



Langtoft Primary School

Newsletter #148

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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,

We hope that this month's Newsletter finds you safe and well. Our school continues to remain Covid-19-free. (I hope I have not spoken too soon.) Thank you to everyone in our school community who is sticking to the guidance.

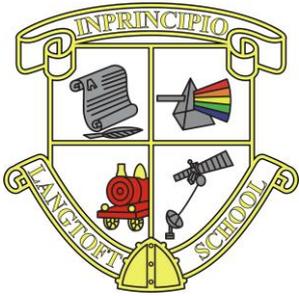
Traditionally, at this time of year, we would be welcoming you in to the school hall or the village church to enjoy a performance by the children. I hope that whatever arrangements you have in place over the Christmas period will allow you to safely make new memories at this special time of year. On behalf of the governors and staff of our school, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We have some plans in place though to make Christmas an event in school. Here is a round-up:

- From **Monday 7 December to Friday 11 December** children may bring to school Christmas cards to post in their own 'bubble's' post box. These will then be quarantined and given out on the last day of term, Thursday 17 December. As children should not be bringing non-essential items from school in to home, we ask that cards are the only Christmas-related items brought in.
- **Friday 11 December** is *Christmas Jumper Day*. We have supported Save the Children's *Christmas Jumper Day* for many years now. Children are invited to wear a Christmas 'top' to school for the day and donate at least £1 per child to the charity. You can still donate even if you don't want to wear a Christmas jumper. I will have a bucket ready at the school gate for the children to drop their pound coins in to. Thank you in advance for your support. Save the Children help children around the world to access their Rights.
- **Also on Friday 11 December** our school is going to join other schools up and down the country by completing our Daily Mile at the same time as other children in the same year group in other schools. By doing this, our children can feel connected to other children who are running in their Christmas jumpers to help others – **Citizenship**

(one of our 7Cs) at its best.

- **Thursday 17 December** is the last day of term and **Party Day**. The children are invited to come to school in party clothes for the day. In addition to their lunch, they can also bring in a small 'party snack' to enjoy in the afternoon. We shall not be asking children to bring party food donations like we usually do as we do not want the children to share their food. Please remember **we are a peanut and a nut-free school so please check ingredients** (especially supermarkets own brands) for peanuts and nuts. Thank you.



APPLYING FOR A PLACE AT OUR SCHOOL FOR 2021

You may now apply for a place at our school if your child is going to start school in the Foundation Stage class next year. You have until 15 January 2021 to do so. Even if you have a child already at our school, you must still apply. Please visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

NEW: SEESAW – YOUR WEEKEND TASK

Seesaw in Y1 and Y2, Y5 and Y6 is ready for action should we need it for remote learning when a whole class has to self-isolate. (Y3 and Y4 are already using it as a homework platform.)

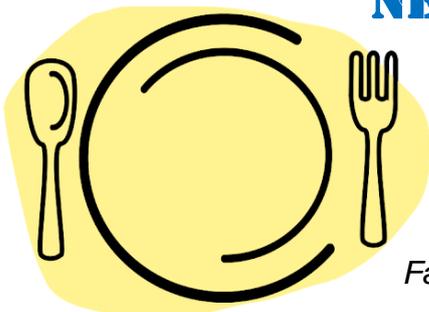
To check that everyone knows how to use Seesaw, class teachers have set a simple task on Seesaw to be completed over the weekend. This is simply a checking-it-works-for-everyone-exercise.

Points to consider:

- i) if you are accessing Seesaw on a mobile phone (especially an iPhone), you may struggle to 'write on' a worksheet if your phone does not have the latest updates.
- ii) Seesaw is accessible across multiple devices using the log in provided. It is possible to be signed in on a computer and a phone or tablet at the same time. The access codes we issued via ParentMail have a QR code which will give you quick access.

NEW: SCHOOL DINNERS RETURN FOR Y3 AND Y4

The Farm Kitchen have been instructed to allow families with children in Y3 and Y4 to order a cooked meal at lunchtime for Term 3 onwards. Families should place their orders online using their *The Farm Kitchen* account by **3pm on Tuesday 29 December 2020**.



DEADLINE: TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY ORDER

You have until Tuesday 8 December 2020 to place orders with *Tempest Photography* for the sibling group shots. Please see the proof (sent home last Friday) for details.

COVID-19 SAFEGUARDING:

• SELF-ISOLATING

You **must** keep you child at home if they or anyone in your household;

1. displays symptoms of Covid-19 or
2. has arranged for a test or
3. is awaiting results of a test.

Please do not send your child to school whilst you wait for a Covid-19 test to arrive or whilst you try to book one online.

• TEST RESULTS

Following a period of self-isolation, please inform us by email as soon as possible of a test result – positive and negative – of anyone in your household.

Please do not assume that your child can return to school following a negative result – of anyone in your household. We really must **know** that a child is now safe to return. We cannot ask for evidence of a test result (although many of you do attach it) but an email from you letting us know the result is **really, really appreciated**.

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF GREATNESS NOVEMBER 2020

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

Rosie M	Ava G	Connie R	Pearl G
Jessica G	Joshua P	Olivia U	Archie W
Jude D	Rafe B		

REMINDER: SCHOOL SHOES AND TRAINERS

From January 2021 – or as soon as you are ready - we ask that children come to school wearing school shoes rather trainers. We ask that they are still provided each day with a pair of trainers in a bag to change in to when it is time for the Daily Mile. This pair of trainers can be kept in school all week or brought home with the child each night if the trainers are needed out of school.

On the days when your child's class has P.E. they should continue to come to school in their P.E. kit wearing trainers but bring with them their school shoes to change in to after their P.E. lessons. This is because the field does not dry out at this time of year and we want to reduce the amount of mud trampled in to school. This way, the cleaners can remain focused on cleaning in line with Covid-19 guidance rather than shampooing carpets!

Thank you for your support with this request.

SAFEGUARDING VIDEO GAMES AND FAMILY DIRECTORY

It has been necessary to remind the duty bearers of children in Y5 that it is illegal to supply children with and access to video games with a PEGI rating of 12, 16 or 18. This has come about because of the adult nature of conversations in Y5 between some children about drugs. The organisation [Internet Matters has useful information for parents here](#).

I urge all parents in all year groups in their role as a duty bearer to strictly limit and supervise the nature of material that their child has access to. As one parent has put it: *would you buy your ten year old cigarettes and alcohol because they asked you to?*

I would also like to draw your attention to the *Lincolnshire Family Directory Service*. FDS is a web-based directory of services available to families in Lincolnshire. [Take a look](#). Once there, find the box on the grey bar that reads: Keywords. Type in what you need help with. There are thousands of services listed. One that caught my eye is:

Sleep Support Service (12 mths - 11 years)



Around 30% of children have sleep difficulties. This includes difficulties in settling with disruptive behaviour at bedtime, waking in the night and disturbing the sleep of other family members, and sharing a bed with parents. As a Paediatric Occupational Therapist and Certified Sleep Practitioner, I am excellently placed to work with you in a family centred way, to support your child's sleep needs. Using a behavioural approach to sleep I will investigate your child's sleep history through sleep diaries, parental / carer questionnaire and through telephone / Skype / Face-time or face to face consultation (within 30 miles of Peterborough) in your home. This information will inform a bespoke sleep programme to suit your child and family's individual needs. Various Sleep Packages available - please see website for details

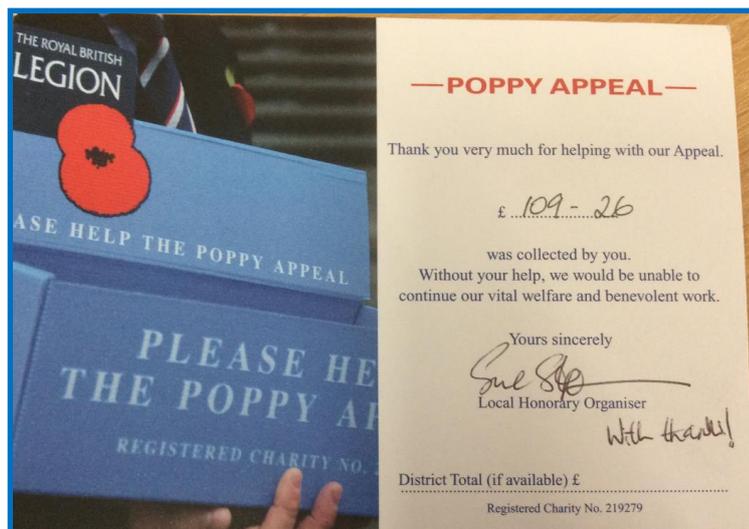
Who to contact

Contact Name	Ellie Clarke
Contact Position	Paediatric Occupational Therapist / Certified Sleep Practitioner
Telephone	07751825544
E-mail	ellie@occupationaltherapyinschool.co.uk
Website	The School OT

THANK YOU: POPPY APPEAL

This year, the children raised £109.26 for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Thank you.

We must also congratulate Annabelle, Y5, who has completed her own Poppy Run to raise money for the Poppy Appeal.



Annabelle's mum writes; *She didn't want to buy a poppy as they get broken and put in the bin, so she wanted to raise money in a different way. It's a charity close to her heart as her dad is an army veteran himself.*

She decided to run (with a little walking!) 5 miles a week during the month of November. She has completed that and managed to raise £300! We are very proud with her. This is her third run she has completed for charity and she too is very proud.

Well done, Annabelle! You have earned a **C**itizenship badge!

NEW: CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

We are pleased to announce that children from our Y1 and Y2 class finished in second and in third place in the *School Games Cross Country Challenge* in October. Medals were awarded to the fastest six children in a year group. You must remember this was a competition across our part of the county: we are up against some very large schools.

Silver goes to Rafe, Daniel, Zachary, Orla, Pippa and Millie of Y1.

Bronze goes to Jake, Rudi, George, Gracie, Mia and Maisie of Y2.

I am proud to report that we only just missed out on Bronze medals by a few seconds in Years 3, 4 and 5.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (UPDATED DECEMBER 2020)

2020	
Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day. Minimum £1 donation per child.	Friday 11 December
Class Party. Wear party clothes. Bring own party snack. No nuts or peanuts.	Thursday 17 December
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
Tempest Photography (Classes)	Tuesday 4 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