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6th November 2026

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. This is always a magical (and busy) time in school and we are excited about the weeks ahead. With the run-up to Christmas comes lots of additional activities and events in school so please remember to keep an eye on the calendar of dates on page 2 of the newsletter each time it comes out. Class newsletters will all be sent out by the end of next week and may contain class-specific dates and events too.

Robin Hood – Theatre Visit 10th November

We are delighted to inform you that we have confirmation of our annual in-school theatre performance.
This year, we will be watching the tale of Robin Hood. This will take place on the 10th November and is a fantastic experience that the children always love.
The cost of this experience will be £6.62 per child. This is now active on your ParentPay account.
Please note, as with all trips and visits, this may be cancelled if sufficient contributions are not received to make this financially viable. If you have any other queries, please do get in touch.

Parents' Evening

We are pleased to invite you to meet your child's class teacher to discuss how well they have settled into their new year groups, their interactions with staff and peers, and their progress on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th November. Please note Year 4 appointments will take place on Monday 16th and Thursday 19th November.

Please read the letter carefully about how to book a place and ensure you are offering at least two one-hour time slots. We will try and book your appointment within the slots you have offered. This will be done on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parent Governor Role

We had no applications for the Parent Governor role and are now asking for any interested parties to get in touch with me directly if they wish to express their interest. The role lasts for a 4-year term. Being a school governor is an excellent opportunity to develop leadership and strategic skills while making a meaningful impact on your local school community. It can also look great on a CV!

Building work update

As you will have noticed, the new building is progressing well. We are pleased with everything so far and the building is really starting to take shape. We look forward to sharing details with you about completion dates soon but building work will be continuing after Christmas.

Scooters and Bikes

We are pleased to see so many children biking and scooting to school. Please remind children that, for safety, we ask that they push their bikes and scooters on the school site rather than riding them.

We have a new, fully funded, Scooter Pod being fitted on 24th November. We have been offered this great opportunity due to the wonderful progress on our Wow, Walk to School Tracker. Well done, everyone, and keep up the good work 😊.

Attendance – currently 96% across school

Thank you for the positive response to the attendance letter I shared earlier this week. We are aiming for 98% attendance across school, with every child in school, on time, every day.

Children who are currently classed as 'persistently absent' will be having letters sent home within the next couple of weeks to explain the next steps of the process, including attendance plans and meetings with parents.

As always, if you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Children in Need

We are inviting all children to wear non-uniform on Friday 13th November for Children in Need. Please make all donations via the JustGiving link shared with this newsletter - https://www.justgiving.com/page/lucy-jackson-ancaster?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL. We will not be accepting cash donations on the day.

Coffee mornings for parents of pupils with SEND – Next Monday 😊

As part of our offer to parents and families of children with additional needs, 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 Teaching Assistant in school who is also 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 signpost 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 monthly and the first two dates are -
Monday 9th November 9:15 - 10:00am
Monday 14th December 9:15 - 10:00am.

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.

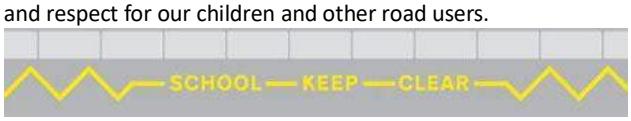
If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log any details you wish to share. The out of hours number is 01522782333 or 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 9th November
Monday 9th – Coffee morning for parents of pupils with SEND
Tuesday 10th – Theatre Production – Robin Hood (whole school – payments via ParentPay please)
Wednesday 11th- Remembrance Day
Friday 13th – Children in Need (non-uniform day with donations)

Week beginning 16th November – Anti-bullying Week
Monday 16th – Parents Evening for Y4 only
Tuesday 17th – Parents Evening all other year groups
Thursday 19th – Parents Evening all year groups
Friday 29th – Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Campaign)

Week beginning 23rd November
Thursday 26th – Online Safety Workshops for Y2 – Y6, Open the Book Worship

Week beginning 30th November
Tuesday 1st Dec – Visit from Olympic Swimmer Joe Roebuck

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.