



Newsletter 16
23rd May 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 5. Next term offers lots more opportunities for the children with Year 6 off to PGL, Sports Day, the Mini-Olympics for Year 3, our annual well-being festival 'WellFest' and the Year 6 show to name but a few! We are all looking forward to getting started back at school on Monday 2nd June but wish you all a relaxing half term break first.

Holidays in term time

As you will know from correspondence earlier in the year, rules around school attendance have been tightened up considerably this year.

Fines have increased to £160 for the first offence. **Please note this is per child, per parent.** Fines may be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days (for the first offence). For a second offence **within 3 years**, no reduction will be offered and a third or subsequent offence within the same time frame may be referred for consideration of prosecution.

Please note these are the same for all schools in England and come from the new National Framework for school attendance.

White Building update

As you will have noticed, the wonderful White Building which suffered from a severe water ingress, has not been in use for some time. We are pleased to inform you that there will be a full rebuild taking place. This will be a traditional build rather than another modular building. This means the Portakabins will stay on school site for a while longer but we will have a wonderful new building to share in the future.

Once we have further details, and have designs to share, we will be in touch to invite you in to see them.

SATs week

Well done to all the children and staff for their fabulous efforts during SATs Week. The children were all amazing and showed their wisdom, courage and respect in all that they did. Well done, one and all!

Assessments

We have assessments coming up for our children in Year 1 (Phonics Screening) and Year 4 (Multiplication Check). These both take place in June and we know how hard the children are working and we are sure they will all be the best they can be during this time.

Sports Day – Friday 6th June

This year, our Sports Day will be in the morning on Friday 6th June. We have set a reserve date of Friday 20th June in case of poor weather. Mr Kidd sent out the timings via ParentHub earlier in the week. We are inviting children to wear a top in the colour of their Castle Team. Children will not need to change back into school clothes after the morning and are welcome to stay in PE kits all day.

Power to Change Week

Thank you to everyone who supported our Well-being Ambassadors in their collection for Grantham Foodbank. These items will be safely delivered today.

Please remember to email in details of anything children have been doing to support at home, in the community or for charity. We would look to include them in our Power to Change Book or on our display.

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 19th May

Power to Change Week

Friday 23rd – Last day of term

Half term week – Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Start of term 6 – Monday 2nd June

Week beginning 2nd June

Year Four Multiplication Check

Monday 2nd - Year 6 to PGL

Wednesday 4th – Year 6 back from PGL

Friday 6th – Sports Day (morning)

Week beginning 9th June

Year One Phonics Screener

Wednesday 11th June – Mini-Olympics (Year 3)

Week beginning 16th June

Thursday 19th – New Starters Early Years

Information Meeting

Friday 20th – Reserve Sports Day

Week beginning 23rd June

Wednesday 25th – Jonathon Broom Edwards

Collective Worship

Friday 27th – WellFest (Non-uniform)

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.