



Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #147

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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 hope that this Newsletter, the first of Term 2, finds you safe and well. The Bulletin sent at the end of Term 1 informed you of two changes made ahead of Term 2. They were:

New times for start of school day:

Y5 and Y6	Y3 and Y4	Y2	Y1	EYFS
0845	0850	0855	0900	0905

...and changes to P.E. days for some year groups:

	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Monday		✓	✓				✓
Tuesday					✓	✓	
Wednesday			✓	✓		✓	✓
Thursday					✓		
Friday	✓	✓		✓			

The majority of families have easily adapted to the changes. Thank you for your help. Some families continue to be late, arriving after their children's 'bubble' has entered school. I am asking 'late arrivals' to wait until there is a break between bubbles when I can allow the children to come in safely. It does not seem fair to the children who are missing out on the start of day activity and so I ask those families: **please arrive at school at the time shown.**

NEW: NATIONAL LOCKDOWN CHANGES FOR SCHOOLS

The new guidance for schools sees a couple of changes for us. These are:

1. **Only one adult per child** will be allowed on to the school site to drop-off or to collect their child in EYFS or KS1. This was something I have requested before but not enforced. From Monday 9 November 2020 I shall only allow one adult per child on to the school site. Please make sure that grandparents are aware of this new rule. Thank you for your help.

2. Staff will be wearing visors when working closely with children for periods of time, for example, when listening to them read or marking their writing.

NEW: SAY 'CHEESE' SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: SIBLING GROUPS

On Monday 23 November, *Tempest Photography* will be in school to take photographs of the children in their sibling groups.

Families with siblings of primary school age will be 'snapped' during the school day.

Those of you who would like your pre-school aged children to be photographed with their older siblings who attend our school, should call the school on 01778 343419 or send an email to enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk to let us know this. Family shots with pre-school children will be taken between 08:15 and 08:30 on the morning of 23 November and so you will need to arrive at Gate #1 at 08:15 to join the queue.

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

NEW: SPORTING GOLD



Our P.E. Leader, Mrs Graves writes:

Last term, Y1 to 6 competed in the *School Games 1 Mile Challenge*. The children worked hard to improve their 'Personal Best' times by running a mile in every P.E. lessons over a few weeks. The times of the three fastest girls and three fastest boys from each class were impressive. These children have now been entered into the School Games competition for our region and we await the results of this.

In the meantime, Langtoft Primary School was awarded the 'Gold' participation award (see left) as 100% of the classes that could compete did so.

This term, Key Stage 2 children shall have a chance to enter the *School Games Football Competition* by

competing in four separate challenges. If you would like to have a look at what these are and do some extra practice at home then have a look at the videos at:

<https://www.agilitassports.com/backtoschoolgames>

NEW: STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Coles, one of our longest serving members of staff and the teaching assistant in Y6, hung up her green pen at the end of Term 1 to take early retirement. We wish Mrs Coles well for the future and thank her most greatly for her many, many years of committed service

to our school and the children in it.

We have appointed Mrs Kaye to become the teaching assistant in Y6. We are awaiting Mrs Kaye's Enhanced DBS check to arrive before she can begin her new role. We welcome her to our school and wish her a long and happy association with us.

Mrs Gray, one of our two teachers in Y3, will be leaving our school at the end of this term (December 2020) to pursue her dream career as a hairdresser. We wish Mrs Gray every success in this new venture and thank her for her time at our school as a Y3 teacher.

Miss Porter will be returning from maternity leave in December and so will join Mrs Graves in teaching Y3 on Thursday and Fridays. Of course, Miss Porter taught the children when they were in Y1 and so is a familiar and friendly face for the children.



NEW: F.O.L.S. ELFRIDGES

Attached to the same ParentMail message as this Newsletter is your invitation from F.O.L.S. to take part in this year's Elfridges event. Please note the deadline for orders.

NEW: REMOTE LEARNING POLICY

Attached to the same ParentMail message as this Newsletter is our new Remote Learning Policy. The policy lays out our school's plans for what will happen when an individual or a bubble has to self-isolate due to Covid-19 symptoms and/or positive test result.

Please take ten minutes to read the policy as the expectations placed on school and on parents are significantly different to when we closed back in March. Then, we sent home 'suggestions' for home learning. Now, the work uploaded on to Seesaw or sent home is not optional, must be completed to a high standard and returned to school on the child's return.



Y5 AND Y6

At the end of Term 1, children in Y5 and Y6 were asked to take home their hand sanitiser and their box of tissues so that they could be restocked and returned at the start of Term 2. Quite a few of the children have yet to do this. Please help us by checking with your child that they have enough of each in school.

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS OCTOBER 2020

Entrants into *The Golden Book of Greatness* in October were:

Ella L	Niamh P	Jack C	Connie R
Esme B	Sophia R	Jake B	Astrid F-A
Archie W	Aydan F		

SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD AT HOME?

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY OR ANYONE ELSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 OR IS AWAITING A TEST RESULT.

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.

Your child does not need to show all three symptoms although most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Understandably, parents/carers are being very cautious and not sending their children to school if they are unwell, whether they are showing coronavirus symptoms or not. 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.

For other illnesses, this image from the Public Health Agency is really useful:

Illness	Exclusion Period
Chicken Pox	Until all spots have crusted over
Conjunctivitis	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Diarrhoea & Vomiting	48 hours from last episode
Glandular Fever	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Hand, foot & mouth	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles	4 days from onset of rash
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling
Scabies	Until after first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after commencing antibiotics
Slapped Cheek	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Whooping Cough	48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu	Until recovered
Head Lice	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Threadworms	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Tonsillitis	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

AND FINALLY...

We have dared to predict the future (!) and attach below dates for your diary – all subject to change, of course.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J McCullough
Headteacher

2020/2021	
Term 2 begins	Monday 2 November at 8:55am
Tempest Photography (Siblings)	Monday 23 November, during the school day
Tempest Photography (Siblings with pre-school children)	Monday 23 November, 8:15 to 8:30am for pre-school group shots. Let the school know if you want this to happen
Annual Flu Immunisations (mop up)	Monday 23 November
Y2 Phonics Screening Check	Week beginning Monday 23 November
F.O.L.S. Elfridges	Friday 27 November 2020 LAST ORDERS: FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER AT 9PM
Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 11 December
The Farm Kitchen Christmas Lunch	TBC
Term 2 ends	Thursday 17 December
2021	
Term 3 begins	Monday 4 January
Parent/Teacher consultations (Spring)	TBA
Term 3 ends	Friday 12 February
Term 4 begins	Monday 22 February
World Book Day	4 March 2021
Science Week	TBA
Sports Relief	TBA
Term 4 ends	Wednesday 31 March
SCHOOL CLOSED Training Day	Thursday 1 April
Term 5 begins	Monday 19 April

TEMPEST Class Photos	TBA
SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May
Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) for pupils in Y6	Monday 10 to Thursday 13 May, each morning
Parent/Teacher consultations (Summer)	TBA
Term 5 ends	Friday 28 May
Term 6 begins	Monday 7 June
Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Week beginning 7 June
Y4 Multiplication Tables Check	Week beginning 7 June
Annual Academic Report to Parents issued	Friday 9 July
Term 6 ends	Wednesday 21 July