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This year the Embassy Theatre, Skegness are proud to announce the inclusion of a relaxed performance within our Pantomime season – the first of its kind for this Theatre.

On **Monday 18 December** the **1.30pm** performance will be specially adapted to be sensitive to and accepting of audience members who may benefit from a more relaxed environment, including (but not limited to) those on the autistic spectrum, anyone with sensory loss and communication disorders or people with learning disabilities.

This performance is designed for groups, individuals and families of any age with the aim of meeting the needs of people who may find it difficult to attend a more traditional performance.

Within our show we aim to minimise loud noises, bright/flashing lights and create an informal atmosphere to allow people who may need to move around, make noise or just take a break. The usual rules of sitting still and being quiet don't apply.

But – this is not all – Aladdin the Pantomime Spectacular (the relaxed performance) will have further dimensions added with **\*signed interpretation** from BSL performer **EMMA HRYCAK**, **audio descriptive narration** by the Pantomime Writer/Director **GARY STARR** and for those who would find a touch-sensory experience beneficial pre-show **character familiarisation** is also available by prior arrangement.



To book or enquire call our Box Office Team on **01507 613100** or get your tickets online

## St. Bernard's School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to an autumnal Term 2 ! This term's topic for key stages 1,2, and 3 is 'To infinity and beyond'. Classes have planned learning activities around this linked to their students' interests and building on their experiences. Students in 14- 16 and post 16 classes continue to focus their learning on developing life skills and independence – we are also planning to start developing the Duke of Edinburgh award and also new accreditation opportunities for our older students. They are also planning an enterprise day at LRAC ON December 7<sup>th</sup> when students will be showcasing their products – more information to follow.

May I take this opportunity to remind you all about the Breakfast Club at school – this is available for all students for the cost of 50p a day / £2.50 a week. Students have a choice of toast or cereal on arrival to school – this supports those young people that have had a longer journey to school, or who may not like breakfast early, or simply benefit from and enjoy a social opportunity on arrival to school.

As Michelle has referenced, we will be supporting the concept of 'positive friendship' during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November as part of on- going focus on emotional literacy.

Please can I also ask that you let school know of any changes in your contact details such as addresses and mobile phone numbers – these are our first point of call if we need to let you know of closures, illnesses etc, thank you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or class leads if you have any further questions or comments

Best wishes

Ann

## St. Lawrence School

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Hi Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone to term 2 and what I am sure will be a busy term especially with the lead up to celebrations at the end of the month and lots of activities and events that will take place which are currently being organised including our enterprise event which is booked for December 13<sup>th</sup>, including a short show and enterprise stalls as well as trips and visits to a variety of different places. We have our annual anti-bullying week starting 13<sup>th</sup> November, our last year leavers presentation evening 15<sup>th</sup> November and our student movie day on 19<sup>th</sup> December (more details to follow nearer the time). The students have returned to school extremely positive especially given the onset of shorter days and chillier weather. Please may I remind you that if school is closed due to weather conditions such as snow, a message to all parents whom we hold a mobile phone number will receive a text and it will be announced on our website.

A couple of final reminders, as we head towards winter, can you please ensure that your child brings a change of footwear to school if they intend to access the field at break times and warm appropriate clothing for the weather conditions that are suitably labelled with their name and also that any changes in contact details are updated with school. Any changes to your personal contact details can you please let our business support team know so we can amend records accordingly.

As always, any questions, comments or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Michelle Hockham

## DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
13th Anti Bullying Week	13th St Lawrence Enterprise Event	3rd Term starts
15th Deadline for shoebox requests.	tbd St Bernard's Christmas Sale	
15th St Lawrence Leavers presentation	20th Term Finishes	
17th Children In Need	25th Christmas Day	
	31st News Years Eve	

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Autumn term 2. The weeks seem to be flying by and we can't believe we are in November already.

As we move through the next few weeks please let us reassure you that as always the 'C' word will not be part of our activities until the last 2 weeks, in order to keep normal practices and routines as far as possible. This supports the students in continuing with their learning plans, without the added distractions for as long as possible.

The federation development plan will be added to the website so you can see full details of the plans for the coming year. There are 4 main focus areas:

- Raise student outcomes and progression in all areas of development
- Increase the proportion of outstanding teaching and learning across the school
- Maintain high standards of learning behaviours and social, emotional support for all students
- Continue to build on the development of outstanding standards of leadership across the federation

Condition Improvement Fund bids: We are once again working on bids for both schools for this round of applications, to address space and specialist teaching and learning facilities within the sites. We continue to bring into these ideas and suggestions from all stakeholders, including Advocates, staff, students and parents, so any more ideas please do let me know.

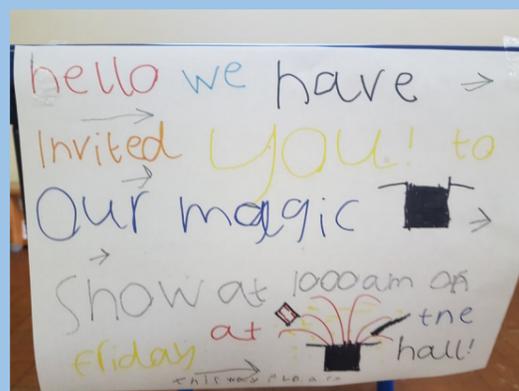
There are some exciting resources developing within Lincolnshire around emotional support for young people, so keep an eye on newsletters as we will be passing on information via this avenue.

As always if you have any questions, concerns or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with your class team in the first instance, your teaching and learning leader and of course your head of school or myself. [Lea.Mason@lwf.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Lea.Mason@lwf.lincs.sch.uk)

Best wishes

Lea Mason, Executive Head

## End of Term Entertainment



A talented group of students from St Bernard's school Key stage 3 performed an amazing end of term magic show for other students and staff on the last day of term.

Planned, promoted and executed by themselves, with a little back stage and narrating help from Pete and Nicky, the show lasted a fun packed and mesmerising 10 minutes.

Tricks included disappearing coins and wands, levitation and even mind reading.

The finale was an amazing escapology trick involving rope, body swap and teleportation.

The cheers and applause were loud and bows were low.

Well done to all involved!

## Shoe boxes

Following on from the last newsletter, we would like to request your help for the Rotary Club Shoe-box Appeal.

We would like to provide a box per classroom and would ask for your assistance by way of donating items to those boxes.

Items can be:

**Toys/games** small but appropriate for young children or teenagers

**Stationery** such as pens, notepads, erasers.

**Toiletries** such as toothbrushes, soap, flannels, hair accessories

**Clothes**, especially ones for warmth.

Can we ask that all donations be with us by Wednesday the 15th November so that we have time to box them up. Everything will be gratefully received. Thank you.

## Keep us up to date so we can keep you update



Have you changed any of your contact details recently? Please let your school know as soon as possible if you have had any changes to your address, phone number, emergency contact numbers; email address etc.

## Post 16—Transition Skills

Some of the Post 16 students went to Linkage college, Weelsby site on Tuesday to take part in a transition skills day.

They were able to choose to access Retail, Media or Horticulture.



Steph said "I liked the shop best." Reece "enjoyed the gardens. I did some planting. I planted bulbs in the ground."

Tallulah and Paige got to dress up as zombies and witches to dance to Michael Jackson.

The students had a fantastic day! It was a great opportunity for them to experience what going to a Linkage college would be like.

## Open Afternoon Success

On the last day of term, St Lawrence school held an open afternoon in the Hall.

Thank you once again for your continued support with our fundraising efforts. It was so nice to see the event being attended by parents/carers and you helped raise £161 towards the outdoor provision at St Lawrence School.



## Reading Fun

Class 3b have enjoyed reading Aliens Love Underpants this week.



## LOST PROPERTY

Can we please request that all school items including clothes, lunch boxes etc. are labelled with your child's name so we can return them if they get found.

If you would like to check if we have an item, please call reception and we will check for you.

## e-safety—Your Guide to What's Out There



**POKEMON GO** is a game, downloaded as an app on a smartphone. Players walk around the real world with the aim of catching Pokemon (Pocket Monsters). There are 150 Pokemon altogether and the aim is to capture them all by virtually throwing a ball at them via their mobile phone. The app uses GPS to show where you are in the real world and some Pokemon will only appear in certain areas or terrains. Pokemon can also be 'hatched' from an egg which requires the

user to walk a certain distance e.g. 2, 5 or 10km. As there are 150 across different locations a player will be required to travel, especially if they live in a village or small town.

A player has to be 13 to sign up but does not have a chat facility and usernames are not visible to others unless it is left at the gym. Like many free mobile games, there are items that can be bought to improve or extend the playing session. Always ensure that the phone has a password for every purchase.

There are some things to think about when playing the game, especially for children.

Players need to walk with their phone, so may be unaware of dangers around them such as busy roads, lamp posts—the phone does vibrate when a Pokemon is near so use this feature to stay safe.

The game encourages users to get together which means that children/young people will mix with strangers and may be lured into finding 'rare' Pokemons. The safest way to play is with trusted friends and family.