



Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #144

Term 1 Friday 11 September 2020 Part 2

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,

I would like to welcome to our school four children (Jake, Rhys, Oscar and Riley) in to Y2, Y3 and Y6 and 23 children in to our Foundation Stage class. On behalf of the school community, I wish the children and their families a happy and a successful association with our school. Our number on roll is now 203 with spaces in Foundation Stage and Y2.

I usually send one newsletter per month - on the first Friday of each month – but there is a lot to take in at the moment, isn't there? Guidance for schools related to Coronavirus is updated daily so a second newsletter for September will help to keep you all up to date.

ALSO SENT ON PARENTMAIL THIS WEEK:

Cool Milk – new milk in school scheme. Order by Tuesday

Flu vaccination

F.O.L.S. meeting invitation

Bikeability – Y5 only. Respond by Monday

Secondary school transfer – Y6 only

SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD AT HOME?

Only send your child to school if they and everyone in your household are not displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

According to the NHS website, the main symptoms of coronavirus in children are:

- *a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*

- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Understandably, parents/carers are being very cautious and not sending their children to school if they are under the weather, whether they are showing coronavirus symptoms or not. Equally, we are not trained medical professionals – just parents ourselves! – and so my advice to you is straight from the NHS website:

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.

- For children aged 5 or over – use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#).
- For children under 5 – call 111.

STAYING ALERT

Thank you for continuing to support my requests regarding dropping off and picking up. We have now settled in to a routine. With fewer and fewer parents of Y5 and Y6 at the school gates and with other parents queuing beyond the yellow zig zag lines, the children are able to walk safely along the pavements.

Please continue to arrive AT your designated time rather than before it to avoid gathering in groups. Here is a reminder of the timings:

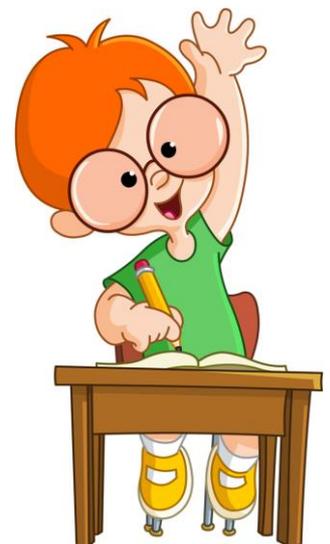
Year group bubble	Arrive at school gate:	Gate number:	Collection time:
EYFS	at 09:15	#1	15:00
Y1	at 09:05	#1	15:05
Y2	at 09:10	#1	15:10
Y3	between 08:55 and 09:05	#3	15:10
Y4			
Y5	between 08:45 and 08:55	#3	15:15
Y6			

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.

- Mrs Bytheway will be out of the classroom every Wednesday afternoon. The class are then supervised by Mrs Hudson and Mrs Gaches.
- In Y1, Mrs Ellis, as a newly qualified teacher, is entitled to an additional 10% each week whilst she completes her first year of teaching. This will be on a Wednesday morning. At this time the class are led by Mrs Falco. Mrs Ellis 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 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.



JOB VACANCY MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

Enjoy the company of children? Looking for a part-time job that fits in with term time? Then a job as a Midday Supervisory Assistant might be the job for you. We have a vacancy in our team of six. Working hours are 11:50am to 1:15pm weekdays during term time. Our website has full details.

If you are interested and would like to learn more about the role, please contact the school office. The closing date is Friday 18 September.

FRIENDS OF LANGTOFT SCHOOL TIME TO HELP

The Friends of Langtoft School (F.O.L.S.) is a charity made up of parents and staff that work together to put on events that entertain the children and their families whilst raising much needed extra funds for the school to spend on providing additional resources and learning experiences.

Attached to the same ParentMail as this Newsletter is an invitation from the current F.O.L.S Committee to join their annual general meeting via Zoom. If you would like to get involved, why not join in and see how you can help.

UPDATE EYFS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Always wanting to provide the best learning environment that we can, we are currently remodelling the outdoor classroom for the Early Years Foundation Stage in two phases. The first phase – due to be completed early next week – sees the soft surfaces being replaced and a sail added for shade. The second phase – due to be completed later in Autumn – will see a re-landscaping of the garden area to the side of the building.

I have been taking pictures as the work progresses...



REMINDER REQUESTING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Now, more than ever before, children should be in school, catching-up and filling gaps in their knowledge and skills. With this in mind, I share with you our procedure for requesting a leave of absence;

- 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 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.
- 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 **Wednesday 14 October**.

Thank you for your continued support. Your help and cooperation at this time is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher