Pupil Premium	Thursday 2 April
Term 4 ends	Thursday 2 April
SCHOOL CLOSED Training Day	Friday 3 April
Term 5 begins	Monday 20 April
Y2 Zoolab Visit (classroom)	Tuesday 21 April
Y4 Stibbington residential visit	Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 April
School Games Tennis (by invitation)	Tuesday 28 April
TEMPEST Class Photos	Wednesday 29 April
SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday	Friday 8 May
Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) for pupils in Y6	Monday 11 to Thursday 14 May, each morning
School Games Cricket (by invitation)	Tuesday 19 May
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
Term 5 ends	Thursday 21 May
SCHOOL CLOSED Training Day	Friday 22 May
Term 6 begins	Monday 1 June
FS/Y1 Zoolab Visit (classroom)	Monday 1 June
School Games Cricket (by invitation)	Tuesday 2 June
Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Week beginning 8 June
Y6 Bikeability	Monday 8 June to Thursday 11 June
School Games Change 4 Life (by invitation)	Tuesday 9 June
Cluster Cricket (by invitation)	Thursday 11 June
School Games Rounders (by invitation)	Monday 22 June
Cluster Rounders (by invitation)	Wednesday 1 July
Progress Review meetings with parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities	Thursday 2 July
School Games BOCCIA (by invitation)	Tuesday 7 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

Term 1	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:	Friday 8 May 2020
		NB CHANGE OF DATE (from 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