



16th December 2021

It has been a term to remember for some great reasons and these are the ones we want to focus on. We have memories this autumn of a residential visit, trips to the Lincolnshire Showground, RAF Scampton, a football tournament and most recently our beautiful nativity - all things that we have been missing through the previous academic year. Whilst we see COVID on the rise again, we're sure that there will be a great new year ahead of us and also that the Christmas Break will be full of some special memories.

In the next few days, we'll post some pictures of our Christmas in School on the blog. We may not have managed the panto but there has been plenty of fun regardless thanks to everyone who makes up our school family – FOSS, Scamps, Governors, Staff, Parents and Pupils.

Tomorrow, we break up for Christmas returning on 4th January. In this newsletter are some details of what to look forward to.

Happy Christmas!

Arrangements for Class Asia in the New Year

You will know that Mrs Grosse has been away from school recently though still very much part of our school team and in touch with her class whilst spending important time at home. We anticipate that Mrs Grosse's absence will continue into January and have therefore made plans to ensure children's learning is unaffected. We have been able to secure the services of Mr Lofts again for part of each week who will cover the class with Mr Hebborn. Mr Jameson will teach the Y5/6 class full time to enable this.

Mr Lofts is an excellent, highly respected teacher who is very familiar with the school.

Our Curriculum is well planned for all year groups and we have a fantastic, consistent team of staff in each class so we are sure that this change of arrangements will be successful. We of course look forward to Mrs Grosse's return.

Pantomime Cancellation

The decision this morning to cancel our trip to Scunthorpe has been met with great support from parents – thank you for your understanding. Keeping children and their families safe will always be our number one priority and we hope that this measure and those you are taking within your own lives will help keep this dreadful virus at bay. Our decision to cancel has meant the cost of the tickets and transport cannot be refunded to us from the theatre and coach company so refunds will need to come from an already stretched School Budget. As you know, it was FOSS who had paid for the coach. We have received many kind messages today from parents not wanting a refund, knowing how it will help the school. You are of course entitled to a refund and there will be no quibble about this. Please contact the office in the New Year if you would like to claim your contribution back.

Hot Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day-Tomorrow

We would be delighted to see children in their Christmas Jumpers on Friday. It doesn't need to be a shop bought one – tinsel and baubles can change any jumper into a festive one! Children will all eat together in their classrooms in party style regardless of having placed an order or not. If bringing a pack up – you might want to include something special to make it feel a little more Christmassy.

Children are invited to give a suggested donation of £1 for School Council's nominated charity – Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.

End of Term Service

Following our decision not to attend the Pantomime today, we feel it is equally sensible not to go to church for tomorrow's end of term service either. We'll be having a service in school and will stream it through Google Classroom (assembly) if you would like to join in. It will include the Christmas Draw for children and some musical items from children too. We're sorry but we will not be inviting parents to attend in person. It will start at 1.30pm and finish around 2pm. We know children are often excited about finishing early on the last day of term so collection of children at 2.30pm will be welcomed but we'll continue to look after children until the normal pick up time of 3.30pm.

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Letter from the Bishop

Each Term, the Bishop of Lincoln sends a message to pupils in Church Schools. This term, he has sent a video message which we hope to share with children at the end of term service. You can watch it by [clicking here](#).

iSingPop

It has taken a while to get us singing again after many months of not being allowed to. Our nativity demonstrated just how lovely children's singing can be and how much they enjoy it. We are excited to have booked a singing workshop with iSingPop for the whole school on Thursday 13th January. Each class will learn a selection of songs that we'll then use as part of our daily collective acts of worship. Workshops will take place in the church. In the new year, we'll be asking for your help to cover the cost of this booking. Because the songs will become a core part of our assemblies, you are sure to hear and enjoy them in the months to come.

COVID update

Last week, the Government announced its move to 'Plan B'. There is little change currently to guidance for Primary Schools to what we currently do however we will be reviewing our procedures prior to the January return. It seems likely that there will be new Government guidelines in the coming days. Please be sure to check your emails for any updates before the start of next term.

One change that came into effect from Tuesday this week is the requirement for close contacts (generally children in the same class) to do daily lateral flow tests for seven days when there has been a positive PCR test for a close contact.

It would be wise therefore to ensure that you have a supply of lateral flow tests ready for pupils' return. Lateral Flow tests can be ordered online or collected for free from pharmacies.

Should your child receive a positive test within 48 hours of breaking up tomorrow, please email enquiries@scampton.lincs.sch.uk so that we can alert close contacts accordingly.

Hot School Meals for Spring Term

You are now able to place orders for the Spring Term. [The menu can be viewed here](#).



The Angel Trail

From Monday 6th December angels will 'appear' around the village. Each angel will have a message.

Here's what we invite you to do..

1. Collect all the messages.
2. Get or make a Christmas card.
3. Write the angels messages, in the right order to tell the Christmas story, on your Christmas card.
4. Post your Christmas card through Sue's door (Parsonage Lodge, High Street, Scampton. LN1 2SE) by Wednesday 22th December.
5. Winners will get a prize at the 4pm Christmas Eve service.

Residential Visit 2022

It will not be top of your list of priorities at the moment but it may help you to know that we have made a provisional booking for a Residential Visit to Boggle Hole in September 2022 for children that are currently in Year 4 and 5. We'll be writing to you with full details and a payment schedule in January.

Bottle Tops and Stamps

As you may know, School Council have chosen Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance as their nominated charity this year. One way of helping is to bring in plastic milk carton lids and used postage stamps. These it would seem have a value to the charity so we would like to send them as many as possible this year.

Dates for your diary

17 th Dec -	Last Day of Term
4 th January -	Children return to school
13 th January -	iSing Pop Day

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