



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

November Newsletter

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THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST UPON US!

There is a distinctly 'Festive Feel' to this month's Newsletter. However, there is still time for a final week of 'normality' before Christmas completely takes over here at school!

'Remember in November' has seen the children really thinking about our Core Value of 'Compassion', focusing initially on 'Remembrance' before turning our attention to 'Children in Need'. The final amount raised for 'Children in Need' was an amazing £480! Thank you to the School Council (along with Mrs. Gould) for all their hard work with this and also to Y2 for their role in collecting for the 'Poppy Appeal'. Once again, our whole school community has demonstrated just how much we all care about others.

Also this term, children in Y6 have had to opportunity to tackle the 'Bikeability' programme, learning how to stay safe when out and about on their bikes. By the way, don't panic if you see comings and goings around school on a Saturday and Sunday. You haven't missed an announcement regarding changes to our school week – we're hosting the Sunday morning Eucharist whilst the church roof is being repaired!

As always, thank you to everyone involved in our school community for the continued support shown towards our school and the wider community.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY, PARTIES AND PANTOS

We are planning on taking every child in our school to a Pantomime this Christmas. As this is likely to be on Friday 15th December, School Council have decided that **our school Christmas Jumper Day will be on Thursday 14th December**. Bring £1 to donate to 'Save the Children' on Thursday 14th December and wear a Christmas Jumper (along with non-uniform)! More information about the proposed Pantomime trips (no cost to the children) will follow separately via letter. Look out for updates and messages regarding Party Days too!



COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

The Book Fair is in school on Wednesday 29th November, Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December after school! Pop along and grab a bargain for your child or as a gift for someone else.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday 29th November – Friday 1st December
Book Fair after school

Monday 4th December
Christmas Arts Day

Friday 8th December
Christmas Fair

w/b 11th December
FS/KS1 Christmas Performances
(look out for letters and messages)

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Jumper Day
(bring £1 in aid of 'Save the Children')

Friday 15th December
Panto trips
(look out for a letter)

Tuesday 19th December
Carol Service in school (see below)
End of Term 2

Wednesday 3rd January
Start of Term 3

Please see our website for more term dates.

Mr. Hurdman

Acting Headteacher

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

As noted above, the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul is out of action for a few months, which obviously has an impact on our School Carol Service. We will be holding it in school on the final day of term, but sadly we cannot accommodate any parents and friends of the school – there simply isn't any space. Sorry!

However, the fantastic techies from our Young Journalist Academy (YJA) team are currently working with Bill Thompson (from the YJA) on ways of recording our service in school and making it available as a download via our school website at www.burghschool.org.uk.

REMEMBER: WE BREAK UP AT 3:15pm on TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER 2017 & RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2018!

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

PARKING: A THANK YOU & A REMINDER

Thank you to everyone for showing consideration towards local residents and other road users and, most important, showing awareness of the safety of the children at our school with regard to parking, dropping off and collecting children this year.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that only those adults given permission by Mrs. Barry or Mr. Hurdman may park in the school car park at the start of the school day, at the end of the school day and also when collecting from after-school clubs.

'TREE CHEERS'!



We'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to Burgh Town Council and Burgh-Le-Marsh Events Committee (along with Malcom Ringsell at the Windmill and Mrs. Lammiman) for providing our School Christmas tree this year! Involvement with the local community is very important to us here at school and we are very much looking forward to getting out and about in the community this December with our School Choir!

EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Everyone at some point finds it hard to cope with how they are feeling or what is happening in their life and it is important to provide early support for when a young person starts to feel that life is getting out of control and is in need of some help to cope. We want to make sure that young people have access to information and advice in one place, and are aware of local services that can help support them when experiencing emotional wellbeing, mental health or behavioural concerns.

A new wellbeing website (www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/EWB) has been developed to support young people, parents/carers and professionals in the first instance to view self-help information and to identify and access relevant national and local emotional wellbeing, behaviour and mental support services, ensuring access to the right service at the right time. The information provided via the website is also designed to help families of children and young people experiencing emotional wellbeing, mental health or behaviour concerns and the professionals working with them.

Emotional wellbeing is about being happy, confident and having good relationships and it is hoped that the information on the website can help with a range of emotional wellbeing concerns that affect this, such as exam stress, worries, low mood, poor body image, self-harm, relationship difficulties and low self-confidence.

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);
- 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).

These are the only means by which we will announce closure. Information regarding closure, either full or partial, will not be shared by the school on social media (e.g. Facebook). Any notifications shared using these platforms will be unofficial and should not be relied upon. Please note that we would not normally announce that we are open, only that we are closed. 'No news' means that we are open as usual!

Please remember that as a school we do not currently have an 'official' social media presence (e.g. Facebook/Twitter). Anything posted on such platforms is 'third-party' and should not be relied upon.

Y2 SAT TESTS: May 2018

Y6 SAT TESTS: Mon 14th – Thurs 17th May 2018

Y1 PHONICS SCREENING: w/b Mon 11th June 2018

SCHOOL UNIFORM IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Find it at www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk