



Wisdom Courage Respect



Newsletter 5
8th November 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

I hope you all had a restful half term break. The children have settled back into school well and we are all excited about the journey up to Christmas. This is such a joyful, but busy, time of the year in school. We are looking forward to all the fun that is to come, including our Christmas Craft Sale, Church Service, Key Stage One Nativity and Christmas Parties! Please see the key dates at the end of the newsletter and remember the calendar on our website can also be used to keep track of what's going on.

As is usual for the time of year, there are lots of viruses around. We are reminding all children of the importance of general hygiene. Please remember if a child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must be off school for 48 hours after the final episode.

After School Clubs

A huge thank you to the staff who give up their time after school to run clubs for the children. Clubs finish on the week of 2nd December. Please note the slightly earlier finish time of 4:20pm.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings will take place on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November. Sign-up sheets are available in the library at the beginning and end of each day. If you are unable to make the times offered, please speak to your child's class teacher who will arrange to speak to you at another time.

Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need

Next week in school, all classes will complete work related to Anti-Bullying Week. On Friday 15th we invite all children to celebrate 'Odd Socks Day'. This is also a non-uniform day for Children in Need.

Lincoln Team Castle Captains will be arranging to collect donations on the day for Children in Need.

Water safety – Child Drowning Update from Royal Life Saving Society UK

A recent report into child drowning has revealed that 125 children have drowned in the past four years, with 51 incidents occurring at home - primarily during bath time and involving children under five. Such events are clearly tragic and, as part of their Water Safety campaign, the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) have issued a safety warning coming from their latest [Child Drowning Update](#) using evidence from National Child Mortality Database (NCMD).

The report emphasises the importance of adult supervision - 86% of cases involved unsupervised

children: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/child-drowning-update-sept-2024-england>

Please see the below link for for the full list of key messages:

<https://www.ncmd.info/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Health-Social-Care-Professional-Advice-Piece.pdf>



No Smoking or Vaping

Please remember that smoking and vaping are not permitted on school premises. We also ask that parents and carers are mindful of not smoking or vaping close to the school gates. Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas Theatre Performance

We are very excited about the Christmas Performance of 'A Christmas Carol' on Tuesday 12th November. We have managed to secure a considerable discount for this. The cost of this experience is £5.50 per child. Payments have been activated on ParentPay accounts. Although these were due by Friday the 1st of November, we have extended this for anyone who is yet to pay.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Jackson, Headteacher

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.

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

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.

Key Dates for Autumn Term

Week beginning 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th – Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12th – A Christmas Carol Production

Friday 15th – Odd Socks Day and Children in Need

Week beginning 18th November

Tuesday 19th – Parent/Carer Consultations

Wednesday 20th – Parent/Carer Consultations

Week beginning 25th November

Wednesday 27th – 'Flu vaccinations catch up day

Term dates can be found here –

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

Christmas Dates

Week beginning 9th December – Christmas Enrichment week

Wednesday 11th – KS1 Nativity (10am and 2pm)

Thursday 12th – KS1 Nativity (2pm)

Friday 13th Craft Sale after school

Week beginning 16th December

Tuesday 17th – KS2 Church Service at 9:15

Wednesday 18th – Class Parties

Thursday 19th – Christmas Lunch and last day

Friday 20th – First day of the Christmas break

Return to school on Monday 6th January.

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.