



Wisdom Courage Respect



Newsletter 7
6th December 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

What a joyful time of year this is! The decorations are up, rehearsals for the Nativity are in full swing and children in Key Stage Two and Class England are practicing their Christmas songs. Day-to-day learning continues alongside this and there is so much to look forward to as we prepare to enter the final full week of term.

The weeks have whizzed by and we are so proud of all the children in school. They have demonstrated their wisdom, courage and respect in all aspects of school life. Our newly launched Castle Teams are working well and children are all enjoying using the new token collector which was donated by the PTFA.

The next couple of weeks are particularly busy so please note the dates carefully.

Key Stage One Nativity

The Key Stage One performance, A Midwife Crisis, will take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December. Details including ticket information has been shared with parents. The children are amazing and we are really looking forward to sharing this wonderful production with you.



Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December

We are thrilled to be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day appeal again this year. This event is being arranged by the Castle Captains for Belvoir.

All children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers/festive clothing and bring in spare change to donate on Thursday 12th December. The Castle Captains have made a large picture of Santa and are hoping to cover Santa's beard with donated coins 😊.

Christmas Craft Sale and Bethlehem Bake Off – Friday 13th December

A reminder that all children will be making a small craft item to sell at the end of our Christmas Enrichment Week. These will be on sale for £2 each on Friday 13th December after school outside classrooms (weather permitting). There will also be refreshments available from the PTFA and a cake baking competition. The Choir will perform some

Christmas songs during this time too.

Any parents/carers who are not at school on that day can send their money into school in advance. Please ensure this is in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund class parties on Wednesday 18th December.

Christmas Tree Festival

St Martin's Church are holding a Christmas Tree Festival on the weekend of 14th/15th December. The festival will be open to the general public on Saturday 14th 10 - 4pm, Sunday 15th 10 - 2pm and will conclude at 2.30 - 4pm with a Christmas Concert by the Lovedon Festival Singers. There will be no charge for entry to either the tree festival or the concert. Drinks and cakes will be on sale during the festival and there will be a raffle to raise money for the Church. The school will have a tree on display so we hope you will be able to pop along and support this event.

Children in Need

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Children in Need appeal at school. We raised £119.30. Thank you to the Lincoln Castle Captains who led on this event.

Church Service – Key Stage Two

We are looking forward to our Key Stage Two Church Service on Tuesday 17th December. The children have been busy preparing their songs in class and during Choral Worship. We are pleased to be able to invite two parents/carers per child to join us for a 9:15 start. This year, all children will make a Christingle but, for fire safety reasons, we will not light them all in Church.

Class England – Christmas Songs

Children in Class England have been learning some Christmas songs and will be performing these to parents/carers on Monday 16th December at 2:45pm in the school hall. We are pleased to be able to invite two adults per family to join us. Further details have been shared with Class England parents/carers via ParentHub.

Keeping your family healthy this winter

Every winter we see rises in illnesses such as colds, flu, Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses. We have been asked to share a letter with you about simple steps you can take to reduce the spread of viruses at this time of year. This is at the end of the newsletter.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a magical Christmas filled with special times with those you love.

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 9th December – Christmas Enrichment week

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

Thursday 12th – Christmas Jumper Day, KS1 Nativity (2pm)

Friday 13th - Craft Sale after school

Week beginning 16th December

Monday 16th – Class England – Christmas Songs 2:45

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.

Term dates can be found here –

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

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.

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

Keeping your family healthy this winter

Every winter we see rises in illnesses such as colds, flu, Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

While it's not uncommon for viruses to spread at this time of year, there are simple steps you can take to reduce your chance of being ill.

- **Boost your immunity this winter.** It is not too late for you and your children to receive a vaccination against COVID-19 and flu this year. It is one of the best ways to protect you, your friends and family. To find out how to book, speak to your GP practice or local pharmacy, or visit the NHS [website](#).
- **Pharmacy first.** If you or your child start to feel unwell with a winter illness, your local pharmacy can be a good source of support and can advise you on what steps to take to relieve symptoms.
- **Wash your hands often.** Please remember it is important to encourage your child to regularly wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to help prevent the spread of winter illnesses.
- **Try to stay at home.** If you or your child are feeling unwell it is important to avoid contact with other people until you are well enough to undertake your normal activities.

Managing symptoms and when to get help

If you or your child develop flu-like symptoms, such as a fever, feeling tired or exhausted, a cough, a sore throat, or a headache, there are some things you can do to help get better more quickly:

- rest and sleep
- keep warm
- take paracetamol or ibuprofen to lower your temperature and treat aches and pains
- drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration

Most respiratory illnesses are mild and clear up within 2 to 3 weeks without the need for treatment. If in doubt, please refer to [NHS 111 online](#).

When to seek additional help

If your child has any of the following symptoms, seek medical help the same day (either by calling your GP or NHS 111):

- Laboured or rapid breathing
- Dehydration (sunken eyes, drowsy or has not passed urine for more than 12 hours)
- A persistent high temperature of 38 degrees or above
- Seems very tired or irritable

If your child has any of the following symptoms seek URGENT help (either by calling 999 or going to A&E):

- Pauses in their breath or irregular breathing or grunting

- Severe difficulty breathing (so they can't eat)
- Tongue or lips are blue

Other useful information online:

[Flu - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Bronchiolitis - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Common cold - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Liddle

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