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World Book Day

World Book Day 2024 will soon be here (Thursday 7th March) and we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character, or book title. Book inspiration can be fiction or non-fiction and I have attached an information sheet from the World Book Day website with information and some brilliant ideas for costumes. Please do not feel you need to buy an expensive costume.

All we ask is that your child's costume still allows them to take part in a full day of school activities, including for some, being able to get changed for PE if it is timetabled for the morning. World Book Day activities will be taking place throughout the afternoon.

At the end of World Book Day, the children will be coming home with their book tokens to exchange for one of the specially selected free books which are available in most supermarkets and bookshops but not online. The full list of books is available to see on the World Book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/world-book-day-2024-primary-schools-guide/>

Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies

FAO : All children in 4P, 3/4R, 3A and 3CO

Over the last term, children in the above classes have been rehearsing Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies and we are now pleased to announce that our production is fast approaching.

The performances have been arranged as follows:-

Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 13:45 for parents, relatives and pre-school age children.

Thursday 21st March 2024 at 13:45 for adults only

All performances will be in the school hall and will last approximately 1 hour 30 minutes, doors will open at 13:15

Tickets

Parents of the children in these classes should have already received a link, via email, to book tickets. To reduce the number of people in the hall, we will be limiting tickets to two tickets, per family, per performance. Tickets will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets must be booked no later than 15th March. Any unallocated tickets will be offered out after this date.

There will be an Easter raffle at the events with all proceeds being donated to Prostate Cancer UK.



Parent Evenings

Parent evenings have been arranged for the week beginning 25th March 2024.

More details on booking a slot have been sent out. The school governors will be in school while parent interviews take place, providing refreshments and answering any questions you may have.

A bookfair will be available. The stalls will be displayed in the school hall for children to purchase books.

Parents' Afternoon

You will be pleased to hear that we are currently planning our Parents' Afternoon.

This will take place on Thursday 23rd May 2024 from 1.15pm.

During this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to tour the school with your child.

More details to follow.

Grandparents' Day

You will be pleased to hear that we are currently planning for our fabulous Grandparents' Day.

The date will be Friday 24th May 2024, which is the last day of term 5.

More details to follow.

Wanted

Do you have any of these you are thinking of throwing?

If so, the school would really appreciate you donating them.

1. Any unwanted Lego
2. Any unwanted Duplo
3. Any unwanted gardening tools
4. Boxes of tissues

Thank you!!

Assessment Time

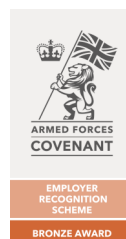
SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the week beginning 13th May 2024. All Year 6 children will be participating in the tests.

Year Two SATs testing will take place throughout May, and therefore children need to be in school during this time.

Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 10th June 2024 and is a Government requirement.

Year 4 Multiplication Test will be taking place during within the 2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024.

Therefore, please ensure your child is in school during this period. Absences during this time may be classified as unauthorised.





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Sink or Swim

Why is learning to swim so important? - The most important reason is that swimming is the only sport which can save your child's life. Unfortunately, drowning is still one of the most common causes of accidental death in children. It is so important to remember that children who appear water confident are not always competent swimmers.

Additionally, swimming is great fun and children especially love getting in the water and enjoying themselves. Swimming also provides a number of benefits which can help to keep your children healthy, including healthy heart and lungs, and improving strength and flexibility, along with increasing stamina and improves balance and posture.

How do I make my child confident around water? This can start at any age. You are never too young to learn to swim. Children should be encouraged and helped to wet their faces, tummies, splash, blow bubbles, sing and play in the bath to get them used to the water. Family swimming sessions are another excellent way of building water confidence in pre-school/Key Stage One children.

Contact your local pool for family swimming sessions.

Sleaford Swimming Pool:

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/north-kesteven/sleaford-leisure-centre/swimming>

Nocton Swimming Pool:

<https://www.littleleisurecentre.com/activities-1>

Grantham Swimming Pool:

<https://www.leisuresk.co.uk/learn-to-swim>

For teaching your child confidence in and around water, follow this link for ideas:

<https://worldwideswimschool.com/teachers/water-confidence-for-timid-beginners/>

Next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Thursday 7th March 2024 at 14:30. Please come along for a coffee and refreshments and join us in school.

X— Twitter

Check out our fantastic twitter page at [#@CranwellSchool](#)

You can keep up to date with the exciting things going on in school by following our Twitter account on the school website and [#@CranwellSchool](#)



Ordering Hot Meals

Please remember that infant classes are provided with Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please remember to order and outline any allergies. Children in Key Stage 2 currently can order hot meal lunches through Ideal School Meals, our food provider, or parents may wish to send in a packed lunch instead. Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One also receive a piece of fruit each day through a Government initiative.

Healthy Snacks at Playtime

Just a gentle reminder that your child needs a healthy snack for break time and a water bottle to take into their class. Whilst some of the cereal bars do offer health benefits, they also contain a high level of sugar which is detrimental to your child's teeth, leading to tooth decay. Fresh fruit, vegetables, raisins or cheese for their morning snack are the best choices and we would ask children to save their other snacks for lunchtime. If your child has access to fresh water throughout the day, then they are able to remain hydrated and concentration levels are improved, aiding good progression.

If it Snows

If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows, please listen to local radio stations, their respective websites and Parentmail which will all provide relevant information as to whether we are open or not. A decision sometimes can not be made before 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when these establishments are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2023-24

Term 4 ends — Thurs 28th March 2024

Term 5 : Tue 16th April—Fri 24th May 2024

Term 6 : Mon 3rd June—Fri 19th July 2024

Academic Year 2024-25

Term 1 : Wed 4th Sept — Fri 18th October 2024

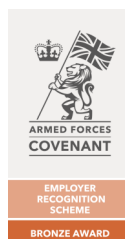
Term 2 : Tues 29th Oct — Thurs 19th Dec 2024

Term 3 : Mon 6th Jan — Fri 14th Feb 2025

Term 4 : Mon 24th Feb — Fri 4th April 2025

Term 5 : Tue 22nd April — Fri 23rd May 2025

Term 6 : Tue 3rd June — Tue 22nd July 2025





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Timings of the School Day

School drop off is between 8:40am and 8:50am. School starts at 8:50am. Drop your child at the silver gates, and allow them to walk around to the green gate. School finishes at 3:20pm for all children.

Please note, this is when lessons end. Children will be out a few minutes after this point. Additionally, sometimes unforeseen things happen in class which result in the children coming out a few minutes later. Thank you for your understanding.

Please try not to stand immediately in front of the silver gates at the front of school. This will allow children to easily exit the school and locate their parents.

If you wish to speak with your class teacher, please make an appointment either by emailing or telephoning the school office, or see the member of staff at the gates at the end of the day.

Requesting leave of absence / holidays in Term Time — School Attendance Policy

Authorising absence is a policy decision. I must work within the policy adopted by the Local authority and school. All school absence is a serious matter monitored by the LA, Education Welfare department and Ofsted and all school procedures are checked regularly.

I am delighted to confirm that the majority of our Parents support this policy, and their children attend school regularly.

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will still miss out on the teaching that their peers will receive during your holiday. Children returning from a term-time holiday may also be unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed. Teachers then must give more time to help individual children catch up on missed work. This poses a potential risk of the underachievement of other students in the class. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department of Education allows a Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising a holiday in term time only in "exceptional circumstances". If you consider that your request for a holiday is exceptional you will need to complete the form found on the school website <https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/policies.asp>

A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school for the holiday, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Failure to complete the form in the required timeframe, and taking your child on holiday without authorisation will be classed as unauthorised.

In the case of an unauthorised holiday, the Local Authority will be notified of the holiday taken and a Penalty Notice may be issued. Please note that such a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent per child which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 21 days. Thereafter if the Penalty remains unpaid this may result in legal action.

In considering the decision whether to authorise, the following factors will be taken into account:

- Reasons given for the holiday
- The time of the year / term
- Whether your child will miss any preparation for tests / examinations
- Your child's previous attendance / punctuality record
- Whether your child is likely to fall behind with their work
- Whether the school has received any request for other leave of absence that year / previous years
- There is an acceptable exceptional reason for this request (which includes evidence)

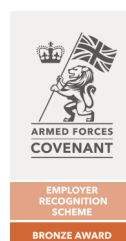
In addition to holiday absence, we have a very small number of children who persistently have time off. The Local Authority monitor children whose attendance which falls below 95%, and those who fall below 90% who may be subject to a penalty fine.

Holidays should be taken in holiday time of which we have 13 weeks available. These include 1 week Autumn half term, 2 weeks Christmas, 1 week Spring half term, 2 weeks Easter, 1 week Summer half term and 6 weeks in the summer.

I hope this explains how the school will deal with requests for leave and any holidays taken in term time.

Our Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

I hope you support our efforts to raise attendance and attainment at our school.





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Late

Please can parents ensure that their children arrive at school before 8:55am.

The gates close at this time, and any child arriving after this point is late. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school on time. Lateness may result in you being served with a Penalty Notice or a summons to court. Parents have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

Lateness has a negative impact on everybody at school.

Being late can:

Disrupt lessons - It is unfair on the teachers and other children in the class if another child enters the classroom once lessons have started.

Affect the achievement your child and others

Embarrass/upset your child when the class have already started their work

Being late adds up to loss of learning:

5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year,

10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year,

15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year,

20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year,

30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year.

Being on time means not missing out!

Remember ... the School gates are open from 8:40am.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

The Importance of Reading

It is important that children experience a broad curriculum. Learning about our World, the people within it and its climate are important. Keeping fit and healthy is vital for the children to reach their potential. Maths, writing and spelling are just as important in the casserole of learning a child needs. A child's reading skills, however, underpin their success in school in all subjects, as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. Reading opens more doors to new worlds for our children.

What difference can I make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Parents are just as important as teachers. Reading to your children and listening to them read is so important for their development.

How to encourage your child to read?

Here are some websites with great ideas to encourage your children to read:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/encouraging-your-child-read>

<https://www.english.com/blog/motivate-children-reading-five-fun-activities/>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/activities-to-encourage-pre-reading-621060>



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www.childnet.com

Be smart on the internet



S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.








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Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



Self Care

Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



Pharmacy

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms, and earache.



Your GP Practice

Contact your GP practice about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer you an appointment or signpost you to other services.



NHS 111

If you have an urgent health need but are not sure what to do, think NHS 111. Call 111 or visit 111. nhs.uk. Available 24/7.



WaitLess

Download the WaitLess app to view live waiting times, queue numbers and travel-time information for our urgent care facilities.



Urgent Treatment Centre

Seek help for sprains, fractures, minor burns, and skin infections. Simply walk in or book an appointment via NHS 111.



Dental Treatment

For urgent dental care please contact your normal dental practice, or for advice out of hours call NHS 111.



Mental Health Crisis

If you are worried about your mental health, call 0800 001 4331 (adults) or 0800 234 6342 (children and young people). Available 24/7.

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk



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Your Guide to Health Services While Away From Home



BE PREPARED

Treat aches and pains, coughs and colds at home.
Stock up your medicine cabinet including pain killers, antihistamines, anti-diarrhoea and indigestion medicine.
Order repeat prescriptions in plenty of time.
Keep all medication, plasters, bandages and thermometers away from children.



PHARMACY

Pharmacies offer health advice and treatment for allergies, constipation, cold and flu symptoms, earache, fever, thrush and healthy lifestyles.
A visit to the pharmacy could save you a trip to the GP.
If you forget your medication while away from home call your usual registered GP surgery during opening hours and they can arrange for a prescription to be sent electronically to a pharmacy local to where you are staying.



VISIT NHS 111 ONLINE OR CALL NHS 111

Need health advice?
Unsure which health service you need?
Visit NHS 111 online or call NHS 111 – both are available 24 hours, seven days a week. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines.
Typetalk number is 18001.



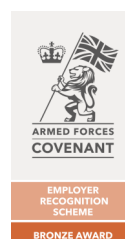
MINOR ILLNESS OR INJURIES

For treatment of burns, cuts, wounds or infections contact NHS 111 for the nearest Urgent Treatment Centre where an appointment can be made for you if necessary or they can provide you with advice and guidance by phone or video consultation.



GP

If you take ill while away from home contact your registered practice in the first instance where you can be offered a telephone or video consultation.
If your practice or NHS 111 say it is necessary to be seen at a GP Practice you can register for up to 14 days while away from home or work.
Your temporary GP will pass any details of treatment you have to your own GP.
If you are staying for a longer period of time you should still ring your usual registered practice in the first instance and receive telephone or video consultation as a first step.



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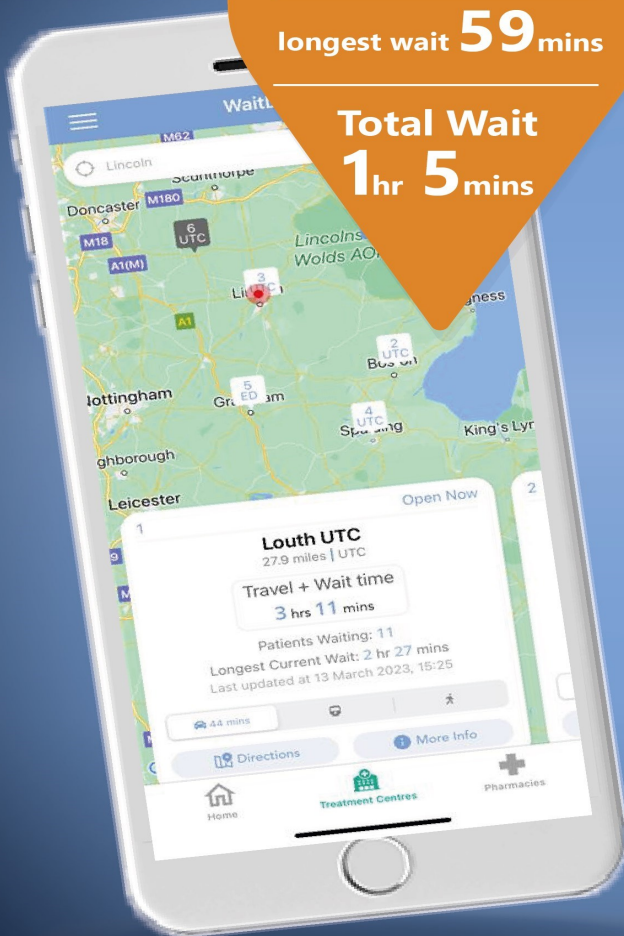


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