



Lincolnshire County Council

## Partney Church of England (Aided) School

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## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back for Spring Term 2. We are looking forward to another busy term and hopefully some brighter and drier weather. The children have settled back into the routines well and are already impressing us with their attitude learning.

### Attendance

At the end of the Autumn Term, our whole school attendance figure was 91%, compared to 90% for the same period in the previous academic year. The expectation for school attendance is 95% so we are a little below this figure. Most of our absence was caused by illness as we had a number of bugs causing children to feel unwell. However, our persistent absence figure is still high at 29%. Although this is a decrease from 39% for the same period in the previous year, we would still like to reduce this figure further.

A child is classed as 'persistently absent' if their attendance falls below 90%. To give you an idea of what this means it only takes 12½ days of absence from September to the Easter holidays for your child to fall into this category. Schools are required to take action where attendance becomes a concern.

Parents play an important role in supporting good attendance and we would welcome your support in this matter in order to give all of our children the best opportunities to thrive and achieve their best. For children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered it is vital that they are at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. We will be issuing fixed penalty notices for children who are taken on unauthorised family holidays during term-time. We are unfortunately not allowed to authorise holidays for anything other than exceptional circumstances including things like weddings or funerals. Unfortunately, work patterns/restrictions are not deemed a reason for family holiday during term-time by the government as it falls to an employer to be flexible for working families. We have no option to issue a fixed penalty notice when holidays are taken without authorisation.

## Diary Dates

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Golden Assembly and every Friday unless otherwise advised.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day- non-uniform with donations for chocolate bingo

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Toddlers session 4

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Toddlers session 5

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** PFA Chocolate bingo doors open at 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm at Victory Hall-Partney

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Term 4 ends.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** Term 5 starts.

## Clubs – please note that change of time for choir

**Monday-** Sport Club KS2 3.15-4.15

**Tuesday-** Dance Club – 3.30-4.30- KS2 and Year 2

**Thursday-** Sports Club- KS1 3.15-4.15

**Thursday-** Choir- KS2- 3.30-4.30

Choir performance in the Cathedral on 12<sup>th</sup> April- details to follow.

**Taekwondo will not restart until March- date to be confirmed.**

## Measles

UKHSA have declared measles as a national incident. Measles is a highly infectious disease that can sometimes lead to serious problems such as pneumonia, meningitis, and on rare occasions, long-term disability or death. It is a vaccine preventable disease and the best way to prevent measles infection is to have 2 doses of the MMR Vaccine.

## School uniform

We have lots of pre-loved uniform available, especially in smaller sizes. Why pay for new when we can re-use? Please send your requirements into the school office or pop a message on Facebook and we can send clothes home with your child. Cost- only 50p per item payable at the school office please.

## Other news

**Class 3-** Following Miss Pearce's departure at the end of the Autumn Term, we are pleased to be able to share with you that, following an interview process, Miss Hurley and Mrs Morris have been appointed, sharing the teaching commitment in Class 3. Mrs Morris will lead the class two days a week on Monday and Friday. Miss Hurley will lead the class for the remainder of the week. Both teachers have been doing a fantastic job of teaching the class since the start of the Spring term and we are pleased that their appointment will continue to offer continuity and consistency for the children and maintain high quality of teaching. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Morris and Miss Hurley and look forward to continuing our work together in the future.

**Maddison Lane** – Concerns have been expressed by some of the residents of Maddison Lane about the speed that people travel along the lane at the start and end of the day. They have asked if we can respectfully ask parents and carers to remember that the school is in a residential area and to be mindful of their speed when they travel along the lane. Thank you

**Autism Hub:** are pleased to announce that from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 the Virtual Autism Hub is opening the Specialist Autism Navigator service to enquiries. The Specialist Autism Navigators will work directly with people across the county to help them access statutory services and other local support. This support will be non-clinical and include advice, information about autism and diagnostic pathways, signposting to local groups and services, as well as some practical support. You can find

our contact details on the current webpage [Virtual Autism Hub :: Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Trust \(lpft.nhs.uk\)](https://virtualautismhub.lincs.nhs.uk) in advance of our full launch during World Autism Acceptance week (2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024). This support is for parent/carers & autistic adults.

**Festival for Communication** - The three-day online festival focusing on Communication will run from Thursday 22 February to Saturday 24 February, and families can book to attend as many or as few free sessions as they like.

The event is supported by the DfE Voluntary and Community Sector Fund, and free tickets can be booked at [bit.ly/FamilyFestival2024](https://bit.ly/FamilyFestival2024).



**Lincolnshire Wildlife Park offer-**

KIDS GO FREE... all kids... all month!

All you need to do is purchase at least one full priced adult ticket, and ALL kids

can join you for free (if you want them to!)

Make sure you add on the kids trail sheet for them to win a prize too!

Book online now and don't forget to Gift Aid

[www.lincswildlife.com/freefeb/](https://www.lincswildlife.com/freefeb/)



## Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

**LPCF Important Newsflash February 2024**

**Announcement for parents and professionals**

**Free workshops -following on from the Week of SEND**

**We have lots of free workshops for parents & professionals on the LPCF membership, coming up over the next few months.**

**Popular topics such as SEND support and EHC's, Anxiety, Benefits, Toilet Skills and many more will be added to the workshop calendar.**

**Keep checking the events page of the LPCF website for more details. They will be added over the next few weeks.**

**Book your place asap to avoid disappointment.**

**Coming up in February**

**Transformation in SEND**



Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am – 1.30pm

Free Interactive workshop on Zoom with the LCC SEND Team.

Following on from the well supported and rated Week of SEND LPCF have invited the Lincolnshire County Council SEND Team to update us about their work and the projects they are involved in. These include:-

- Building Communities of Support
- The Local Offer
- The EHC Electronic Hub
- The Graduated Approach (SEND Support)
- Reasonable adjustments
- Emotional based school avoidance - What it is and What it isn't!

Please book your place on the LPCF Events page before 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Coming up in March

Toilet Skills (Continence Issues)

Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am – 1.00pm

LPCF are pleased to offer the workshop delivered by the LCC Specialist Children's Continence Nurse.

The workshop will cover :-

- Toilet skills development - one step at a time, actions and goals, initial work and when to contact the 0-19 health team for support.
- Night time wetting
- Containment products and alternatives
- Periods and how to manage these when using containment products

Please book your place using the link above by 2nd March.

SEND Support and EHCP's

Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am – 1.00pm

Free Interactive workshop on Zoom with Liaise.

Following on from the well supported and rated LPCF "Week of SEND" LPCF have invited Liaise to explore the topic of SEND Support and EHCP's.

Liaise is Lincolnshire's Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

They provide confidential and impartial information, advice and support to children and young people (0-25 years) with SEN and disabilities, and their parents and carers.

LPCF work closely with Liaise in supporting parents of children with SEND and have specifically asked them to provide this workshop to help empower families to have the SEND knowledge and understanding they need.

The Liaise staff:

- work at arm's length from the local authority and health services
- are trained in SEN and disability law
- work to national standards, so you know what to expect
- aim to empower families to have the SEND knowledge and understanding they need.

Please book your place by 9th March.

Link to Events page to book your place herewith:-

[https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/P\\_Events.php](https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/P_Events.php)

Please note we may have to cancel the workshops if we do not get enough interest , so to avoid disappointment please book your place by the deadline. Thank you.

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