

Newsletter

Lisle Marsden Church of England Primary



Dates for your diary:

Glee Club Concert to Parents	13/02/19
Year 5 Bikeability	14&15/02/19
Half Term	18/02/19 to 22/02/19
Year 1 visit to The Deep	28/02/19
Year 5 Bikeability	04&05/03/19
World Book Day	07/03/19
Red Nose Day	15/03/19
Easter Bingo	21/03/19
Parents' Evening (6pm to 8pm)	26/03/19
Parents' Evening (3.30pm to 6pm)	27/03/19
Year 4 Easter Play	03&04/04/19
Easter Holiday	08/04/19 to 22/04/19

Green Flag Award for Lisle Eco Champions

It's great to be able to share the news that Lisle has again been judged by Green Flag Eco Schools Assessors to have met the necessary standards to be judged a 'Green Flag' school. This is the fourth time the academy has achieved this excellent award, having held it for the last nine years! The award which is internationally recognised for excellence in environmental action and learning is something we are very proud of. The 'Green Flag' again flies from the Lisle flag pole, a symbol of this important work undertaken as part of our work on global citizenship.

Much work has taken place over many years to make Lisle a more sustainable school. Most recently, the academy replaced all the lighting in classrooms, corridors, offices and halls with the latest low energy LED bulbs. In the few months since we did this, energy usage has notably fallen.

The children, who take their roles as Eco Councillors very seriously, have been well supported by Mrs Vinson and Mrs Leeman to put their thoughts and ideas into positive action. Living by the ECO code, the councillors together with their classmates have worked on projects and topics of learning relating to: biodiversity, energy, waste, litter, transport, healthy living and our school grounds. Moving forward, the academy want to further develop this work as environmental issues relating to global warming and plastics are a worry to our children.

Helping them to be courageous advocates for change, articulating their feelings and concerns, will help them to support a positive future for us all.

School League Tables Published – Well Done Lisle!

Local School League Tables were published in mid-December. These performance tables are based on the pupil test outcomes each school achieves at the end of the school year, following test results in July. Our results are published each year on the Lisle website.

The link <https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables> enables parents to compare schools.

Each year, our teachers do their best to help the children to achieve their potential and prepare them for transfer to secondary school. It was very pleasing to learn that Lisle again featured in the local tables as being one of the highest performing schools out of the 44 schools and academies in NE Lincolnshire. Lisle was placed 5th, with results 19% higher than the National average for Primary Schools. Last week, we were delighted to receive a letter from Melanie Onn, Member of Parliament for Great Grimsby, praising the pupils and staff for their achievements. The letter has been published on our website.

Attendance Reminders

It's pleasing to be able to report to parents that attendance at the academy is currently 97.1%. This total is well above national and local levels. Pupils in Y6 currently have the highest attendance at almost 98%!

The very large majority of Lisle children are here on time each day, ready to begin the school day at 8.55am, which is great and what we need. However, we often find that being late can upset the children and result in an unsettled start to the day, which then has a negative impact on learning. Just a few minutes late each day can really add up over the year – 5 minutes late each day = 3 days of lost learning, 20 minutes late each day = 19 days of lost learning!

We've noticed that some children who are late are now being dropped off at the gate by parents, and then coming into school unaccompanied. Also, we are increasingly getting children returning to school following a medical appointment unaccompanied by parents. In these cases, parents should always bring their children into school and speak to a member of the academy reception team and see their child into the building.

We always strongly encourage parents to make routine doctor and dental appointments outside of school hours. However, we do understand that children sometimes need to attend medical/ hospital appointments in learning time, to authorise these appointments we require parents to provide us with evidence e.g. an appointment card, doctors text message etc.

Charity Fundraising Thank You

We just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the various charity events and fundraising work undertaken at Lisle in the run up to Christmas.

The Lisle Christmas Fair organised by Mrs Williams, was another great success. The Fair raised an impressive £1,118 for the Friends of Lisle Marsden.

The Reception and Year 1 Christingle Appeal and concert collections raised a fantastic £528 for the Children's Society. Numerous trips to the bank with thousands of copper coins was definitely worth it!

The Christmas jumper day raised £183 for CRISIS, the national homeless charity.

Golden Tickets Awarded to Lisle Readers

Firstly, thank you for your continued support at home with regards to reading school books at home. The hard copies of Bug Club books, which were introduced at the start of the year, are now a fully embedded resource within our School Curriculum and children are showing great responsibility to both reading them and looking after them. Reading Challenges in every class are providing a positive stimulus to encourage and enthuse our young readers and they are responding most admirably.

Looking ahead, we will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair in school at the beginning of March. Further information on dates will follow in advance of the Fair. Additionally, in the build up to the Book Fair, we have already launched our Golden Ticket challenge - these tickets are awarded each week to one child from each year group during Friday's Celebration Assembly. The lucky winners, from now up to the Book Fair, will be able to exchange their Golden Ticket for a book of their choice from the Fair, paid for by the school.

Safer Internet Day – 5th February

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>

The above links provide parents with lots of information to support internet safety at home. On Tuesday, our children will again be taking part in e-safety lessons to draw awareness to this very important issue. Helping children to understand the dangers, and the simple steps they can take to safeguard themselves form part of our ongoing PSHE/ICT work.

We've recently had a few worrying and unwanted problems coming into school from children accessing 'Tik Tok' at home – a new social media app. It's sometimes difficult for parents to keep up with the latest apps, what they do and how appropriate they are for children. Knowing what your child is accessing online is something we would strongly encourage all parents to monitor. We've provided a 'Tik Tok' information link, below, for those of you who may be concerned.

<https://smartsocial.com/tik-tok-app-guide-parents/>