



Wisdom Courage Respect



Newsletter 11
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Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break. Signs of Spring are everywhere we look right now and we are all looking forward to turning the corner and having some nicer weather!

Miss Footitt

Miss Footitt has now started her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her and her family all the very best with their new arrival. We look forward to sharing their news with you in due course.

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs Samantha Cuttell to the teaching team. She has joined Year 1 this week and an opportunity to meet her will be offered to Year 1 parents shortly.

Castle Captains

Just before half term, our Castle Captains counted up the tokens children have gained so far.

As we enter the second half of the term, it's all looking very close. The Castle Captains have decided that the rewards for the winning team will be a non-uniform day with extra break in the afternoon. This will take place on Monday 31st March and families of the winning team will be notified the week before.

Well done to all the children for earning so many team points - 1485 in total!

Table with 4 columns: Belvoir (321), Grimsthorpe (380), Lincoln (399), Tattershall (385)

NSPCC – Speak out. Stay Safe.

Next week in school, all classes will be working on activities from the NSPCC on 'Speak out. Stay safe. Please find a letter about this at the end of the newsletter. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like further information.

School uniform

Please ensure that all children are following the school uniform rules correctly. This includes black school shoes, grey skirt/trousers/shorts, white polo shirts, school jumpers. We ask that hair accessories are plain/school colours. Children should not wear jewellery (apart from for religious observation), nail paint or have their hair dyed.

PTFA - Big Prize Draw

Thank you to all the families who have purchased tickets for the PTFA Grand Prize Draw. Please return tickets stubs, money and any unsold tickets. There is an astonishing array of prizes to be won! Please see the details below.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

We are very excited for World Book Day this year. Children are invited to either dress up as a book character or wear non-uniform/clothes that are comfortable to read in.

All children are welcome to join the librarians 'Book Swap' activity during the day and we are also asking all children to have a medium sized potato in school. Please can potatoes and books for swapping be in school by Wednesday 5th March.

LCC School Ready Campaign - Preparing the night before

Less Morning Rush, More Peace of Mind!



Reduce morning stress by preparing the night before. Here's how:

- Lay out tomorrow's clothes
Pack the school bag
Prepare lunch or set out lunch money
Place essentials like shoes, coat, and PE kit by the door

These small steps can make mornings smoother for you and your child. What's your best night-before tip? Share with us in the comments!

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NHS guidance on sleep and young people

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/health/sleep-and-young-children/

NHS guidance on how to fall asleep faster and sleep better https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/how-to-fall-asleep-faster-and-sleep-better/

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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. During the current colder temperatures, 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 Spring Term

Week beginning 3rd March

NSPCC Assemblies and follow up work
Thursday 6th March – World Book Day (dress up/non-uniform)

Week beginning 10th March

Science Week

Week beginning 17th March

Friday 21st – Comic Relief (non-uniform)
Mothers' Day Shop (after school)

Week beginning 24th March

Monday 24th – Mothers' Day Shop (after school)
Tuesday 25th – Parent/Carer Meetings
Thursday 27th – Parents/Carer Meetings
Friday 28th – Non-Uniform Day and Spring Fair

Week beginning 31st March

Easter Enrichment Week

Monday 31st March – Theatre Production in school

Tuesday 1st April – Inspire + Legacy Tour

Wednesday 2nd – Easter Services 9:15 KS2 and 10am KS1

Thursday 3rd – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 4th – Armed Forces Day and Last day of term

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.

Did you know?

Why not Visit your local library, they're free to join. You and your child will be able to borrow lots of new books and you might find some activities you can try at the library too!



For more information visit:
[Words for Life | National Literacy Trust](#) | [Words for Life](#)

Sharing a book with your child can be a magical experience. By building story time into your daily routine you will be:

- Developing your child's imagination
- Introducing new words
- Helping them to relax and calm down
- Developing their love of books and reading



Reading the same book again and again will help your child get to know the story. Once they know it well, ask them about what's happening or what's going to happen next, and praise them when they respond.

The beauty of children's books is that it doesn't matter if you don't read all the words - you can tell a story from the pictures!

Dear Parent/Carer

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<p>Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</p>	<p>Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p>
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<p>Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.</p>	<p>Childline – under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.</p>
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www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)
www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages.

Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful. Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Jackson

PTFA Grand Prize Draw Prizes 😊

Shark Anti Hair Wrap Cordless Vacuum	RRP £320
Tefal Dual Basket Air Fryer	RRP £180
Belvoir Castle	Family Ticket
Kinema in the Woods	2 Tickets
Lincoln Castle	Family Ticket
Belton House	Family Ticket
Gin & Rum Festival Lincoln	2 Tickets
Carousel	Game Voucher
Skegness Natureland	2 Tickets
Fantasy Island	4x Wristband Vouchers
Hull Seahawks Ice Hockey	Tickets for 4
Grimsthorpe Castle	Family Ticket
J&J Alpacas	Family Alpaca Trail
Lincoln Water Park	2 passes
Jump Inc Lincoln	4 open jumps + socks