

Wisdom Courage Respect

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,



Let's go zero

We are delighted to have signed up to the 'Let's Go Zero' pledge. We are setting up a working party of staff and children to work through our Sustainability Pledge and Policy looking at ways we can ensure we are improving in all areas. You can find out more about this fantastic initiative here - [UK Climate Change • Let's Go Zero](#).

Mobile Phones in School


You may have heard in the media that the Government are tightening regulations on mobile phones in school. We remain a phone free school but have updated our guidance and this is available on our website ([Ancaster CofE Primary School - Mobile Phone Free School](#)). Any child in Year 6 who brings a phone to school turns it off on arrival and must not turn it on again until they leave site. Phones are then held by staff in a secure box. This is not a rule change; it remains our consistent practice. Many thanks to parents and carers for their support in this.


Hub Seaford – Half Term activities

Please see details at the end of the newsletter for half-term activities which are available at The Hub, Seaford. These include a variety of creative sessions for a small charge.

Supporting Families of Children with Additional Needs

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who finds mainstream clubs overwhelming? The Calm & Connect Club is here for you.

 Every Saturday | 10:00am – 12:00pm

 Starting Saturday 7th February 2026

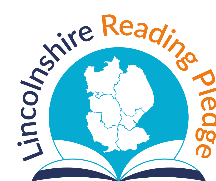
The Wellbeing Centre, Wharf Road, Grantham NG31 6BH

The Calm & Connect Club is a weekly, inclusive youth club for children and young people aged 18 and under with SEN, Autism, or additional needs, alongside a calm, welcoming space for parents and carers.

The focus is on connection, confidence-building, and enjoyment, with no pressure to engage and no judgement. All sessions are supported by staff and volunteers fully DBS checked with experience in SEN, Autism and additional needs. Please do get in touch if you would like further details.

Lincolnshire Reading Pledge

We are thrilled to have joined the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge. We will be sharing further details shortly but please see details below about the upcoming Children's Book Festival in Lincoln. The festival will take place from Friday 13th – Sunday 15th February and is a celebration of children's literature, featuring author events, comic and creative writing workshops, storytelling sessions, costumed appearances, and much more. This year we are excited to host events with **Hannah Gold** (author of *The Last Bear*, winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2022), **Liz Pichon** (author of the *Tom Gates* series), **Cressida Cowell** (former Waterstones Children's Laureate and author of the best-selling *How to Train Your Dragon* series), **Neill Cameron** (author and illustrator of *Donut Squad*), **Phil Earle** (author of *When the Sky Falls* and *Finn's Epic Fails*), **Robin Stevens** (author of the *Ministry of Unladylike Activity* series), and many, many more. Please see the posters in the library window of which authors will be attending. <https://www.waterstones.com/category/cultural-highlights/festivals/waterstones-childrens-book-festival>



Best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Jackson, Headteacher

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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.

Online Safety

Internetmatters.org is a great place to start if you are looking for ways to support your children in on line safety. You can get advice by age group and support in how to set controls on devices.

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.

Key Dates for the Spring

Week beginning 9th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th – Last day of Term 3

Half term is from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February.

Week beginning 23rd February

Monday 23rd – First Day of Term 4

Friday 27th – Class Identity Day (DT theme)

Week beginning 2nd March

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (Children are welcome to dress up or wear non-uniform)

Week beginning 9th March

Friday 13th – Dental check for 5 year olds

Week beginning 16th March

Thursday 19th – Road Safety Workshops for Year 2 and Year 4

Term dates can be found here –

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

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

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.



February Half Term What's On

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Drop-In Making Activities: Clay Impressions

Tue 17 Feb
10am-2pm
£3, 5yrs+

Children's Dance

Wed 18 Feb
10.15-11.15am
£6, 5-7yrs

Junior Dance

Wed 18 Feb
11.30am-12.30pm
£6, 8-11yrs

Dance & Disabilities

Wed 18 Feb
1.30-3pm
£8, 10-24yrs
FREE for carers

Make, Create, Discover!

Thu 19 Feb
10.30am-3pm
£25, 7-11yrs

Gallery Families

Thu 19 Feb
11am-12pm
FREE, all ages



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