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Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 5. What a whirlwind the last few weeks have been, with the school officially graded as Outstanding in our recent Section 48 inspection, Open Morning, Parent Consultations, Bonfire fun, Children in Need, Remembrance and much, much more! It has been a wonderful start back to the term and the children are making excellent progress across the curriculum. As you know, as a school, we are committed to ensuring that communication is as effective as possible and want to remind all parents to make sure you are up to date and signed up with the newest version of Parentmail. We currently have 60% of the parent body signed up and we need to ensure you are registered in order to receive the newsletters. Most communication is via the school newsletter and the website, so please familiarise yourself with these methods of communication. Thank you to everyone for your kind comments regarding the recent Section 48 inspection, your feedback is very much appreciated. Have a wonderful 2 weeks and I look forward to seeing you around school. **Best Wishes, Mr Sam Edén**

Be the Best You Can Be!



Our certificates for achievement were awarded to the following children in our special Friday assembly-well done all;

Class France-Tommy Gresham, Taylor Cheevers and Isla Vangasse

Class India-Lilly Evans, Keiley Hayter and Amelia Walton

Class Madagascar-Ava Morgan, Gabriella Roberts, Oliver Hague and Lottie Hendry

Class Australia-Lilly Fields, Alfie Baker, Phoebe Duggan and Kayla Rohland

Class USA-Harry Hutsby, Arabella Seng, Callum Arnold and Niamh Morgan

Class Iceland-Justin Dixon-Hardy, Olivia Clark-Monk, Jacob West and Jessica Blankley

Wow Writers

The following children have all been recognised for their excellent achievement in writing this term. Well done everyone.

Theo Roper, Enya Coates, Jack Green, Lily-Belle Turner, Eliza Batchelor and Jake Barrett.

Well done to everyone for being the best you can be!

Children In Need

The children looked absolutely fabulous for Children in Need. Dressed in their best, they were able to parade in worship and celebrate the achievements of the school with learning across the school being focused on Children in Need and the purpose of this very important charity. Thank you for your donations. We will let you know the full amount raised when all of the money is counted.

Governor Focus-Stuart Freshney



My name is Stuart Freshney and I am a Foundation Governor. A "Foundation Governor" has the same responsibilities as all the other governors but is appointed by the Diocese of Lincoln, rather than the Governing Body, and has the added responsibility, together with the Rector, of being the local "Church's voice" and representative of the Diocese at all Governors' meetings. Prior to taking early retirement in 1999 I was a manager in the N.H.S. for 27 years with financial management being an integral part of my role.

I have been married to Reverend June for 47 years and have three sons, Steven (44), Mathew (40) and Marc (35) and of course a wonderful dog called Fergus who is a Patterdale/Border terrier cross that takes me for two walks every day. My hobbies are mainly centred around music having been a church organist and choirmaster for many years in Louth and Washingborough. I am also Musical Director and conductor of the Lovedon Festival Singers which is a group of 35 people based in Caythorpe who meet regularly to have a good sing. We normally stage concerts in the summer and at Christmas in our local churches, our repertoire ranging from "The Sound of Music" to the "Halleluia Chorus". I feel extremely honoured to be a part of the Governing Body of such a wonderful school and look forward to what the future may hold for us all.

Starting School in September 2016?

If your child, or someone you know is due to start school next September, please be aware that the application round opens on Monday 16th November. Should your child have a sibling in school, make sure that this criteria is outlined in the application as this will strengthen the application and secure a place at the school.

Congratulations Mrs Moore



As you are aware, the school has recently appointed a Business Leader, Mrs Debra Moore, and she has been incredibly busy leading different elements of the school's strategic business plans. In amongst her hard work and effort, she applied to the National Association of School Business Managers to be recognised as a fellow in this area. We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Moore has been accepted to gain the highest accolade within the Business Manager role and we hope you will join us in congratulating her on her excellent achievement!

Christmas Fayre



It may seem a long way off yet, but Christmas is only around the corner. Our Christmas Fayre is planned to take place on Friday 11th December between 1.30-4pm- We hope you can join us for this event and if you wish to hold a stall, please see Mrs Beard in the office who will be more than happy to book you in for this wonderful festive event.

Class Australia to the Collection

On 25th November, Class Australia will be visiting The Collection in Lincoln to enhance their learning about the Romans. The class have been working incredibly hard on this topic and the trip will help bring this to life. Please ensure Mrs Beard has all the necessary information as soon as possible.

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Operation Shoe Box Appeal. Mrs Hiorns and Mrs Annan (parent) are sending over 20 of these off, which is a wonderful number-thank you!

Anti-Bullying Week W/C 16th November

The week commencing the 16th November is Anti Bullying Week and we will be holding discussions around this very important subject with the children, to refresh their understanding of what constitutes 'bullying' over 'falling out'. We try to focus on the language of bullying being ongoing, deliberate and unfair. If the three elements are all working together, then we investigate an incident as an act of bullying. By making this criteria explicit, children may want to discuss this further at home. We will never tolerate bullying of any instance in school and parents can rest assured, our policies and procedures for handling incidents are regularly scrutinised and updated.

Parent Consultation Feedback



Thank you to everyone who attended the latest round of Parent Consultations. These were incredibly successful with very positive feedback on the new Profile sheets given out as well as the prospectus and new school logo. Having the opportunity to have every parent in school builds upon the fantastic parent sharing opportunities in which every class welcomed their parents into school and our wonderful Open Morning which was also a resounding success. We are committed to sharing our school with parents, carers and the wider school community and hope you enjoyed your time in school.

Firework Success



Wow, what a phenomenal Firework Extravaganza we had on the 5th November. We had the biggest turnout ever recorded and the feedback from everyone was incredibly positive. The PTFA and school staff worked incredibly hard to provide the community event and we are delighted to inform you that early indications show that **£700** profit was made on the evening. This money will come back into school to pay for resources for the children within school. The next event the PTFA are looking at providing is a Christmas Disco to be held near the end of term. Discos are always such a popular event and we will share more information with you in the next newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school. A huge thank you must go to Terry Vangasse, John Fuller and Jason Taylor for setting the fireworks off.