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Newsletter 7
8th December 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

Well, the decorations are up, the Nativity rehearsals are in full swing and Key Stage Two children are learning their songs for the Christmas Service. I am really looking forward to my first Christmas here at Ancaster - there is definitely excitement in the air! Amongst all this, day-to-day learning still continues and the children's progress is fantastic. As we prepare to enter the last full week of term, we have much to look forward to – a visiting pantomime, the Key Stage One production, Christmas parties, our Church Service and Christmas dinner.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas – filled with special times with those you love.

£500 win from Moy Park

We were all very excited last week to receive a phone call from the Moy Park Head Office to say we had won £500 to make sure we have a super Christmas celebration. We will be using the funds to support our class parties and festive activities. The children are all aware that Christmas is about giving as well as receiving so we also plan to do some festive sharing in our local community with some of the funds.

Goodbye Miss Heslam

We are all sad to say goodbye to Miss Heslam this term who has worked at the school for a long time. Miss Heslam is a much-loved member of our school family and we will miss her. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Christmas Events

With so much going on over the next week and a half, please check the Key Dates section carefully. We had great fun with Christmas Jumper Day yesterday and look forward to more festive activities over the next few days.

ProStrike Soccer total

We continue to be overwhelmed by the support received with the ProStrike Soccer event. The final total is in at a staggering £3216.82! Children who are eligible for a prize should receive these in the next few days. We will be ordering the goals for the playground and also lots of other equipment too.

Foodbank Collection

As you will have seen on Parent Hub, our Well-being Ambassadors are arranging a collection for Grantham Foodbank. If you are able to spare something to donate, please ensure items are in school by Tuesday 12th December. Thank you for your support.

School Council - Christmas Craft Sale

A reminder that all the children will be making a small craft item during our Christmas Enrichment Week. We will then sell these for £2 each on Friday 15th December after school outside the classrooms (weather permitting). Any parents/carers who will not be at school that day can send their money into school in advance. Please ensure this is clearly marked with the child's name and class.

Children in Need

Thank you to all the families who supported Children in Need on our non-uniform day. We raised a fabulous total of £93.75. Amazing!

Attendance

The Christmas break is a popular time for families to make holiday arrangements for the year to come. May I remind parents to check the school term dates ([School term times – Lincolnshire County Council](#)) to ensure holidays are not booked during term time. We are not able to authorise holidays during school time and ask that parents please consider the impact on children's progress and development.

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. 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.

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 Autumn Term 2

Week beginning 11th December

Christmas Enrichment Week

Monday 11th – Whole School Panto (in school)

Wednesday 13th – KS1 Nativity Performance at 10am and 2pm

Thursday 14th – KS1 Nativity Performance at 10am

Friday 15th – Class Christmas Sale (after school)

Week beginning 18th December

Monday 18th – KS2 Christmas Service (9.15am at Church)

Tuesday 19th – Christmas Parties

Wednesday 20th – Christmas Dinner

Last day of term

All pupils return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Week beginning 3rd January

Wednesday 3rd – Term starts

Friday 5th January – Class Identity Day – Music

Week beginning 8th January

Wednesday 10th – Maths Day

Term dates can be found here –

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

Thinking of buying an e-scooter?

Lincolnshire Police have asked us to remind parents and guardians that e-scooters are not legal to use on public pavements or roads.

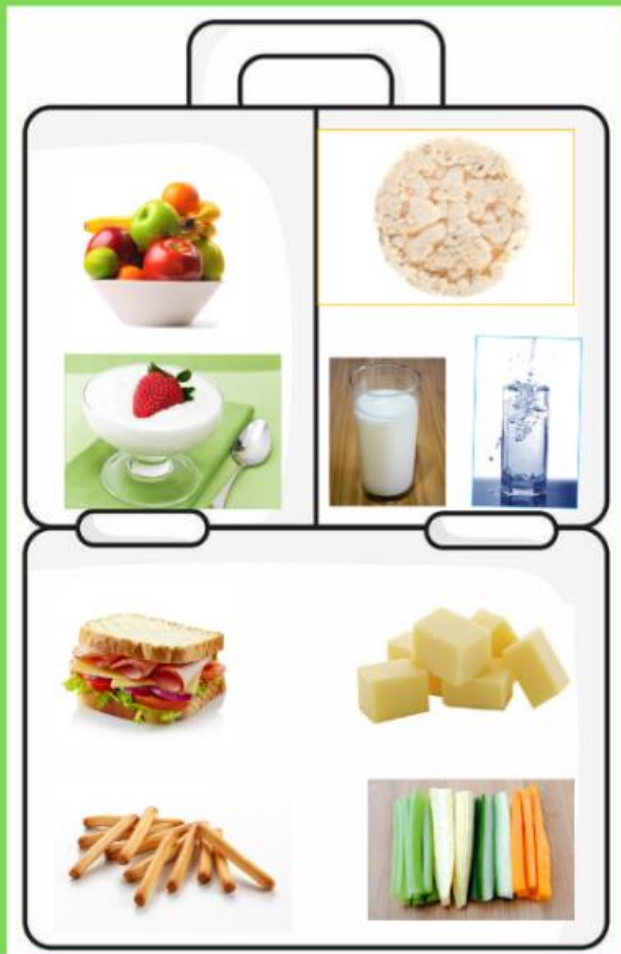
Inspector Jason Baxter said, "Our approach to this will be to engage and educate. When that fails, we will enforce. We know that e-scooters are probably on Christmas lists this year, and may be tempting in the January sales, we just want people to think twice before buying a product that's so limited in where you can legally use it." Whilst our aim is to engage and educate, penalties for using an e-scooter illegally can include seizure of the e-scooter.

In Lincolnshire, the only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

If you are considering buying an e-scooter, please also read this [advice from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue after safety concerns over e-scooters](#) regarding charging and battery storage.

As part of a trial, rental e-scooters are allowed on public roads and cycle lanes in approved areas in some cities (not currently Lincoln) provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations. [Find out more about e-scooter trials.](#)

What should a tooth friendly packed lunch look like?



A healthy packed lunch is important for your child's general health as well as oral health. Lets make sure that their lunchbox is also full of tooth friendly foods so we can keep their teeth happy and healthy.

Scan the QR code for healthy packed lunch ideas.

