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Issue 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems like only yesterday when we were sending out the autumn class newsletters about the exciting teaching and learning taking place across the federation. It has been a term of adventure and challenge, where our pupils have had the opportunity to be involved with and shape many nurturing and enriching experiences, such as the Harvest or outstanding Remembrance Service. Our staff are highly committed to providing the very best for the pupils and encourage the children to aim for excellence and to fulfil their individual potential academically, socially and personally. We want the children to thrive in our Christian church schools and to become successful, confident and caring children who will be able to play an active role in society.

We are keen to adapt wider changes which will benefit our federation and raise standards. Consultation sessions have been held with parents, staff and governors regarding our desire to join the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT). The reason for choosing this action is that we would like to make an informed choice and select the best academy we feel will offer the best support for our schools. We are keen to work with an academy which allows us to retain our identity and add further strength as a federation of church schools - to work with an academy which puts the children and the community first, rather than a large chain of schools where identity and ethos may be lost. The support that LAAT is able to offer in terms of Payroll, Legal, Financial, HR, and School Improvement will also improve the current reduced levels of service provided to maintained Local Authority schools and allow a better use of the school budget and time spent by senior leaders on matters other than education.

Of a more practical nature, the weather has now turned and frosty mornings with mist over the dykes and fens greets many of us on our way to school. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather as we will not be able to let the children out to play without a coat in cold weather conditions. Communication in the event of school closure due to snow is now easier due to all the new parent communication tools that we have launched this year. As soon as a decision is made to close the school, a message will be tweeted on the school Twitter site (@EmmausFed). It does not matter if you are not signed up to Twitter or the federation site as our Twitter messages are posted on our school website. Once the teaching staff have received a message regarding a closure, they will also post a message on their class DOJO site. We will, of course, inform Lincs FM and Lincolnshire County Council if you would prefer to use the more traditional communication routes.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Collett

Executive Headteacher

Swineshead School



Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mr Slaughter as class teacher to Lindsfarne Class from the beginning of December. Mr Slaughter is a highly enthusiastic teacher who has a great deal of experience outside of the classroom as well as within. He is a keen rugby player, chef and animal lover and we welcome him to our school. Mrs Dinesh has decided that she would like to give more time to her family and she will work part-time, teaching children in Priory Class during the afternoons.



Winter Arts Project 2016 RE: Connecting Lincolnshire, Culture, Community, Creativity

An exciting piece of theatre created by the School, Church and community groups will take place on the evening of 23rd November. The work has been funded by: Swineshead St Mary's, The Social Justice Fund, The Westhill Endowment, Diocese of Lincoln Board of Education, Lincolnshire Cooperative, Culham St Gabriel's and J R Halkes Trust. The performance will be produced working with Shooting Fish Theatre Company and include a lantern parade, music, shadow plays and filming. The theme for the work is listening, learning and religious literacy, with a focus on the Christian and Muslim faiths. The children, particularly the Little Fish and Mrs Dinesh, have worked extremely hard to produce amazing shadow-light puppets and learn songs. We are proud of the work completed by the school and we need your full support to celebrate the efforts of all at 6:30 pm on the 23rd November at St Mary's Church..



Class DOJO

Congratulations to all the children who exchanged their DOJO points at the DOJO shop. We have also

been impressed by the take-up rate of DOJO) with nearly 90% of parents signed-up across the school.

Olivia's Journey

The school did a fantastic job raising £243.00 for Nathan Crawford's cousin, Olivia. Nathan wanted to raise attention to the plight of Olivia who has been diagnosed with a very rare genetic mutation on her SPTAN1 gene, causing early infantile epileptic encephalopathy. She is one of only four people in the world with this condition. Olivia's parents were very impressed by how supportive and caring the whole school was and how willing the school is to help and support the local community.

Sainsbury's Gold Award

In recognition of our commitment to sporting success and full participation in sports, the school has been awarded the **Gold Sainsbury's Sports Mark**. This award is for schools in the top 5% for the leadership, delivery and participation of sport in school - outstanding!

Fourfields School



Staffing

Mrs Field will be re-joining the federation at Sutterton in January 2017. She has been appointed to deliver the teaching and learning to the children in Hyde Class in the afternoon. Mrs Field is a highly experienced Year 6 teacher, who last term, taught the higher ability children at Swinehead. All her pupils achieved in line with, or above, national expectations. She is a keen baker, bowls enthusiast (her daughter is the Commonwealth champion!) and avid devourer of all things knowledge based.



Children in Need

Sutterton had the chance of a lifetime to meet the Rickshaw Challenge team and Pudsey bear on Wednesday 16th November. Families were invited to join the children in Richmond class to create a huge Pudsey made out of pennies. It was an honour and a privilege to support this very worthy cause and to share our fundraising work with BBC Children in Need and the local



press.

Fundraising

The McMillan coffee morning was a great success. Mrs Osborne and her team did an outstanding job baking cakes, decorating the community lounge and running the raffle. The event, as always, was really well supported and a happy and warm atmosphere permeated throughout. The event raised a magnificent £310.23!



Creative Curriculum

History - The children in Phoenix and Central Class had a fantastic visit to The Collection in Lincoln to look at Roman mosaics and artefacts as part of their topic 'I am a Warrior!' The children also went for a trail walk through Lincoln - re-tracing the steps of its Roman past.

Literacy - The school was awash with Roald Dahl characters as part of our Literacy Day led by Mrs Gray. Lots of cross-curricular links were made as the great fun everyone had dressing up as the BFG or the Twits!

Music - The children in Phoenix are really enjoying their violin and cello lessons with Mr M. The children have learnt the musical notations and can now all play 'Hot Cross Buns'.

Open Mornings

Mrs Gray and Mrs Fountain have really enjoyed showing new prospective 2017 reception parents around the early years setting.

Ofsted

The school had a Section 8 Ofsted inspection at the start of the autumn term. We are delighted that our hard work has been recognised and that the school is going from strength to strength. I would personally like to thank all of the staff, who all work tirelessly and want to do the very best job that they can. I would also like to praise the children - they are delightful. Their enthusiasm is infectious and it so pleasing to hear them animatedly talk about the many numerous creative learning opportunities which take place.

The school data was also praised and we are thrilled to be above local and national averages at the end of KS2. Our EYFS data is, again, in line with national averages and there has been a significant rise in our phonics data since 2014. The new KS1 curriculum and assessments was a challenge for all schools, but again, good progress was made by many of our pupils.

Sporting Heroes

Well done to our newly formed netball team who competed against ten other schools at the Boston and District Festival. The girls played really well and worked well as a team and are going from strength to strength.



A huge congratulations to our rugby team who have won the large school tag-rugby festival. This was a terrific win against schools that were significantly bigger in size, although not necessarily in ability! Superb effort - they're now looking forward to county finals.

Sporting Heroes

It is with huge levels of pride that I can confirm that Sutterton have won every single sporting event that they have participated in!! Through the federation, they have had lots of opportunities through coaching, competition and succession planning to be, arguably, the very best overall sporting school in the Boston area.



Our first success was at the orienteering festival at Witham Way, Boston. The children then won the small school rugby and will compete in the county final. The football team were also in outstanding form at the Boston and District small school festival. They won every single game and did not concede a goal. They have also just won the indoor cricket tournament too.

Remembrance Assembly

The services at both schools were very well attended and the children behaved impeccably throughout and learnt a lot from the service. We are pleased that we were able to deliver a service which paid respect to the occasion and are very grateful to Mr Fairfax (British Legion), Mr Shaw (Army Lieutenant) and Mr McQuade (brass teacher and Army bandsmen) for making it so memorable and moving. Special thanks also to the Young Voices and Year 6 readers.



PTFA

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA for our new football kits and the generous pantomime donation.

Diary Dates

18th Nov Indoor Athletics	7th Dec...Priority Class Assembly
18th Nov PTFA Quiz Night at 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start	7th Dec...Family story share and book fayre at 2:30 pm
21st Nov YR & Y6 height and weight	9th Dec..Robin Hood/Babes in the Wood pantomime
23rd Nov Crowland Class Assembly	13th Dec...EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 1:30 pm
23rd Nov Unity in the Community Theatre Production held at St Mary's Church at 6:30 pm - All very welcome	14th Dec..KS2 Nativity at 1:30 pm
24th Nov Change4Life Festival	14th Dec...EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 3:30 pm
25th Nov PTFA Non uniform/Christmas theme—bring a bottle or chocolate	15th Dec..EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 9:30 am
29th Nov Sept 17 EYFS Open Morning	15th Dec..KS2 Nativity at 6:00 pm
30th Nov Fountains Class Assembly	19th Dec..Farm Food Kitchen Christmas lunch
3rd Dec.. PTFA Christmas Fete at 12-noon until 3:00 pm	20th Dec.. Christmas Church Service at 2:00 pm
6th Dec..Mince Pie Musical Extravaganza doors open at 9:15 am	

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2nd Dec PTFA Christmas Fete at 2:30 pm until 5:00 pm	19th Dec..Farm Food Kitchen Christmas lunch
4th Dec.. Christmas service at Algakirk Church	19th Dec.. Christmas Church Service at 2:00 pm
5th Dec..Mince Pie Musical Extravaganza doors open at 10:30 am	End of term on 20th December
5th Dec..PTFA Christmas Disco at 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm	Return back to school on 4th January 2017

