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NEWSLETTER Friday 7th February 2020



Dear Parents,

Well what a busy fortnight, including a long awaited inspection!

OFSTED INSPECTION

What a demanding process the new inspection framework is! I am pleased to report that our CEO, myself, Landscape school leaders, teachers, TAs and children all provided the inspection team with a clear picture of our school and all who sail in her! The inspection process is still open until the report arrives~ we were told we would receive the report and outcomes in 3 weeks. As soon as this arrives I will share the outcomes with you. In the meantime, thank you to those of you who spoke about school so positively and supportively.

VALUES: Truthfulness

We have been thinking about how it is sometimes necessary to have faith and understanding in order to accept the truth. It's great that the children are continuing to write thoughts and prayers about kindness for our reflective space.

FOLS~ a message from Vicky

Well it's almost half term and after all the fun of Christmas we have had a little break from the fundraising, there will be a collection for Multi-day on Friday, as we know how much the children love a "none uniform" day!

This isn't to say that things aren't being planned. Over the next few weeks there will be plenty for pupils and parents to get involved in, so if you can support in any way then please respond, all help is welcomed and gratefully received.

Pancake Day: this will be on 25th February in the school hall at 8.30am just before the school day starts. This will be ran by both students and parents and the pancakes will be charged at 50p with their choice of topping. If you would like to help out or donate a topping then contact details are below.

Fashion Show: SAVE THE DATE....The fashion show is returning....24th April we will be holding a fashion show in Ashburton Town Hall, the event will be open to all so invite your friends and family along to join in on the fun. We will be selling tickets after the February break, so if you want to reserve some tickets the contact us (details below). We will also be on the lookout for some models and volunteers so please if you can support this and make it a successful fundraising event then do. PS there will be Prosecco.....Just saying!!!

Easter Fun: We are planning some fun activities to celebrate Easter and will update on these as soon as we have some further details, just be reassured the Easter bunny will not be forgotten!

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Email FOLS@outlook.com or message Vicky Foskett or Justina Summerfield on the FOLS Facebook page

UNIFORM

In July, after a fruitful discussion with parents in our School Ethos Committee (linked to parent feedback) and following a discussion with staff, it was generally felt that we should clarify our school uniform dress code. **Parents have asked me to clarify this again to avoid any ambiguity.**

The wearing of school uniform is actively encouraged, fostering an identity with and pride in the school.

School Logo Jumpers, sweatshirts, cardigans, fleece jackets and PE shirts are available from <https://myclothing.com/landscove-church-of-englandprimary-school/12863.school> , **but not all logo items are not essential.**

Children are encouraged to wear:

- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece. (Bearing the school logo is useful for when we take trips as the logo helps to easily identify us.)
- Blue skirt or pinafore
- Blue/black trousers/shorts
- White or Blue Polo Top / shirt with collars not round neck
- White socks, navy tights or blue leggings worn under a skirt as tights
- Sensible and smart black or blue shoes. Boots appropriate for winter wear.
- Trainers of this colour are also suitable, but a second pair must be available for sport/PE.
- Summer wear with blue check
- Sun hats should be worn in the Summer
- Joggers and hoodies are acceptable for PE only.
- Jewellery is generally not suitable for school. Stud earring may be worn.

This list is not exhaustive but represents the main items, which can be found in most high street supermarkets. It's also worth noting that Justina (FOLS) has second hand uniform available. I am aware that this is not new information and is part of every new intake parent meeting, but some parents felt it was worth revisiting. We really do appreciate your support with this.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Our Safeguarding Lead is Jill Ryder. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071

Attendance: 27/01/2020 – 07/02/2020 (Our school target is 96.8%)		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	92.87%	
Class 1	92%	24
Class 2	95.40%	23
Class 3	91.11%	48
Class 4	92.74%	34
Well done to class 2		

LETS TALK ABOUT ATTENDANCE... I am well aware that parents find letters about attendance unpleasant and upsetting, but I want to reassure you all that attendance monitoring **is** about more than our data, it's about children's learning.

*“Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world.”
Nelson Mandela.*

Landscape is a great school and your children play their part in making it so. We aim for all our community to feel the warm glow of success during their time with us. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, **on time**, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

Reducing Illness Days

If your child is saying they do not feel well and you are unsure about whether it warrants a day off please send them to school. If they are truly ill we **will** ring you. Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?
- Would I take a day off work if I had this condition?



Sniffles, coughs and headaches can be managed in school. Staff will always go the extra mile to ensure the best outcomes for pupils...and that includes your child's well being!

Persistent Absenteeism (PA):

A pupil becomes a 'persistent absentee' when their absence falls below 90% (19 days or 38 sessions missed) across the school year for whatever reason. Absence at this level is doing considerable damage to any child's educational prospects and we need parents fullest support and co-operation to tackle this.

We monitor all absence thoroughly. Any case that is seen to have reached the PA mark is given priority and you will be informed of this.

PA pupils are tracked and monitored carefully through our assessment data to identify where absence affects attainment.

All PA cases are automatically made known to the Education Welfare Officer. PA becomes part of our national data and we are held to account for this data and the impact it has.

Term Time Absence

No term time absence, aside from exceptional circumstances, will be authorised by the school. Taking time out of school during the school term has a detrimental effect on children's learning beyond the time they are actually absent.

Holidays

- There are **190 statutory** school days in one year. That means there are **175** days (weekends & school holidays) available to use for holidays!
- Head teachers cannot authorise any leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- A 1 week holiday in school time means your child has approximately 25 hours of missed work to catch up on!

So what is the impact of missing school?

All lessons we plan and teach in school are part of a sequence of lessons. By the nature of our curriculum week 1 ensures knowledge and skills are taught and these will be built on in week 2 and enable the next steps. Staff will, of course, always try to 'gap fill' for children who miss key components of learning, but it is not the same as

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children being in class and it is not possible to teach the current plans for the week as well as everything that has been missed. Clearly missing school means missing learning and this will affect children's attainment outcomes. Please help us to help your child gain the very best from every day they have with us. Thank you for your understanding and support.



PE pictures from this week ~ some excellent ball skills and working together!

WELLBEING~ Top tips!

Children (and adults at times!) need help with 'self-regulating' their feelings and emotions. We have been doing lots of work in C1 about what we can do when we feel cross, sad, worried or when we are finding it hard to focus or concentrate!

I came across this poster and thought I would share ~ some of these strategies could be useful for homelife too. Mrs Field



ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOPS ~ thanks to FOLS for supporting this activity.

The children in classes 3 & 4 were able to link design and building strong structure techniques to their topic work; Vikings and Ancient Egyptians.

In class 3 the children worked cooperatively in small groups, then as a class to construct a five meter high pyramid. Class 4 spent an afternoon building a Viking longship from wooden sticks and elastic bands! They apparently then then rowed across the North Sea from Scandinavia to 'go Viking' making sure they avoided the icebergs. Great team work and imaginative work from everyone!

Class 1 were also involved in building 3D shapes with the wooden sticks and bands ~ super co-ordination and shape recognition!



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SAFER INTERNET DAY: a message from Mrs Woods

On Tuesday 11th February we will be joining schools and youth settings across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2020. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We will be delivering age appropriate assemblies and lessons following the theme of 'Together for a better internet.'



We'd be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day resource pack for parents and carers which is available here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers
- Advice on screentime <http://bit.ly/RCPCH-ScreenTimeForParents>
- Ask About Games www.askaboutgames.com
- <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/> - this website contains a number of quick guides for a variety of online games and apps for parents. Used by Norfolk Police for online safety training
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/
- NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from www.ceop.police.uk/

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with us at school.

Kind regards Jo Woods

COMING UP

11 th Feb	Safer Internet day: please see message above from Mrs Woods
12 th Feb	Class 1 assembly 3pm school hall
25 th & 27 th Feb	Parent Consultations : Mrs Grant will be sending booking information on Monday 10 th Feb
27 th Feb	Class 4 fairtrade conference at KEVICCs
3 rd March	Landscope Littlies Spring Craft with Mrs Woods 2:00-3:25
3 rd March	Class 4 Assembly 3pm school hall
5 th March	World book day
9 th -13 th March	Science Week ~ more info to follow
19 th March	Landscope Littlies Outdoor Explorers with Mrs Field (wellies and waterproofs please) 2:00-3:25
20 th March	Mothering Friday Service 9:15 St Matthew's
24 th March	Class 3 assembly, 3pm school hall
25 th March	Class 2 assembly 3pm school hall
27 th March	Break up 2pm for Easter Holidays

Have a good weekend everyone!

Jill Ryder.