



"All Learning Together"

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The children will be finding out today who are the winners of our Handwriting competition. I asked Mrs Howard-Vyse to be our judge and I was delighted to hear that she was very impressed by the extremely high standard of the work. She told me that she found making the final decision tricky. So well done to all our children for their hard work and a particular well done to our winners. We are encouraging the children to take great pride in their work and one aspect of this is the quality of their handwriting. Keep it up everyone!

Meanwhile, we are continuing to plan a variety of exciting opportunities to enhance the curriculum for the children, I had a meeting with parents from Class 2 about the planned 2 day residential to Peat Rigg, Cropton Forest in May. Class 3 have a 'Play in a Day' workshop organised around MacBeth coming shortly - parents will be invited to see the class perform at the end of the day, so keep an eye out for this.

Some members of Class 1 have been brilliant ambassadors for Langton as they took part in a gymnastics event on Wednesday - they 'joined in with enthusiasm and lots of energy' I hear. Brilliant!

We talked to the children on Monday about our School Behaviour Policy. This was a reminder about both the rewards and the sanctions we have at Langton. Do refer to our school website for more information on this and other policies.

After half term, you will hear about new, exciting developments to our playground which I am sure the children will be excited about.

As always, do come and see me if you have anything you need to discuss. I also look forward to seeing as many parents who can make it next Tuesday at 3.30pm to discuss arrangements to support the children as they prepare for SATS in May.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Ray





Musical in a Morning!

There will be a Come-and-Sing event at Ampleforth College on Saturday 5 March. All children between the ages of 7 and 11 are welcome to attend this event which is free of charge. No musical experience is required, just an interest in singing. The morning will begin at 9.30am and will end with a concert for parents and friends at 12.00noon.

The event is run as a joint project between the North Yorkshire Music Service and Ampleforth and all members of staff are DBS checked.

To apply for a place please email Ian Little at idl@ampleforth.org.uk or ring on 01439 766701 during weekday working hours.

FireFighters Charity Bags

Many thanks to everyone who brought their FireFighters Charity Bags to school in January. We managed to raise £19.20 for school and £4.80 for the FireFighters Charity.

The next collection date will be **Monday 18th April**.



FoLS Update

Thank you to those who attended the FoLS meeting last week and for the feedback and suggestions from those that could not attend. Please keep your ideas, offers of help and support coming in. We understand that attending the meetings is not always possible, however your help and support is vital if FoLS are to support the school with some of the ideas that have been coming in.

The money raised so far has paid for the School Pantomime in December which the kids thoroughly enjoyed - we hope to be able to pay for this again this year. FoLS are contributing towards the supplies required for the Buddy Bench, £500 towards the gardening supplies required and a contribution towards the year 6 leavers' activity/gift.

The provision of school trips/residential/activity days are extremely valuable in terms of providing the children with additional skills/knowledge and confidence, however the cost to parents on occasion can seem high. So in addition to the above FoLS has agreed to contribute towards the school trips in order to get the individual cost to parents down.

In order to consistently be able to provide the above on a yearly basis we need support.

Dates for events during the Spring Term:

Pamper Night - One for the ladies! **Friday 18th March** 7pm Malton Cricket Club (Any raffle prizes or offers to help make a tray of canapés would be greatly received however more importantly attending the night with a friend or relative would be much appreciated!) Tickets will be available from the school after half term.

Chocolate Bingo - **Tuesday 22nd March** - 3.15pm. Tickets will be available after half term. (Please remember to bring in some chocolate at next week's non-uniform day)

Spring Ball - **School Hall 6pm-8pm on Friday 22nd April** - £3 per child (this includes refreshments, entertainment and games).

Details regarding the events for the summer term will be provided before we break up for Easter.

Again thanks for your support and please keep it coming. The next FoLS meeting will be on the Thursday 3rd March at 3.15pm.

FoLS

Basketball

Our KS2 basketballers have been back on the court, slam dunking their way to some great results. Taylor and Toby give us a full report...

"On Wednesday 20th January, we went to Malton Community Sports Centre and participated in the Basketball Tournament to play for the Derwent Arms Shield.

"When we got there, we decided to split up into Langton A and Langton B teams. In Langton A, there was Rohan; Toby, Louis, Taylor and Martha. In Langton B, there was; Tommy, John, Ella, Olivia and Oliver.

"Langton A played Malton, and the score was 10-0 to us. The next match was Langton A vs St Mary's B, and we won 18-0. Then Langton A played Amotherby B and won 8-0.

"Langton B played Amotherby A and sadly lost 8-6. Then they played against St Mary's A and beat them 22-0! Then they played St Mary's C and won 20-2.

"Then, unfortunately, there was the semi-finals - Amotherby A vs Malton, and Langton A vs Langton B.

"Amotherby A won against Malton (we don't know the score!) and Langton A won against Langton B 4-0.

"The final was Langton A vs Amotherby A. It was close, but we won 6-4.

So we won and all got medals and a shield. Everyone played very well. Langton B came 3rd."

Well done to both our teams who put on an outstanding performance! As a result of our win, Langton have now progressed to play in the finals, which are being held at Lady Lumley's Sports Centre on Thursday 10th February (3.45-5.30pm).



Bikeability

Year 6 pupils will be undertaking their Bikeability Level 1 training on **Weds 2nd and Thursday 3rd March**. Consent and information forms have been sent home this week so please make sure that you check your child's bag! (Please note that children's bikes can be left at school overnight on Wednesday 3rd).

Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's like cycling proficiency but better! It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.

At Level 1, new riders learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from the traffic, such as the school playground. At Level 1, you can:

- Prepare yourself and your bike for cycling.
- Get on and off your bike without help.
- Start off, pedal and stop with control.
- Pedal along, use gears and avoid objects.
- Look all around and behind, and control the bike.
- Share space with pedestrians and other cyclists.

For more information, visit the website <https://bikeability.org.uk/>.



FunFit!

Mr Lloyd, who works at the gym at Norton College, is here at school every Wednesday to put pupils through their paces with a bit of circuit training at the FunFit After School Club! There are still places available, so if you'd like your child to come along, please contact Sam in the office.

KS1 Gymnastics Fun Festival

Wednesday 3rd February saw 10 members of Class 1 heading to Malton Community Sports Centre for the KS1 Gymnastics Fun Festival! Heather, Millie, Xanthe, Felix, Charlotte, Jessica, Josie, Sofia, Lola and Joe had a great (if tiring) time with the Malton School Sports Leaders, completing a circuit of activities including balancing, walking the beam, vaulting and trampolining onto a crash mat! A fantastic time was had by all!



Handwriting Competition

The new Frixion pens that all pupils are now using were working harder than usual last week as all pupils completed their entries for the Handwriting competition.



Mrs Howard-Vyse very kindly agreed to judge the competition, and told Mrs Ray how impressed she was with the very high standards of handwriting shown by all the pupils, and what a very difficult task it was to choose the winners!

Congratulations go to.....

Winners



- Reception - Jake Johnson
- Year 1 - Jack Brooks
- Year 2 - Honor Quick
- Class 2 - Sam Priestley
- Class 3 - Libby Watkins

The following pupils were also 'Highly Commended'

- Reception - Jasper Johnson
- Year 1 - Heather Allison
- Year 2 - Josie Hoste
- Class 2 - Eddie Huntriss & Olivia Jackson
- Class 3 - Hannah Conroy & Harvey Redfern

...and an Award for Effort goes to..

Thomas Mort - Class 3

Congratulations to all the winners, who received their certificates and prizes in Friday's Achievement assembly. Well done to everyone for putting in a great deal of effort and keep up the good work!

Child Safety Online

We all want our children to use the wonderful resource that is the internet, but to use it safely. At the end of the newsletter is a copy of the NSPCC's Guide to Child Safety Online, which we thought might be of interest.

SATS Booster Sessions

Year 6 SATS Week (Monday 9th - Thursday 12th May) will soon be upon us. To help our Year 6's prepare, we have purchased some SATS Revision Guides which we will use as part of our planned SATS booster sessions. These will be held after school every Thursday (3.15-4.15pm) starting after half term until SATS Week. All Year 6 children are invited to this. Don't worry if they cannot attend every week, but it would be good to see as many as possible. For those children unable to attend, we will be sending the booster booklets home over the Easter holidays.

Peat Rigg

A big thank you to all the Class 2 parents that attended Mrs



Ray's information session on the Class 2 residential trip to Peat Rigg (with Settrington Primary School) on 12th & 13th May. We will send further information to parents as we receive it, but if you do have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Ray. Further information is also available on the Peat Rigg website - <http://www.peatrigg.org>.

School Dinners

Just a reminder to all that next half term's dinner money is **£50.40**. This must be paid in advance and can be paid weekly, half termly or termly. Cheques are made payable to 'Langton Primary School'. The Spring Term menu can be found on the school website. If you need to check your current balance, please contact Sam in the Office.

Sainsbury's vouchers

It's that time of year again already. Mrs Conroy has managed to build the voucher collection box so we are now ready to receive any Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers that you collect whilst doing your shopping or filling the car up. The last date that vouchers will be issued is Tuesday 3rd May, so let's see how many we can collect - every little helps!



Sainsbury's
Active Kids
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Big Breakfast!

Our daily Breakfast Club or 'Mrs Camps' Café' as it has become more fondly known is up and running once more. For £2 per day, children can arrive at school from 8am and have cereal and toast for breakfast before getting out on the playground for some supervised play time. We do ask for 24 hours' notice if children would like to attend. Booking forms are available from the school office.

Vacancies!

If you venture into the 'vacancies' section of the school website, you will see that we are currently advertising for **After School Club assistants** and a **Gardener**.

If you know of anyone who you think may be interested, please point them in the direction of the school website, from where the job description, role profile and application form can be downloaded - www.langton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Borrowed clothes

Just a quick note to anyone who may have borrowed spare uniform or other clothing from school - we would be most grateful if this could be washed and returned to school as soon as possible please. Many thanks.

School Uniform Policy

Following on from the discussion at the last Headteacher's Forum, we have been researching different uniform suppliers who we feel will make the purchase of uniform easier for parents. We have taken into account cost and convenience. This comparison table shows three possible options. If you have any suggestions, please inform Sam before we make our final decision at the end of February. We will then inform you as soon as possible of any changes.

	School Trends	Tesco.com	School Shop
Sweatshirt	£9.65	£6.50	£8.55
Cardigan	£11.40	£7.00	£9.55
Polo	£6.65	£3.75	£6.95
Fleece	£13.15	-	-
Parka	£16.85	-	-
Lightweight jacket	£12.85	-	-
Reversible jacket	£18.85	-	£14.95
PE bag	-	£4.50	£3.35
Book bag	-	-	£4.75
Orders	Website	Website	Website/email/ Tel
Returns	Faulty only for refund	Free/refunds	Pay delivery/refunds
Delivery (ex . summer)	14 days	14 days	4-7 days
Collection from shop	No	Click + Collect	Yes
Stock held	No	?	Yes
Minimum order	No	Free delivery >£15	£1.25 extra <£20
Local schools	Leaving Weaverthorpe Settrington Norton College	Skelton Wigginton Cliffe Hemingbrough	Malton CP Norton CP Sand Hutton Woodthorpe

Dates for your diary

Yr 6 Parent SATS info session (info to follow)	Tuesday 9 th February, 3.30pm
Non-Uniform Day <i>(don't forget to bring in some chocolate instead of a donation, for FoLS Chocolate Bingo!)</i>	Friday 12 th February
Break up for Half Term	Friday 12 th February
Return to School	Monday 22 nd February
Year 6 SATS Booster After School Club	Weekly, starting on Thursday 25 th February, 3.15-4.15pm
St John's Ambulance 1 st Aid training (all classes)	Monday 22 nd February
School Nurses - Height/weight (Rec & Yr 6)	Monday 29 th February
World Book Week	Mon 29 th February - Fri 4 th March
Yr 5 Taster Day @ Norton College	Wednesday 2 nd March
Year 6 Bikeability Training	Weds 2 nd / Thurs 3 rd March
FoLS Meeting	Thursday 3 rd March, 3.15pm
World Book Day <i>(please come dressed as your favourite story character!)</i>	Friday 4 th March
Yrs 2 & 3 @ Hope Central Easter Experience	Wednesday 9 th March
Class 3 "Play in a Day"	Monday 14 th March
Parents Evening	Tuesday 15 th March, 3.30-6.00pm
	Thursday 17 th March, 4.30-7.00pm
Sport Relief	Friday 18 th March
FoLS Pamper Night	Friday 18 th March
FoLS Chocolate Bingo	Tuesday 22 nd March, 3.15pm
End of Term!	Thursday 24th March
Staff Training Day	Monday 11 th April
Start of the Summer Term	Tuesday 12 th April
FireFighters Charity Bags to School	Monday 18 th April (by 9.00am)
FoLS Spring Ball	Friday 22 nd April, 6.00-8.00pm
Class 2 Residential - Peat Rigg	Thurs 12 th /Fri 13 th May
Yr 5 Taster Day @ Norton College	Wednesday 18 th May

Sports Fixtures

Here are the sporting fixtures in which we will be competing during the Spring Term. As always, if your child has been selected to represent the school, a letter and consent slip will be sent home, so please make sure you check school bags! A big thank you to all those parents who make it possible for us to attend these fixtures by offering to help with transport (and cheerleading!)

Swimming Gala	Tuesday 9 th February, 9.30-11.00am
KS2 Basketball Finals	Thursday 11 th February, 3.45-5.30pm @ Lady Lumley's , Pickering
KS1 Football Fun Festival	Wednesday 2 nd March, 1.00-3.00pm
KS2 HighFive Netball Twamley Shield	Wednesday 9 th March, 1.00-3.00pm

Child Safety Online:

A practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media

Social networking is hugely popular. Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media apps and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences, and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets, and games consoles.

But social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Not all of these risks turn into actual problems; and if children never face any risks, they never learn how to deal with them. By helping your child understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems.

Why children use social media



Understand the risks children may need to deal with

What they could see or do:

- Seeing or sharing of violent, sexual and pornographic content or frighten
- Inaccurate or false information and extreme views profiles for:
- Promotion of harmful behaviours, anorexia and suicide
- Over-sharing of personal information
- Actively or unintentionally getting bullying or hurtful behaviour

Who they might meet:

- People who might bully, intimidate
- People posing behind fake and
- Mischief-making including self-harm, sexual grooming and stalking
- Blackmail and extortion
- Identity theft and hacking involved in

How this could affect them

- Fear of missing out leading to excessive use or exaggeration
- Getting upset by things they have seen and being uncertain about what to do
- Engaging, or being pressured into engaging in more risky behaviour either by accident or by design
- Developing unrealistic, and perhaps depressing ideals of body image and gender
- Becoming subject to peer pressure or interactions that are intense or too difficult to handle
- Creating an online reputation that may create problems for them in the future

Practical tips to help minimise the risks your child might face

It's good practice for apps and websites to have safety advice and well-designed safety features which can make a real difference to how safe your child will be when using them.

Work through safety and privacy features on the apps that your child is using, or might use. Make sure they understand the point of these and how to use them. Don't be put off by believing your child knows more than you: the tools are actually quite easy to manage.

- **Ask them to show you** which social media apps they use and what they like about them. Talk about how they use them and what makes them so engaging.
- **Explain** how you can use privacy settings to make sure only approved friends can see posts & images.
- **Check if any of their apps have 'geo-location'** enabled, sharing their location unintentionally.
- **Show them how to report offensive comments** or block people who upset them.
- **Check 'tagging' settings** so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed. Also, get people's consent before sharing photos.
- Encourage your child to **come and talk to you** if they see anything that upsets them.

Keep talking and stay involved

In a mobile age, children can't be completely protected, even by the best privacy controls; another child may use different settings. So it's important to keep talking to your child about the implications of social media. Getting a sense of what they think is a useful place to start; you may be surprised by how much thought they may have given to the issues.

Encourage your child to think carefully about the way they, and others behave online, and how they might deal with difficult situations.

- People may **not always be who they say they are** online: how can this create problems?
- Why is it **unwise to meet** anyone in the real world that you've only ever met online?
- Even if you think your messages are private, remember that words and images can always be **captured and broadcast**.
- People **present themselves differently online** - do they really look like that? Are they always having that good a time?
- Be aware that screens, and especially being anonymous, can lead people to say things they **wouldn't say to someone's face**.
- What does **being a good friend and a likeable person** online look like?
- There can be **pressure to be part of a particular group** online or to be seen to be **following a certain set of ideas**. How can you take a step back and make your own decisions?

For more information

You can find out more about how children use social media, the apps they use, the risks they face, how to use privacy settings, and advice and tips about how to talk to your children at:

- www.childnet.com/sns
- www.internetmatters.org
- www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety
- www.parentzone.org.uk
- www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents
- www.askaboutgames.com

To make a report

Concerned about online grooming or sexual behaviour online? Contact CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

If you stumble across criminal sexual or obscene content on the internet you should report it to the Internet Watch Foundation: www.iwf.org.uk