



Wisdom Courage Respect



Newsletter 4  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,  
What a wonderful term we have had. There have been so many positives including World Mental Health Day, Black History Week, National Poetry Day and visitors in school including Nova the Barn Owl! Please remember to check our school Facebook page to see some great photographs of what we've been up to. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend our Harvest Festival this morning. Didn't the children do well? The display of donations was absolutely amazing and will all be delivered to Grantham Foodbank in the next few days. A huge thank you to our school community for your support with this.

**Castle Team Launch Day - Tomorrow**

Tomorrow is our Castle Team Launch Day. All the children and staff in school have been assigned a Castle Team and will complete activities on Friday linked to these. Children have been reminded of their team colour and notes have gone home where needed. If you are unsure of your child's team, please speak to their class teacher as soon as possible.



Tattershall



Lincoln



Grimsthorpe



Belvoir

**Congratulations Miss Footitt**

Huge congratulations to Miss Footitt who is expecting a baby in the middle of March! We will be in touch with Class France parents after the Christmas holidays with cover details for the class but please be assured we will ensure a thorough handover.

**Clubs**

A huge thank you to the staff who give up their time after school to run clubs for the children. Clubs next term start on 4<sup>th</sup> November and finish on the week of 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please note the slightly earlier finish time of 4:30pm.

**Open Day**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 9:30am we are holding our annual Open Morning for new starters. If you have any children who are due to start school in September 2025, or if you know of any families who may be interested, please do share the date with them. Please notify Mrs Barrett if you are hoping to attend so we can add you to the list.

**School Photos**

Individual school photos will be taken on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Photographs will then be available to purchase before the end of term.

**Christmas Theatre Performance**

We are very excited about the Christmas Performance of 'A Christmas Carol' on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We have managed to secure a considerable discount for this. The cost of this experience is £5.50 per child and payments have been activated on ParentPay accounts, due by Friday the 1st of November.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing half term. We look forward to seeing you all back on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**  
Best wishes,

**Mrs Lucy Jackson, Headteacher**

Ancaster Church of England Primary School

Open Morning

1st November 2024 at 9:30am

### Naming items

Please ensure all items coming into school are clearly named. This helps us return items to the correct owner quickly if they get misplaced. As we move into the colder months, this will include hats, scarves and gloves 😊.

Many thanks for your help in this.



### **Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.**

If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log any details you wish to share. The out of hours number is 01522782333 or email [lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

### Parking

We ask all members of our school community to park with care and respect for our children and other road users.



### **Rule 243 of the Highway Code**

This rule in the Highway Code makes it very clear that we **must not** park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for the Emergency Services or on a bend. Please take care and make sure you follow the Highway Code.

### **Park and Stride**

The car parks at the playing field and social club are available for use for any parents to 'park and stride' each day. This may help with congestion and therefore help keep our children as safe as possible.

### **Online Gaming**

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog post about online chats in games, highlighting some of the risks to children and young people. The blog provides practical suggestions for keeping children safe when using online chats.

[My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do? - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

## **Key Dates for Autumn Term**

### **Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October**

#### ***Black History Week***

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wear Team Colours Day (donations to the PTFA for colour themed hampers) and last day of Term 1

***October half term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October inclusive. Children return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.***

### **Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – School closed

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> – First day of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> – 'Flu vaccinations

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Open Morning for new starters at 9:30am

### **Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November – Clubs start**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – School photos

### **Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November**

#### ***Anti-Bullying Week***

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – A Christmas Carol Production

Term dates can be found here –

[School term times – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

## **Useful Contacts**

Childline: 0800 1111

Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 0207 340 7264

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275

NSPCC Whistle Blowing Helpline: 08088 005000

Domestic Violence: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Lincolnshire Social Services: 01522 872111

Anxiety UK: 08444 775774

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire is a children and young people's emotional wellbeing service. For further information, please visit their website

[www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people](http://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people)

If you are wishing to contact Healthy Minds regarding suitability for a referral into the service of a child or young person in your care, please contact the Here4You line on: 0800 234 6342

If you wish to contact school for additional support, our Mental Health Lead is Mr Kidd and our SENDCO is Mrs Tomlinson. Both can be contacted via [enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk).