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Newsletter Christmas 2019

Children in Need Thank you

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the recent Children in Need fundraising day. The children who dressed up looked great in their Pudsey Ears and outfits and the children very much enjoyed sharing their learning with their special cuddly visitors from home! Together we raised just over £500 for the appeal, an impressive amount which will be used to support very worthwhile child related community action groups and other related charity initiatives around the country and our region.

Lisle Pupils Remember the Fallen

On Tuesday 12th November, EYFS, Year 1 & 2 walked to the Cenotaph at Nun's Corner to present our Class Poppy Wreaths. The children were extremely respectful, paying their respects and talking about the fallen soldiers. Poppy Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph from each class. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many adults, who willingly gave up their time to come and support us on this walk. EYFS/Year1/2 Team

Christmas at Lisle

Christmas cards can be sent with children to school from Monday 9th December. We have two Christmas post boxes which the children can use. Older pupils will act as posties and deliver the cards each day. Please make sure envelopes are clearly labelled with name and class to help them.

We are again supporting **the Scout Post**. Just 30p will enable you to use this community charity service. Last post at school is 3.20pm on 10th December, Details of where you can send cards is available from our Reception desk as well as a box to post your cards.

On Wednesday 4th December pupils took part in a special advent wreath collective worship. This is an annual tradition at Lisle, where pupils and staff gather to light the candles on their class wreaths and reflect on the meaning of advent in our very busy 21st century lives. This special service was led by Canon Andrew Dodd.

Friday 6th is our 'Santa Stride' event!

Everyone in school will be taking part. Please support this first charity social action event: by encouraging your child to walk/ run as far as they can in the time available on the day. Children can dress up/ wear a Santa hat etc. as part of the fun! Sponsor money will be collected next year.

Cathedral Carol Concert.

On Tuesday 10th December Mrs Hill and Mrs Yorston will be taking the Lisle Marsden KS2 Singing group to Lincoln Cathedral to join with children from other church schools from around Lincolnshire in a special service. I'm sure this will again prove to be a very atmospheric and spiritually uplifting experience for the children.

Christmas Nativity concerts

Our EYFS and Year 1 pupils will be performing their Christmas Nativity concerts to the school and family members on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th of December. It's always lovely to see the children taking to the stage in their costumes, in front of proud family members, an important rite of passage for them as Lisle pupils.

Christmas dinner day

Friday 13th December will be Christmas dinner day at school. There's sure to be a great atmosphere in the dining hall!

The Magic Carpet Theatre Company

This company has visited Lisle Marsden every December for well over 20 years, entertaining all the children with a wonderfully humorous, and action packed mystery show. This show is provided free of charge to all our pupils, and will take place on Tuesday 17th December!

Other Important Events...

Minster Carol Service

Parents, carers and friends of Lisle Marsden, are all very welcome to join with us at the Grimsby Minster on Wednesday 18th December, to take part in our annual Christmas Carol Service. The service will be led by Canon Dodd, there will be contributions made by children from each Year group and a range of modern and traditional carols for everyone to sing. If you would like to join us, please be there and seated for a **1.45 pm start!** The special service will last approximately 45 minutes. **Please note the service is for all pupils in Years' 2 – Y6 only.**

Christmas Jumper Day

The last day of term, Friday 20th December, will be our charity fund raising Christmas Jumper Day! All children and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper, instead of their school jumper/cardigan. *Normal school polo shirt and trousers/skirts etc. should still be worn.* This year, we will be supporting the three charities identified as part of our whole school social action project to help our children to see what they can achieve as positive agents of change on a – local, national, global scale:

CARE- Christian Action & Resource Enterprise is a charity located in North East Lincolnshire, dedicated to relieving poverty, hardship and distress to those in need in the local community.

Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) - Their vision is of a society free of child poverty (UK charity), where all children can enjoy a childhood free of financial hardship and have a fair chance in life to reach their full potential.

Action Against Hunger- Across nearly 50 countries, including the UK, they have led the global fight against hunger. They aim to save the lives of children and work with their communities before and after the disaster strikes. They enable people to provide for themselves and see their children grow up strong.

Please contribute £1 for your child to take part in Christmas jumper day and help make a huge difference to the lives of many in the community we serve.

Christingle Service

Our younger children in our Reception and Y1 classes will be visiting St Augustine's parish church on the morning of Thursday 19th December. The children will be taking part in a special Christingle assembly led by Canon Andrew Dodd. The service will give the children the opportunity to explore the meaning and significance of the Christingle, and for our youngest children in our Reception classes, this will be the first time they will have attended Church whilst a pupil at Lisle Marsden.

Regrettably we are unable to invite parents to this service due to the lack of seating available.

Please Support our Christmas Fair—Friday 13th December

We will again have loads of stalls, games and fun things to do at our Christmas Fair! Father Christmas will be joining us as well as a range of quality craft stalls where you can buy some lovely gifts for friends and family!

All profit raised by the fair will be used to support enrichment projects in school for the benefit of all your children.

Lots of our older Y6 children and members of the School Council will be there helping organise and run things. It would be lovely to see lots of you there! The fair begins at 3.30 pm and finishes around 5.00 pm, with the raffle!

Christmas Raffle — Please return completed stubs with the correct money by Monday 9th December. Please return unsold tickets which we can sell at the fair. If anyone would like to donate a prize big or small, we would be extremely grateful. Great Prizes to win!!!

Cake Stall — Please support the very popular cake stall by donating home-made cakes. Donations of cakes should be taken to school by 1.00 pm on the day of the fair. We always get loads of lovely ones to sell, please help us again this year!

Bric A Brac - Time for a good clear out before Christmas!?! Why not donate all those unwanted toys, books, DVDs, CDs etc. to us. Please drop off all your items at the academy office from Monday 9th December.

End of term Reminder

A reminder to all our families that school closes at 3.20 pm (office manned to 4.45 pm) on Friday 20th December for the Christmas break.

We will re-open again on Monday 6th January 2020! From all the staff and governors at Lisle, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year, when it comes!

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The Acting Bishop of Lincoln

December 2019

One of the things I most like about living here is that I can so easily see the stars. In Lincolnshire I just have to look up into our huge skies, and there they are! These are the same stars that the wise men saw when they came to see Jesus.

You know the story. The wise men followed a special star to Bethlehem and the baby. And when they got there they gave him special gifts. I hope you will hear this story again in school or church at Christmas and that you will talk about it with your families and friends.

The wise men gave Jesus gifts and he is God's gift to them and to us.

The wise men chose their gifts with care, and so can we. Some of my favourite gifts were made for me by my own children. The simplest of gifts can bring the greatest pleasure. We need to look after our gifts. By doing this we show respect to the person who has given them and to each other.

For Christians, Jesus is God's greatest gift, but we also believe that God has given us the world as a gift. This year we have been talking a lot in Lincoln Diocese about how we care for the world. Water, soil and air are precious and we must not pollute them.

As a New Year begins, why not make a resolution to use less plastic? And why not take Jesus as an example of how to show love and respect?

I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas! Remember to look up at the stars! We are all invited to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

With best wishes,

The Right Reverend Dr David Court
Bishop of Grimsby
Acting Bishop of Lincoln