

Brant Broughton

Church of England Methodist

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christingle



Thank you to those who joined us in church this week for our Christingle Service – led beautifully by the children.

Thursday 19th December 2024

Issue 12

iSingPop Concert

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and support the children for their iSingPop performance last week. The confidence in the children to sing & perform was wonderful to watch and a joy to listen to.

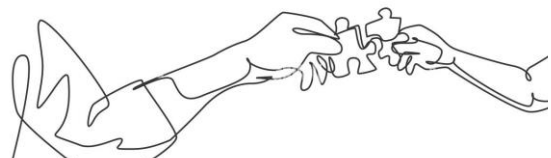
We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark weather of the season. The festive period is always a fantastic time to recharge the batteries, spend time with family and think about the goals of the New Year.

This term has provided lots of challenge & changes for many obvious reasons. I thank everyone for their understanding, patience and support while I have tried to work with the team here to address development priorities and while school comes to terms with 'new normals.' The decisions I make are always informed & grounded in evidence and I make them against one simple question: "Will this have positive impact on the children?" There's a lot of work still to be done; I will do everything that I can for your school to ensure progress is accelerated whilst I am with you. The Governors currently anticipate Mrs Moore to return February half term (depending on her rate of recovery).

Let us remind ourselves, whatever our beliefs, that this is one time of the year when it is commonplace to find the spirit of human kindness alive and well. Let us embrace this time by ensuring that we enjoy ourselves safely but also take the time to look out for those nearest and dearest to us and those less fortunate than ourselves. This sense of belonging, this sense of community is, in essence, the true meaning of Christmas. The team are looking forward to spending time with loved ones... and we will also be reflecting on the new & greater goals for 2025. As writer and novelist Michael Korda said: "One way to keep momentum going is to have constantly greater goals."

On behalf of everyone at school, we wish you and your family a holy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th January 2025.

Best wishes,
Martyn Wells BA(Hons) QTS, NPQH, NPQEL
Executive Headteacher



Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Maclaughlin who welcomed baby Teddy into the world this week. Both baby and mum are doing well; we look forward to meeting Teddy soon.

Useful Numbers

ChildLine: 0800 1111 Lincolnshire

Prevent Team: 020 7340 7264

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275

NSPCC whistle blowing helpline: 08088 005000

Domestic Violence: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Family Services Directory: 0800 195 1635 [Lincolnshire]

Social Services: 01522 782111 [Nottingham]

Social Services: 0300 1310 300

Anxiety UK: 08444 775 774

If you are wishing to contact 'Healthy Minds' regarding suitability for referral into the service of a child or young person in your care, please contact the Here4You line on: 0800 234 6342.

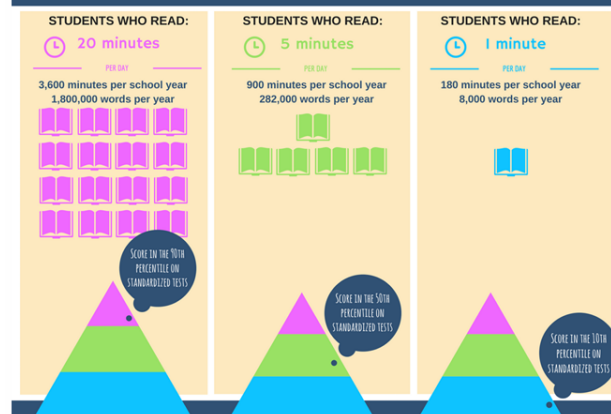
Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111.

Email: lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.

Reading At Home

Why read 20 minutes at home?



The impact of reading every day has been well noted. It's also impactful for children to hear fantastic books being read. www.listening-books.org.uk have books for all ages and stages that can be downloaded and listened to. There are lots of audiobooks on YouTube too. Search 'audiobooks for kids' and you will find books by Roald Dahl, David Walliams, Beatrix Potter, Julia Donaldson, Pat Miller, H.G.Wells, Dr Seuss, Jeff Kinney, Cressida Cowell... Visit, too: www.thereaderteacher.com for great books for each age group and a top 100 recommended reads (featuring fiction, non-fiction, poetry, picture books, graphic novels, classics... books you know, books you don't!) 20 minutes of reading a day has a huge impact on children.

Spring Term Learning

New knowledge alert! Never too early to know. You're very welcome to look ahead and start to get familiar with the topics ahead of schools return.

Looking ahead to the Spring Term (first half then second), the learning themes for the classes will be:

EYFS: Winter Time; and Easter

1/2: Toys; and UK Weather

Y3/4: Romans; and Rainforests

Y5/6: Tudors; and Deserts

