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Wisdom Courage Respect

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,



Yet another term has flown by, and I am so proud of the way the children have settled into life in their new classes. Children have been showing their Wisdom, Courage and Respect in their work and behaviour. We have had a busy few weeks with class identity days, National Democracy Day, Black History Week, Cycle/Scoot to School Week, World Mental Health Day and earlier this week our wonderful Harvest Festival celebrations 😊. A huge thank you to everyone who donated to Grantham Foodbank. What a fabulous display in the Church they all made! These will all be taken to the foodbank by the Church in the coming days.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break when it comes.



Parking outside school

Whilst we appreciate the considerable impact of the current building work on parking around school, please remember not to park on the yellow zig-zags and to avoid turning around in the school entrance. We have opened the side gate to reduce pressure on the front of school which is working well and we are very grateful to everyone who parks with care and courtesy.

School Dinners

A small number of children in school are unhappy with their dinner choices and are asking staff for an alternative during lunchtime each day. Please ensure you are checking with your child that you are ordering their meal of choice as we do not have provision in school to offer alternatives. Good Lookin' Cookin' deliver the appropriate number of meals that are ordered leaving little to no flexibility in what we can provide.

Sleaford Hub and Ancaster Scouting

Please see information at the end of the newsletter about half-term events taking place at The Hub in Sleaford. Some events are free and some have a small charge. There is also a flier about Scouting in Ancaster, including Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Coffee mornings for parents of pupils with SEND

As part of our offer to parents and families of children with additional need, we are pleased to offer the opportunity to meet in school for a cuppa and a biscuit to allow you to ask questions, seek support and meet other parents in a similar situation. Sessions will be led by Zoe Hodson, a TA in school who is herself a parent of a child with additional needs.
We hope to offer a safe space to chat together and share the ups and downs of parenting and Zoe may be able to sign post you to further support as needed.
Please note, if your child does not yet have a diagnosis, you are still welcome to attend.
We aim to hold these once a month and the first two dates are -
Monday 9th November 9:15 - 10:00am
Monday 14th December 9:15 - 10:00am
We will seek feedback after the first two sessions to see if you have any ideas of other ways we can support you.

Half Term Break

Please note, October half term is now only a week away. School is closed for ***one*** week (26th – 30th October) and we reopen on Monday 2nd November.

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 cooler months, this will include hats, scarves and gloves 😊.

Many thanks for your help in this.



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.

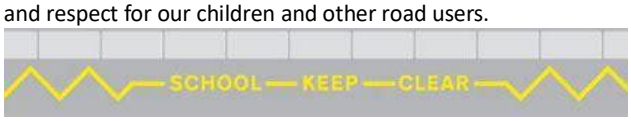
If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log any details you wish to share. The out of hours number is 01522782333 or 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 online 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. The field gate is now open daily.

Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Week beginning 19th October
Tuesday 20th – 'Flu Vaccinations
Friday 23rd October – Last day of Term 1

Half term break – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Week beginning 2nd November
Thursday 5th – Individual photographs by Braiswick
Friday 6th – Class Identity Day – Science

Week beginning 9th November
Monday 9th – Coffee morning for parents of pupils with SEND
Tuesday 10th – Theatre Production – Robin Hood (whole school)
Wednesday 11th- Remembrance Day
Friday 13th – Children in Need (non-uniform day with donations)

Week beginning 16th November – Anti-bullying Week

Please note, we return to school on Monday 2nd November
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.

October Half Term What's On

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Drop-In Making Activity
Tue 27 Oct
10am–2pm
FREE, 5yrs+

Childrens Dance
Wed 28 Oct
11–12pm
£6, 5–7yrs

Junior Dance
Wed 28 Oct
1–2pm
£6, 8yrs+

SEND Creative Dance
Wed 28 Oct
3–4pm
£6, 10–24yrs
FREE for carers

Gallery Families
Thu 29 Oct
11am–12pm
FREE, 5yrs+

Drop-In Indian Wood Block Printing Experience
Fri 30 Oct
10.30am–12.30pm
FREE, 7yrs+

Book Now
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Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford, NG34 7TW

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