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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are, once again at the end of a very busy year, with many achievements to celebrate, firstly by the students but also for our schools. As I look back across the year there are so many memories:-

The leavers prom from last week where we celebrated with students their time within the federation. It was such a joy to see them in all their finery, with so many special memories to take with them as they move forward. They are such a credit to them selves and the support they have been given.

The open sessions across both schools in the last couple of weeks and terms prior.

The development of Post 16 offer with utilising the LRAC space and Post 14 vocational offer from September.

Being awarded the international school award and hosting our new link with a specialist school in Poland.

Successful Ofsted inspections and peer reviews, which have provided the challenge and support they should, but also recognised the fantastic outcomes our students achieve across all areas.

The staff team dedication to the students and ensuring they continue to develop practices in ensuring teaching and learning is nothing less than good and for the great majority outstanding.

The impact of the new curriculum in ensuring personalisation for every student.

The successful parent programmes, around Autism, Sleep, E safety, RSE... with great feedback from all who have attended.

Greater programmes on offer to support students with social and emotional challenges, and also working with MIND in supporting staff mental health.

Working with the local communities and professionals across the year, has continued to provide a multitude of experiences and will continue to grow with staff focusing on broadening the relationships we have, in developing fundraising, work experience... and so on.

In reviewing the development plan and starting to look at next steps we will be reforming as a team in the new year. As always, if you have ideas for developments please contact me on Lea.Mason@lwf.lincs.sch.uk or call either school. I can then include into the next stage of the plan.

The developments planned as part of the specialist school review are exciting, along with the plans to develop our school sites and create the learning spaces our young people deserve. We will continue to put bids into the DfE for building programmes

I must thank you all for your support across the year, with partnership in supporting learning, but also in the fundraising activities, which have ensured the outside areas are developing at speed across both schools. Our students use their voice to tell us exactly what they want and we do our best to deliver, when it is within our gift to do so.

Students have been very vocal across this year around energy saving and awareness around recycling, as well as fund-raising for charities that have supported us in school. Moving into next year students have asked us to continue with reducing plastic use, and introduce water bottles again, maintain the SCORE work in reducing energy use and inline with eco work, reduce the printing and paper use.

More information around water bottles will come to you in the new year. Students have costed and sourced what they would like and we have been addressing hygiene routines also, in preparation.

If you haven't already please ask us about registering for ParentMail. We are using this service to send texts, letters via email and online payments. As you are aware we are, along with students we are doing our bit in not using as much paper and printing, which also supports these funds being directed elsewhere.

We say goodbye to some staff this week who are going onto teacher training opportunities, university and retirement. We wish them all well. We are also welcoming some new staff into the federation in teaching and learning roles, including trainee teachers, newly qualified and learning support staff. We look forward to introducing you all at the meet and greet sessions in the new year.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support across the year and wish you a fantastic summer break. As always, if you do have any questions, concerns, queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Your class teacher should be the first port of call and then the Teaching and Learning Leaders and then head of school, myself.

Wishing you a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on the 4th September.

Best wishes

Lea Mason

MESSAGES FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



It has been another busy year for the Lincolnshire Wolds Community Trust and the time has soon flown by.

The Trust has continued to meet regularly and monitor finance and budget in an ever changing educational landscape, we have been involved with the SEND consultation with the Local Authority forming alliances with strategic partners, we have had Ofsted inspections on both sites plus much more.

As always the main ethos of the Trust is how we can improve education for children and young people within the local area.

On behalf of the Trust Board I would like to wish all our students, parents and staff a happy and enjoyable summer holiday.

David Rhodes

Chair of the Lincolnshire Wolds Community Trust



We are celebrating the end of another fantastic year at St Lawrence School with so many achievements to reflect on.

We've continued to become more visible in our community, increasing

links with local groups and businesses, including trips into Horncastle and further afield for classes across school. Some of our Upper School students have also had extended work experience opportunities with Tesco, Age UK and Johnsons Garden Centre to name but a few. All the students that have been part of any out of school experience have been a credit to the federation and their families.

The student council has continued to develop their voice across the school and their impact is evident everywhere. From the sensory space and boxes that will be in classes in September to meeting with Business Reps to spend our fundraising money. A special thank you goes to Frankie Newman who was our Chairperson for the year, she led the School Council with enthusiasm and was a fantastic role model around school.

We have developed more opportunities to work with the families of our students and would like to thank you for all the support you have given to our different events including our Coffee Mornings and Open Afternoons. The money raised has helped to buy our new outside gym equipment amongst other things. A new event this year was the Caterpillar Effect Disco which came to school to provide a disco one evening, thank you to everyone who supported this. We intend to keep developing this offer throughout next year, so keep your eyes out for the Caterpillar Effect and 'LWF's got Talent!' among other events.

As a community we believe everyone is a lifelong learner and all of the staff have been developing their own learning over the past year. A special well done to Mr Maidens who has completed his Initial Teacher Training and Mrs Pawson who has completed her Newly Qualified Teacher year both as Outstanding Practitioners. Congratulations as well to Miss Bullock who will lead our Core Curriculum development from September as a Teaching and Learning Leader.

Thank you for continued support over the year, have a restful summer and see you in September.

Sue Clinton and Martin Chatterton

Assistant Head and Teaching and Learning Leader



Here we are at the end of another academic year and it is a very poignant one for me as my son William, who attended both schools within the federation, is leaving school as he is 19. So I would like to wish all our Leavers and their families the best of luck for the future and happiness in your chosen next steps.

I hope that you and your young people have enjoyed all the fun activities held across the federation to celebrate the end of year and their fantastic successes and achievements.

On behalf of the Academy Advocates, I would like to thank you for the continuing support that you give to both schools within the federation and understand the great value placed on your role within your child's education.

I would like to thank all the staff of the Lincolnshire Wolds Federation for their hard work and dedication to giving your young people a "good and outstanding" education. They do a fantastic job and I wish them on behalf of the Academy Advocates a well-deserved rest and enjoyable holiday.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays and long may the fine weather continue.

Rachel Pavitt

Chair of the Academy Advocates



What a very busy year we have had at St Bernard's and across the federation. We have had such a lot to celebrate and you will have seen the achievements and progress in the recent end of year student reports.

Our new curriculum has meant that all students have access to increased community access and we have had lots of fantastic visits and visitors: cinema, local cafes, wildlife park, local parks, Lincolnshire show...to name but a few!

Post 16 have had a great year accessing increased vocational experiences at LRAC and they are all excited to be starting on their new accreditation pathways in September.

We are looking forward to increased community engagement opportunities as teams across the federation plan together. During the first few weeks back class groups will be working on team building, getting to know each other, relationships etc as they work in their new tree groups. Changes in the outdoor environment will support increased outdoor learning with new outside gym equipment being installed over the summer and plans afoot to develop a horticulture zone and a sensory garden over the next few terms.

We will be welcoming Paul (teacher) & Dean (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) to the teaching team in September. We also welcome Leanne who is joining the St Bernard's team from St Lawrence.

We will be wishing Jade and Ellie all the best as they embark on their maternity leave.

And of course we wish Ann all the very best as she starts her retirement.

We all would like to say a big thank you for your support over the year and we are looking forward to another fab year ahead! In the meantime have a great summer break.

Best wishes

Tonya & the St Bernard's team

Hello! Goodbye!

We have like all schools had some staff changes and additions this academic year.

People we have said goodbye to: Joan Abbott, Norma Bancorft, Rachael Baxter, Sally Curtis, Amy Drewery, John Alistair Espin, Pete Evans, Sally Harvey, Becky Kinsey, Hollie Longdon, Karen Reeson, Amber Spiers, Carole Sykes-Brown, Vanessa Toyne, Sally White, Kelly Williams, Amy Woodhouse

People who are leaving over the summer: We would like to wish them all the best in their new adventures.

- ◇ Simon Durham, Senior Residential Care Officer at the Maples
- ◇ Benjamin Johnson, HLTA at St Lawrence
- ◇ Ann Stebbings, Head of School at St Bernard's

People who have joined us during 2017-18 term: Jo Barber, Siobhan Corcoran, Karl Crawford, Tammy Creasey, Harriet Dwane, Liz Fitzpatrick, Shelley Gill, Jess Gray, Liberty Gray, Kayleigh Hallgarth, Helen Harkness, Abbie Hopwood, Jo Horrocks, Amy Leaper, Hannah Lewington, Mollie Mackinder, Kerry Martin, Liam Miller, Hollie Milson, Jade Moss, Kay Offord, Lizzie Siggee, Katy-Jane Skayman, Joanna Sweet, Sara Woods .

We also have staff joining us for the 2018-19 term but we will introduce them properly in the first letter of the year.

Today we said goodbye to Ann Stebbings, who retires from St Bernard's after 35 years.

Miss Hildred, as she was known then, started as an assistant teacher fresh out of university on 26th September 1983. Now affectionately known as Stebbs, Ann became Head of School in 2012, after 6 years of being assistant Head.



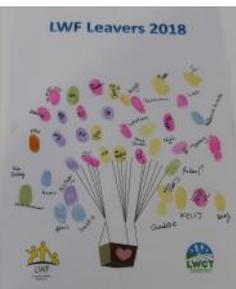
Yesterday we held a cream tea in her honour where parents and students, ex-teaching staff and community leaders all came to say goodbye.

Today we held a special morning assembly for the staff and students to celebrate Ann's time at St Bernard's.

She was presented with a Cherry Blossom tree by the Maples team and from the school staff a gold necklace and a selection of gifts to kick her retirement off in style.

Last Friday evening, LWF schools said goodbye to this year's leavers at their Prom.

Held at St Lawrence School, the young people looked beautiful in their prom dresses and suits.



After walking down the red carpet, they were treated to a reception drink and created this wonderful balloon keepsake.

After the meal, they were treated to an ice cream station with a huge selection of sweets to choose from as

Jordan cheekily demonstrates.

Alongside the disco was a photo booth which was busy all night and created quite the album.

The highlight of the night was the launch of the wish balloons. We were Facebook messaged by a lady who had found a balloon (Angus's wish) in her work place's garden on Saturday morning.

The night ended with a full voiced "We are the Champions" followed by a few tears from students and staff.

Good Luck to all of you!





LWF's Support and Portage team finished delivering their first course of the NAS EarlyBird Healthy Minds Programme.

The programme aims to empower parents, carers and professionals to understand the mental health

issues that children (5-12 yrs) with autism may experience.

Our team, Tania and Ann, were delivered the 6 session long course to parents and professionals from surrounding mainstream schools.

"This 6 week course has been the most practical and relevant course I have ever been on. Each week I left feeling I had learnt practical, positive steps to put into place not only improving my children's lives but our family life.

I would recommend this course to be taught to the wider community (schools, nurseries, hospitals). Not only would it increase awareness but understanding. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tania and Ann as I have never felt so empowered and positive about our future as a family " Parent, 2018

"This programme has been life changing for me. I feel I can be a better parent. I didn't feel judged and I didn't judge myself, just a very positive experience and I am excited for the future" Parent, 2018

The Healthy Minds program has been so well received that we are considering offering it on a rolling basis across the year, with the next planned for September. For more information and an application form please contact either Tania.james@lwf.lincs.sch.uk or Ann.ordish@lwf.lincs.sch.uk

Eco Warriors!

The Federation, lead by the school councils are extremely keen for our schools to become more eco-friendly over the coming year.

St Bernard's have already implemented a recycling and composting regime with school with Alex, the caretaker taking a lead on their behalf of ensuring the equipment is available for this to be done in the most practical and effective way.

St Lawrence's school council will continue working with SCoRE and will also be implementing a more rigorous recycling campaign in the new academic year.

Sorry to keep going on about it but...

Thank you to those who are already giving ParentMail a go. We are already seeing the benefits and applying savings to improving learning.

St Bernard's have saved **£187.90** with 38% of parents now using the app, a jump of 11% over the past 3 months.

St Lawrence have saved **£675.25** this academic year. They have also seen a jump in the uptake of use of the app (37%).

These savings are based on under 50% of communications happening via ParentMail, so imagine the amounts that can be ploughed back into the classroom when over 90% is being access on a digital platform rather than paper.

Remember using the FREE ParentMail App means everything is kept in one place with instant notifications direct to your smartphone or tablet.

So all the classrooms have been cleaned and rearranged and are ready for students old and new to start back fresh from a 6 week break.

Thank you from the staff for the various gifts that have been given.

Have a great holiday.

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28th July - Chapel Point

Beach Clean
12.00-13.30

The threats to both local wildlife and us from rubbish left on the beaches and washing into our seas is an on-going problem. Every little bit we can do makes a difference so why not come along and help us. Litter pickers are provided but if you have your own please do bring them along. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. All ages are welcome

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