



The St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School, Burgh-Le-Marsh

# January Newsletter

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's still January (just) so I think I can still get away with wishing everyone I haven't managed to speak to a 'Happy New Year'! Terms 3 and 4 ('Spring' Term) is always a time which combines considerable quality classroom time with several out-of-class experiences and opportunities for many children. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter there have already been plenty!

Emotional well-being continues to feature near the top of the national agenda. Sadly, we don't have an all-encompassing solution. However, this term we have continued to explore different ways of supporting those children with school-related issues, and we will continue to signpost further avenues of support for those families experiencing difficulties out of school.

Thank you once again for the support continually shown by our families. In all that we do, we of course endeavour to 'get it right', and comments and reactions from our school community suggest that we usually do. If we don't, just let us know and we'll try to resolve any issues as quickly as possible!

**Mr. Hurdman**

Headteacher

## HOT MEALS

As has been the case for as long as anyone can remember, **Hot Meals paid for weekly must be paid by the Thursday of the preceding week at the latest.** If orders and monies are not handed in on time, there is a chance that meals cannot be ordered. Sorry!

## PE KIT

Extra PE activities for some classes this week highlighted the fact that some children are not bringing their PE kit to school as expected. **PE kit (including footwear) must be in school every day, regardless of the 'usual' PE day.**

## VIP OLYMPIC ATHLETE VISIT

Following on from last year's VIP Athlete day with Team GB Hockey star Sally Walton, on 11<sup>th</sup> January we were delighted to welcome Team GB 2012 Olympic Swimmer Joe Roebuck to our school. The day began with an entertaining and inspiring session for the whole school. This was then followed by visits to our KS2 classes (Year 3-Year 6) for Q & A sessions. In the afternoon, 24 lucky swimmers from Y5 and Y6 took part in a gruelling 2-hour training session with Joe at the Fresh Fitness pool on Richmond Drive in Skegness. Thanks to Miss Leetham and School Games Officer Steph Powell for organising such a brilliant opportunity.

## AQUASPLASH SWIMMING GALA

Suitably inspired by Joe Roebuck, on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 24 swimmers from Y3-Y6 took part in the annual Aquasplash Swimming Gala in Louth. With a squad made up of recreational swimmers, Rookie Lifeguards and club swimmers, the children represented the school with pride, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in Y3/4 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Y5/6 in the Coastal competition. There were numerous fantastic individual performances too, resulting in medals for several children. Well done Team Burgh!

## NEW FLAG THANK YOU

Some of you may have noticed the school hasn't been flying a flag recently. We would like to say a huge thank you to Newton Newton Flags ([www.newtonnewtonflags.com](http://www.newtonnewtonflags.com)) for providing a brand new flag featuring our new logo. It hasn't been flown yet as it is first going to be blessed in Church by Father Terry during our Ash Wednesday service on 6<sup>th</sup> March (2pm).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Note: Dates may change and be added to!**  
Look out for text messages and letters.  
Please visit our website too.

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Y6 PGL parents' meeting after school
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Y5 History Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
End of Term 3 for children and staff
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Start of Term 4 for children and staff
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Y6 PGL Residential
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
2pm Ash Wednesday Service in Church
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Parents' Evening (earlier)
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Parents' Evening (later)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
2pm Palm Cross Service in Church  
End of Term 4 for children and staff
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Start of Term 5 for children and staff  
w/b 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week

*"Striving for excellence together in a caring Christian community."*

RESPECT COMPASSION COURAGE

### CAUTION: UPCOMING BUILDING WORKS

During the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February, you may notice bits and pieces of building equipment appearing around the front of school in the staff car parks as we undertake a couple of minor projects. Although measures will obviously be put in place to maintain the safety of the children at all times during the school day, please ensure that children are appropriately supervised before and after school.

### PARENTS' EVENINGS

Advanced notice that our Spring Parents' Evenings are set to take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April (early evening) and on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (later in the evening).

*Our teachers love talking to parents about the children. A wonderful aspect of our school is the fact that so many of our staff (Headteacher included) are fully paid-up, longstanding members of the local community. However, please can we ask that parents respect teachers' personal time and resist the urge to message or quiz our staff about the children out of hours via 'social' channels (e.g. via Facebook or over a pint). Please ensure school correspondence comes through school!*

### EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

In addition to the support and resources noted on November's Newsletter (including [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ewb](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ewb)), another starting point could be Family Action and their new service FamilyLine. You may have seen that this was launched by the Duchess of Cambridge on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. FamilyLine is a helpline for parents and carers available 6pm-10pm on weekdays and 10am-1pm on weekends. Visit [www.family-action.org.uk/familyline](http://www.family-action.org.uk/familyline) for more information.



#### PARKING

These signs outside school are still as applicable today as when they were erected pre-2007. Please set a good example to the children and respect our staff car park signs.

### E-SAFETY – GREAT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We continue to educate the children regarding safe and responsible online behaviour. However, we cannot police what goes on out of school – that's up to responsible adults at home. One of the benefits of the technology behind some of these out-of-school issues is that it comes with an off switch and is also usually small enough to remove from a child. Sometimes though, this is easier said than done so as a school we try to signpost resources to support parents. **We strongly suggest all our parents pay a visit to [nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides](http://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides)** where you will find lots of useful, easy to follow information regarding online safety in general as well as specific guides for all popular online activities including FIFA, Fortnite, TikTok, Instagram and WhatsApp. Have you checked the age requirements of those last three by the way?

### EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOL

On very rare occasions our school might have to close, either partially or completely. The most likely reason for this would be due to snow or problems associated with adverse weather. Any decision to close our school will be based first and foremost on the safety and welfare of our children and staff. Such decisions are taken with the upmost consideration for health and safety and the minimising of risk.

If a full or partial closure is necessary, we will do the following:

- Notify the Local Authority, who should add the information to their website ([www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures));
  - Send a message via the TXTRound text-messaging system;
  - Notify our two local radio stations, BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM, who will announce that we are closed (it should also appear on their websites);
  - Post a notice outside our school (if it is safe for someone to do so).
- OUR SCHOOL DOES NOT USE SOCIAL MEDIA (e.g. FACEBOOK/TWITTER)**

### BIKEABILITY

Earlier this month all 57 of our Y6 children were given the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability programme (Cycling Proficiency or Bikewise for us older folk). You may well have seen groups of children around Burgh that week practising their skills under the watchful eyes of the instructors. The daily feedback from the Bikeability team was very positive about the attitudes and behaviour of our children. Remember though that taking part in Bikeability doesn't 'qualify' the children to ride a bike on the roads and doesn't automatically make them safe!

### 1<sup>st</sup> BURGH BROWNIES

Is your daughter aged between 7 and 10 years old? Would she like to join other girls to have fun, adventures, do baking, crafts, play games and go on trips? If so Burgh Brownies has a few spare places available. They meet on Thursday 6pm-7:30pm during term time at a cost of £2 per week, payable ½ termly, at Burgh Village Hall. If you would like more information, please call Gemma on 07901 662117.

### THANK YOU TO THE JANE PALMER FOUNDATION, THE PCC & THE METHODIST CHURCH

We are once again extremely grateful to the Jane Palmer Foundation for their extremely generous donation to the school. The Jane Palmer Foundation is a registered charity which aims to provide income for students at College, University & Further Education for residents of Burgh-le-Marsh up to the age of 25. It's constitution also allows donations to the local C of E School.

We are also grateful to the PCC and the Methodist Church, whose recent donations have been put towards a lovely new lectern which is regularly used during daily Collective Worship.