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*Newsletter 8*  
*10<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

*Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed the festive period and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. As we look forward to the arrival of spring, there is much to be grateful for and to look forward to.*

**Attendance**

We are aware that this is a busy period for booking holidays. Please remember that the rules around term time holidays have been updated and fines have increased. We ask that all families ensure holidays are not booked during term time.

Term dates can be found here –

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

Where attendance falls below 90%, this is considered as Persistent Absence. All children in this category will receive letters in the next couple of weeks to notify parents and invite families to book an appointment to discuss ways to improve attendance. Whilst we appreciate that some children's attendance is low due to illness, policy clearly states that parents must be informed.

**NSPCC Share Aware Parent Booklet**

The internet is an amazing place. We want to help your child to get the most out of it, and to do that safely. However, we know some parents feel confused by the internet. It's constantly changing, and it can be hard to keep up with the latest apps and trends.

The NSPCC have put together a really simple guide to reassure you and give you the information and advice you need to keep your child safe online. It's all about talking to your child, getting the family involved, and finding out what you can do. The booklet can be accessed here:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/1593/online-safety-information-pack-for-parents-nsppc>

Remember Parental Controls are accessible on Smartphones, Broadband, Gaming platforms and social media. Whilst these cannot offer complete protection from all online risks consider them the stabilisers of the internet. There are lots of easy to use guides on [www.internetmatters.org.uk](http://www.internetmatters.org.uk).

**Applying for a school place for September 2025**

Do you, or someone you know, have a child who is due to start school in September? Applications in Lincolnshire close on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Applications can be made here – [Apply for a school – Applying to primary or junior schools - Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Please do share this with family and friends who may be looking for a school place. We have availability to show parents around early next week if anyone would like a final visit before confirming their choices.

Late applications or changes can be made up until 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Trades people**

We are looking to create a list of local support either amongst families or highly recommended local businesses for when issues arise in school. If you feel you have something to offer in way of plumbing, electrics, property maintenance, heating engineer etc. please do let us know. You can pop into the office or email our School Business Leader – [finance@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk).

**Collective Worship - Spirituality**

This term in Collective Worship we will be exploring spirituality. This can be a difficult concept so we will be looking at this in the context of the 'Ows, Wows and Nows' of life. The 'WOW' times will look at the spiritual possibilities of fantastic times, the 'OW' times will explore hard times and the 'NOW' will consider the ordinary, quiet moments.

**Snow/ bad weather**

If school must close for any reason, for example bad weather, we will notify parents via Parent Hub and also update the school website. School closure will always be a last resort but, as many of our staff travel from the surrounding area, we must always ensure enough staff are able to be on site to ensure safety.

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](mailto: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](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).

### **Key Dates for Spring Term**

#### **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Launch of new Spirituality resources in Collective Worship

#### **Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – World Religion Day

#### **Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January**

National Story Telling Week

#### **Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day

#### **Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

#### ***Return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025***

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### 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.

### Staff Clubs

A huge thank you to all the staff who give up their time to run clubs after school. We have all sorts going on including Lego Club, Football, Dance and Multi-Sports to name just a few!

Please note, these start next week and run from 15:30 to 16:20.

