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Langtoft Primary School

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THIS MONTH'S FEATURED RIGHT: Article 28 You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.



Dear Duty Bearers,

This time next week, we shall have hosted our second parent/teacher consultations and be half way through the school year. Where is the time going? Almost all of you have requested an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher/s. If you would like to meet but have yet to make an appointment, please speak with Mrs Greenham in the office and she will try her best to fit you in.

DID YOU KNOW? STARTING SCHOOL IN 2020

Despite the rumour that our school is 'full', early indications show that there will be just 23 children starting our school in September 2020. Whilst it is great to have small classes, the reality of small numbers on our budget is massive. The small current Y1 class (24) coupled with a small EYFS class (23) in September would mean our school has 13 places. This means a reduction in our budget by around £50,000. As you can imagine, we could not sustain current levels of provision with £50,000 less. If you know of someone who is interested in joining our Foundation Stage class in September but assumed they would not get a place, please let them know that is not the case. They can contact the Local Authority and change their first preference to Langtoft.

SCHOOL GAMES ROUND-UP

The KS2 children have been doing a great job of representing our school in recent School Games competitions and festivals. Here is a round-up from **Mrs Graves, our Curriculum Leader for P.E.**

◆ NETBALL

On 21 January, two teams from Y5 and 6 competed in the School Games netball competition at



Bourne Grammar School. The A team faced some tough competition in the 'in it to win it' league and after a few games, they found their stride and fought back, scoring some fantastic goals to earn their bronze medal. The B team played in the 'fun with friends' league and, similarly, found their stride and played incredibly well scoring a good number of goals while getting to grips with the rules of the game. Teams in this league were being scored for their School Games value of 'determination' and finished the competition with 22 points in second position.

Thank you to both teams for your great behaviour during the day and passion when playing the game.

Thank you to Miss Joyner for accompanying the children.

◆ DANCE

Mrs Britten writes: Eighteen pupils from KS2 took part in the Spalding Dance Showcase on 28 January. The children were amongst eight other primary and secondary schools that had all worked incredibly hard to choreograph pieces for the show. Langtoft Irish dancers performed a traditional jig alongside a ceilidh. It was a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and to experience a variety of different dance styles.



CLUSTER SPORT UPDATE

As well as the competitions and festivals organised by our local School Games Organiser, Mr Gibson, we take part in events arranged by the local cluster of primary schools. Langtoft organises the annual Deepings Sports event in June. Deeping St James Primary School have organised a local football league. There follows a report from our Sports Leaders in Y6:

Last week, our school, for the first time ever, had their own football league match .The A team drew 1-1 and the B team won 2-1. They were both playing Baston. It was a hard game

and they all worked very well as a team. The game was split into two halves of 20 minutes each half. This is a new team and they are working brilliantly together.

I can add that this week the A Team have played their second match against William Hildyard week, winning 2 – 0. A win and a draw. Not a bad start, eh? We must thank Mr Warner for supporting the teams.

THE DEEPINGS LIONS BOOK PRESENTATION

Earlier this term, our school was presented with a set of four books by The Deepings Lions Club. Written and illustrated by Ellie Jackson and Laura Callwood, the books will help the children to learn how to help animals, plants and sea creatures. One of the stories has already been shared in assembly. Pictured is Lion Carol Sterland, presenting the books to the School Council. Carol writes: *We had great pleasure in attending your celebration assembly.*



We thank The Deepings Lion Club for thinking of our school. The books are beautiful.

SAFEGUARDING SWIGGLE – AFRIENDLY SEARCH ENGINE

Swiggle.org.uk is a friendly search engine aimed at children in Key Stage 2. It has been designed and developed by South-west Grid for Learning, a charity dedicated to empowering the safe and secure use of technology.

Swiggle.org.uk gives children a great start in encouraging responsible online searching. The internet is a vast resource, and some content is not appropriate for children, SWGfL recommends adding Swiggle to your browser or put the Screen Cover link on your



bookmark bar.

Swiggle is powered by Google Custom Search, the results are filtered using Google SafeSearch, and SWGfL has configured the results to prioritise educational resources. Swiggle also filters the search terms to check that it is not being used to search for inappropriate content.

The Swiggle search page is here: <https://swiggle.org.uk/>

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS JANUARY 2020

January's Entrants into <i>The Golden Book of Greatness</i> were:			
Rosie M	Freddie B	George J	Maisie M
Lola W-N	Savanah L	Freya S	Rebecca B
Charlie R	Maddie H	Olivia U	Harry G
Amelie B	Oliver B	James B	Orla E
Lucy H	Evalyn M	Daniel G	Charley H
Rebecca B	Mia L	Harrison D	Ethan B
India H-M	Toby B	Bethany M	Jack H
Alicia G	Harley W	Georgia H	Poppy S
Pippa A	Ozzie J	Annabel H	Emma P
Sebastian S	Eva B	Maisie M	Freya S
Amelie T			

THE 5Cs

In January 2020, we were pleased to be able to award 5C badges to...

Caring	Conscientious	Considerate	Cooperative	Courteous
	Astrid F-A Harper G Lola W-N Alex H Elizabeth M Nievah T Poppy S Bella C		Caitlin G James B Pearl G Bethany M Austin E	William D
Citizenship	Robin G, Savanah L, James T			

Savannah received her Citizenship badge following information we received from her mum:

Savannah was one of 550 children in the whole of the UK who were asked to take part in a clinical trial to hopefully establish the Best Emollient for Eczema (BEE).



Currently there is little evidence to suggest which moisturisers are most effective and acceptable in treating eczema in children. Only by doing this trial/study can they identify which one should be prescribed initially, in an attempt to reduce the number of GP visits and prescriptions needed following diagnosis. The BEE study is testing four types of commonly prescribed moisturisers in the form of lotion, cream, gel or ointment.

Through random selection, Savannah has been prescribed a moisturiser which she has to use on her eczema for a year. Savannah also has to complete a weekly questionnaire to share her experience of using the moisturiser and how it has impacted her eczema. The results of this trial

will hopefully show an outright winner to help all those poor children suffering with eczema and help shape the treatment for future sufferers!

F.O.L.S. 'BREAK THE RULES' DAY

Next Friday (14 February) is a first for F.O.L.S. We are hosting a 'Break the Rules' Day. For 50p per rule, children can break one of six school rules. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with more information. From Monday, parents will be able to pay up-front. For those preferring to pay on the day, there will be F.O.L.S. members available in the Main Entrance. The children will be given a card to prove which rules they've paid to break. Sounds fun!

MUSIC 'MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS FOUNDATION'

Attached to the email that brought you this newsletter is a flyer from the Music for Schools Foundation. A charity that teaches children to play brass and woodwind instruments, Music for Schools has been offering lessons to Langtoft children for many years. On Monday 24 February, the children in Y2 to Y5 will join in with an assembly in which a representative from the Foundation will show a range of instruments to whet the children's musical appetites. If your child is inspired, you are invited along to a **parents and children meeting on Thursday 27 February at 3:20pm** in the school hall to find out more.

BAD WEATHER? WHAT TO DO

Now is 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 SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

I should like to remind you that children on the school site at the end of each school day should be suitably supervised by the adult responsible for them. This is particularly important when the child is playing on the trim trail. The grassed areas around the site are 'out of bounds' after school. I also ask that you do not allow pre-school children to climb the blue protective pads that cushion the metal posts under the yellow canopy or climb up the walls to look in to classroom windows or the school hall. It disturbs the learning that is taking place. Thank you for being understanding. We just want everyone to be safe.



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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher



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Dates for your Diary

2020	
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
After School Clubs Term 4 Start	Monday 24 February
The Deepings League Football (Langtoft Vs MDCP – home - by invitation)	Tuesday 25 February – 3:45pm
School Games Athletics (by invitation)	Tuesday 25 February
Music For School presentation to parents	Thursday 27 February – 3:20pm
Langtoft's Got Talent	Friday 28 February – 6:30pm
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
The Deepings League Football (DSJ Vs Langtoft – away – by invitation)	Tuesday 3 March – 3:45pm
World Book Day	Thursday 5 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
Sports Relief	Friday 13 March
SWA Cross Country (by invitation)	Saturday 14 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
The Deepings League Football (Linchfield Vs Langtoft – away - by invitation)	Thursday 19 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
Headteacher from Bourne Grammar School – talk to Y5 parents	Tuesday 21 April (3:15pm)
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

FS Visit to Bugtopia Farm	Tuesday 16 June
School Day at The Deepings Library (tbc)	Thursday 18 June
Y6 Theatre Visit (tbc)	Thursday 18 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 3 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