



Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2017

"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

We've had a very busy first week. It's been great to be back even if my boys, George and Sebbie, are on half term this week and I've left them snoozing happily in bed! The rain on Tuesday did not dampen spirits as the School set off for this year's Welly Walk. Jennie, Martha and Jasper Johnson had done a fantastic job of preparing a trail of pumpkins to follow and I know the children enjoyed not only spotting them on their way round, but squelching in all the mud along the way. My huge thanks go to Jennie Johnson and Mrs Howard-Vyse for helping us to get this organised and for making it the success that it was. Many thanks to all of you who have so far sent in your sponsor money. **Please could we ask that any remaining sponsor money be sent into school by Friday 10th November.** We will then draw for the Flamingoland tickets in assembly on Monday 13th November.



On Wednesday morning, we had our first Stay and Play session for parents with pre-school children. Tammy, Helen and I were absolutely delighted with the turnout. We welcomed eight parents and their babies and toddlers, and coffee, cake and fun was had by all. This is now a weekly session and we hope to welcome as many families who are able to join us on Wednesday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30am, over the coming weeks.



Yesterday, we had a visit from Snappy the Crocodile and the author Anne Stamp. Anne works for the charity SNAPPY, which is based in York and provides opportunities for children with special needs. There is more information in the newsletter about this. This year, we will be supporting this charity. We have sent collection bags home this week for you to fill and return **on Tuesday 14th November (by 9.00am).** We have plenty more bags in school if you need

additional bags. The more bags we get means, not only more money goes to SNAPPY, but also a percentage comes to Langton School. We have also an aluminium collection box in the front entrance for clean foil, drinks cans and cables.

We are working hard behind the scenes to get our new website ready for launch on **Monday 13th November.** To celebrate, this will be a **Non-Uniform Day** and we ask that children come to school in our Langton primary colours found in our logo, of either red, yellow, blue or green, or a mixture of the above. It is also the time of year we are busy planning the Christmas Fair, so we ask on Monday 13th, that in return for wearing your own clothes, that children bring in a bottle for the Bottle Raffle (this can be any bottle from bottles of bubble bath to bottles of wine. If the bottles could be wrapped or put in a bottle bag, we would be very grateful) or a donation of chocolate or sweets for the Chocolate Tombola. Whatever donations you are able to give us for these Chocolate and Bottle Tombolas, we would be very grateful. Please do also watch out for our new website, that's looking really good.

Many thanks to everybody who returned Parent Questionnaires to school. Next week, on **Tuesday 7th November at 2.30pm, we are holding a Parent's Forum** in school where parents are invited to come along and meet with me to discuss school life and how things are going. If anybody has any matter that they would like discussing at this Forum, please email Sam and we will put it on the agenda. I do appreciate that this time is not convenient for everybody, but we have tried different times in the past and this one has been the most well-attended. If you are unable to make it, minutes will be taken of the meeting and put on the new website when it is launched.

Each fortnight in our newsletter, you will notice that we will have a section on our Class attendance. Over the past three years, it has been noted by the Authority that our attendance figures are dropping slightly, year on year. It is important that we encourage your child's attendance in school as much as possible. I do appreciate, especially at the moment, there is a lot of sickness which means that children cannot be in school, but an awful lot of our lack of attendance is down to unauthorised holidays so we appreciate your support with this. The Government expects attendance to be above 95% but you can see that, unfortunately, our attendance figures do not match this. **Well done to Class 2** who have the highest attendance figures for the past fortnight.

Very best wishes,

Rachel Ray

Attendance

The figures for the past fortnight are;

Class 1: 90.7%

Class 2: 94.6%

Class 3: 92.7%



Well done to Class 2

for having this fortnight's best attendance figures!

(We have had a number of cases of chickenpox over the last fortnight, which have, of course, impacted the attendance figures across all classes).



Welly Walk—"more like a hike than a walk...!!"



Our now 'annual' Sponsored Welly Walk had more of a spooky feel this year as it took place this week on Halloween. Thankfully the rain stopped just in time for the start of the walk, although not in quite enough time to stop the beautiful fields of Langton turning into a bit of a quagmire! Undeterred, that didn't stop our intrepid walkers, quite the opposite, in fact (who doesn't like muddy puddles (thank you Peppa Pig...)) although one rather insightful pupils was heard to comment that it was "more like a hike than a walk...!!!". Class 3's **Javan and Harry** tell us more.....



"On Tuesday 31st October, Langton Primary School went on a Pumpkin Welly Walk. We split up into our Houses then we went to Mrs Howard-Vyse's house for a very wet afternoon—the fields had so much mud in them! There were twenty paper pumpkins to find and we managed to find them all. We were out for nearly two hours, and we had a drink and a biscuit at the end before heading back to school. The walk was great fun for us all, and we thank Mrs Howard-Vyse for letting us use her fields."



A very big thank you also to Jennie Johnson, who did a

fantastic job of arranging the whole event. We'll update you in the next newsletter as to how much money we have raised through sponsorship, but all of it will go towards providing opportunities for enrichment activities that the school would not usually be able to cover the cost of, or would have to ask parents to pay for. If all sponsor forms and monies could be sent back to school by Friday 10th November, it would be much appreciated. The big draw for the family FlamingoLand tickets will take place in assembly on Monday 13th November—good luck everyone!!!



Calling all bakers—Pudsey and the School Council need you!

The School Council have decided that, this year, to raise money for Children in Need, they are going to sell cakes and biscuits during morning break and after school (if there are any left!!) on **Children in Need Day (Friday 17th November)**.



....and this is where all our wonderful Langton bakers come in.... The School Council would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, buns and biscuits that they can sell on the day. **Please**

send donations to school on the morning of Friday 17th November in a named container if it's something you would like returning. We are planning to sell items for 20–50p so please make sure that if children bring money to school, they have it securely stored in a purse or wallet. Thank you in advance from the School Council for your help in supporting this excellent cause.

BBC
**Children
in Need**



SNAPPY comes to Langton!

Not only did a real author come into school on Thursday, but she even brought a huge crocodile with her!! Anne Stamp, author of the book "The Enchanted Bus; Lily and the Lost Soldiers" works with the SNAPPY Charity in York and has written the story with a number of the main protagonists being children with special needs. Anne, accompanied by Snappy the Crocodile, spent time with each class, who had all been reading her book, and they asked lots of questions about the story and about being an author. A very big

thank you to Anne and Snappy (Claire!) for coming and spending time here at Langton—all the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Snappy

Special Needs Activities and Play Provision For York
registered charity number: 702110

This year, we will be supporting the work that SNAPPY do through Bags2School collections. Every child should have brought a white bag home this week (please check the bottom of school bags!!) and these can be filled with clothes (no school uniform, duvets, pillows or cushions please—there is a full list of what can be included at www.bags2school.com). The more we collect, the more money we make for SNAPPY and for school. Bags should be brought to school on Tuesday 14th November, by 9.00am. Please leave them on the top playground outside the main entrance. We also have a green aluminium collection box in the foyer so we can collect **clean** foil (milk bottle tops, pie trays (mince pie season will soon be upon us!), aluminium drinks cans and cables. Money raised from these will also go to support SNAPPY.

SNAPPY are a York-based registered charity, established in 1985, working with children, young people and young adults with wide ranging disabilities, from learning difficulties to profound physical disabilities. They work to develop confidence, independence, and social skills but mostly, to give their children the opportunity to enjoy new experiences, have fun and make friends. We very much look forward to supporting their excellent work!

**The
Enchanted
Bus**

**LILY AND THE
LOST SOLDIERS**

Written by Anne Stamp
Illustrated by Simon Collins



As Lily and her classmates set off aboard their old clunky school bus, they are prepared for yet another interesting, but predictable, school trip. However, this time they couldn't be more wrong.

Accidentally releasing a magical creature, Lily and Susan set off a chain of events that transforms the trip into a series of unforgettable, enchanted experiences.

Lily and the Lost Soldiers tells a heart-warming story of a class of children on an unexpected adventure. It's a story of friendship, kindness and new beginnings, guaranteed to capture the hearts and imaginations of all who read it.



FoLS Update

Quiz Night (Friday 10th November at Malton Cricket Club)

Final preparations were made last night to ensure the Quiz next Friday is an enjoyable night. A few tickets are still available so please speak to Sam as soon as possible to secure your place. We are looking forward to our Quiz which will be run by our Quiz Master 'Rob' and the homemade pie and pea supper. The bar will be open from 6pm and the quiz will start at 6.30pm; we are also running a raffle and tickets will be available on the night.

**WE NEED
YOU**
at our
**QUIZ
NIGHT**



Christmas Fair (Friday 1st December 5-7pm)

The plans for the fair are coming along nicely, we are planning a few different activities this year and we hope it will be the most 'festive' fair yet! Carols round the piano, winter wonderland grotto, mulled wine and mince pies along with hot sausage sandwiches and pumpkin soup. We are also holding a table tennis tournament for both the adults and children and a prize for the most festive/creative Christmas costume; more details to follow!

Please bring into school any (general) tombola items, lucky dip items, 2nd hand uniform or raffle prizes to school as soon as possible in order to give us time to sort and organise everything.

Homemade cakes, biscuits, festive treats or produce (jam, chutney etc.) would be much appreciated and gratefully received on the day of the fair.

Helpers on the stalls/games are also required; please let Sam or a member of FoLS know if you can spare some time.

Thanks in advance for your support.

FoLS



Remembrance Service

We will be holding our **Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on the Village Green in Langton on Friday 10th November**. Parents are invited to join us at 10.50am for what is always a very moving service, and will include the reading of poems by the children. We are very pleased that Mr Wellard will once again be joining us perform the bugle calls, which certainly add to the

emotion of the ceremony. We very much hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you there.

As per the email sent to parents earlier this week, poppies, wristbands, snap bands and friendship bracelets have been supplied to school by the Royal British Legion and are available for sale in the school office, so if your child would like to buy one, please send them with a donation.



Say

Cheese!

Hair brushed and best bib and tucker for **Tuesday 7th November** as Phototronics Scholastic, our new school photographers, will be here in the morning (thankfully before lunch...!!) to take individual portraits.,



The North's Leading School Photographers



Stay and Play @ Langton!

Our Stay and Play session on Wednesday 1st November was a great success, so well done to Tammie and Helen, our Stay and Play leaders! It was great to see little ones (even littler than our current Reception little ones!) having fun and playing together in the school hall. **Stay and Play will be on every Wednesday during term time, 9.30-11.30am. Sessions will cost £2.50.** This is open to the whole community, so please let

Stay
& play!

friends and family with pre-schoolers know that we'd love to see them here at Langton!



A Big Thank you!

Before Miss Auckland went off on her maternity leave, Miss Auckland asked that her big thanks be passed to all the parents who contributed to her leaving present. We'll keep you updated on developments as the arrival of baby Auckland is imminent!!



ParentPay—ARREARS

Please log on to your ParentPay account to make sure that any debit balances for school dinners and clubs are cleared as soon as possible.



If arrears start to build up on your account, we are required to supply this information to the Local Authority, who then take over management of the debt. Please ensure that dinners are paid for as soon as possible, as LA rules state that they should be paid for in advance, either weekly, half termly, or termly. After School Sports Club places for next term will also not be allocated to those still in arrears for this term's clubs, as this is a bought in service that the school has to pay for in advance.

School Dinners

The children are all tucking into their delicious school lunches with gusto. Please see <http://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/northyorks/primary-schools/about-us/menu/> for details of this term's menu. Please note that pasta or jacket potatoes are available as an alternative to the menu, but please give Mrs Goodwill as much notice as possible, of any changes, and at least 24 hours, as we are not able to substitute a meal on the day.



School dinners for this first half of the Autumn term are **£84.00**. **This must be paid in advance** and can be paid weekly, half termly or termly through your ParentPay account.

A reminder for all those bringing in packed lunches that **we have a nut free policy at Langton and ask that you please do not send nuts to school**. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Dates for your diary

School photos	Tuesday 7th November
Parents Forum	Tuesday 7th November, 2.30-3.15pm
HSSA 5-a-side football tournament @ Leavening	Thursday 9th November
Remembrance Service	Friday 10th November, 11.00am
Rec-Yr 4 Flu Immunisation	Friday 10th November
FoLS Family Quiz Night	Friday 10th November
Anti-Bullying Week begins	Monday 13th November
Bags2School for Snappy due back to school	Tuesday 14th November, by 9.00am
Children in Need Day Cake Stall	Friday 17th November
FoLS Christmas Fair	Friday 1st December, 5.00-7.00pm
Class 2 Hope Central Christmas Experience	Thursday 7th December
Class 1 Nativity	Thursday 14th December, 2.00 & 6.00pm
Theatre trip "Jack & the Beanstalk"	Tuesday 19th December
Christmas Lunch!	Friday 22nd December
End of Term	Friday 22nd December
Staff Training Day	Monday 8th January 2018
Start of the Spring Term	Tuesday 9th January 2018
Class 2 1-night Residential	26th-27th April 2018
KS1 (Year 1) Phonics Screening	w/c Monday 11th June 2018
KS2 (Year 6) SATS Weeks	Monday 14th—Thursday 17th May 2018
Class 3 2-night residential	11th-13th June 2018

Langton School Governing Body Meetings—Autumn Term 2017

Full Governing Body Meeting	Wednesday 6th December, 3.30pm
School Performance Committee	Wednesday 8th November, 6.00pm
Finance & Premises Committee	Tuesday 21st November, 8.30am

Staff Training

Mrs Ray

Wednesday 8th November - Getting your SEF OFSTED Ready.



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for the...*

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RACES AT 2.30PM, 3PM & 3.30PM

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FREE SANTA SUIT, MEDAL & CERTIFICATE

Entry Fee £6 Children, £12

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