

## Welcome to our end of term 1 newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last 6 weeks have flown by, as students and staff have settled into their groups across the federation. Students have been enjoying the activities and opportunities that have already started across both sites and will continue throughout the year.

We have had several counsellors visit the federation over the last few weeks to explore transition and preparation for adulthood. They were very impressed with the work that we do and how we work with other settings and professionals in trying to ensure our students are as prepared as they can be for life after school. They heard about our 14-16 offer and also visited our LRAC post 16 provision and were extremely impressed with the students showing the vocational routes they are following currently in catering, hospitality, woodwork, horticulture and talking very well around their enterprise work.

As a staff team we have been reviewing the development plan and have many exciting ventures to continue to embed across the schools and would like to continue to develop areas around teaching and learning, as well as expanding on the opportunities for students, such as, to name a few:

- Assessment system - continue to develop the new system across LWF
- Building programme across both school to support needs within provision (CIF applications)
- Review websites
- Continue to build on the restorative practices across LWF
- Keep exploring options for the KS 4/5 offer (traineeships/apprenticeships/D of E/work experience/BTEC's)
- Community engagement/fundraising projects/school council (parliament)
- Utilise our Polish links
- Build on the work around reading/investigate other reading schemes/embed IPEEL around the development of writing
- New RE syllabus embedded into curriculum offer
- Develop outside learning opportunities
- Training to include – attention autism/communication/Makaton/attachment/phonics/reasoning
- Student leadership programmes
- Student council to work with catering team around reviewing menus
- Continue to explore the Moving on and community engagement role that Trish is doing this year – impact and next steps

Any suggestions, ideas please do let us know so we can build into the development plan.

**Student Voice:** Through the LWF school parliament students, as you will be aware, from previous newsletters, are expressing their worries and concerns around recycling and sustainability. The LWF parliament have completed a piece of work around the use of water bottles, rather than plastic cups and as such have requested these across LWF. They had costed out, sought from suppliers and gave me a very thorough application. After the half term break every student will be given a water bottle to use in school and the parliament are working with students and staff around washing instructions to ensure they are all cleaned appropriately. Should your child require a new bottle after this initial set up then they will be at a small charged cost.

**Buildings:** We are continuing with the Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) bids to the DfE for both schools this autumn and with the planning with the local authority around the specialist schools strategy. We have been doing some work around planning what we need at each school in terms of rooms, spaces and also specialist spaces – sensory rooms / science spaces and so on. If you wish to explore the strategy in a bit more detail then have a look at the website pages at: [www.Lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.Lincolnshire.gov.uk) and enter SEND strategy into the search bar.

**The Avenue:** The Avenue is the trusts (LWCT) post 16 / post 19 provision, based in Louth, set up to support our young people with SEND to continue to work on skills around accessing the community, life skills and so on. The provision is non educational but maintains a focus on life-long development in line with the trusts vision. The Avenue is accessed via direct payments and can be a great opportunity to explore community activities or to compliment an educational placement.

If you would like more information please contact myself [Lea.Mason@lwf.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Lea.Mason@lwf.lincs.sch.uk) or Anita at the Avenue.

As always if you do have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your class teams or leadership team as detailed over the page.

Best wishes

Lea Mason, Executive Head, LWF

## St. Bernard's School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term we have had! I cannot believe that we are already at the end of our first term.

The students have made some amazing progress and have settled well into their new groups. They have been supported with the increasing use of circles and work around feelings and relationships. Many of our young people are increasingly able to express their feelings which then helps then supports them in many ways throughout their day.

There have been lots of visits out in the community where there have been lots of different learning opportunities and a focus on social interaction and life skills.

Some of our youngest students in Apple & Cherry have had their first outing on the bus. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will be going further afield over the coming terms.

Post 16 students on Oak & Larch have started on their AIM award pathways which has opened up increasing opportunities for them. Some of the students have started new work experience or have increased their days. We have students accessing Interskills, Manby café, LA reptiles in Lincoln as well as internal work experience in the kitchen at school and also supporting in other work roles.

Some of Upper school, Birch and Cedar classes, have been out and about supporting some of the local churches.

Elm and Hazel are busy planning their next trips! Willow class are planning to use public transport next term and they have been out and about walking and litter picking. It is fantastic to see such positive community engagement and working together.

We are ending the term with a disco with the SEND specialist disco charity Caterpillar Club.

We look forward to seeing you in school after half term when there are opportunities to meet with class teachers to look at learning progress so far and next steps.

Have a lovely week!

Tonya



## St. Lawrence School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing half term we've all had. It has been a really busy one filled with lots of different opportunities, new staff and students are continuing to settle in well to St Lawrence and we are looking forward to even more success next term.

As well as our regular trips into Horncastle visiting the Library, Tescos, Co-op and the weekly market we have had trips out and about to places like Snipe Dales and the Police Museum in Gainsborough.

We celebrated Lincolnshire Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> October with sausage and mash with plum bread and Grantham pudding for dessert. We have also held a Macmillan Coffee Morning that raised an impressive £170. We currently have a group of students working on the Mini Police Scheme with Lincolnshire Police, they are already getting themselves organised to start in school after the holidays.

Rachel Pavitt our Chair of Academy Advocates visited the school and was very impressed with the independence and enthusiasm of the students. Students in years 10 and 11 have started on their accreditation pathways and are showing great promise at this stage.

Have a lovely restful break and see you all after the holiday.

Sue Clinton and Martin Chatterton  
Acting Head of School and Acting Assistant Head

If you have any questions or concerns, Just a reminder of some of the who's who:

### St Lawrence

Acting Head of School – Sue Clinton

Acting Assistant Head – Martin Chatterton

Teaching and Learning Leader, Core – Daisy Bullock (focus on English currently across LWF).

### St Bernard's

Head of School – Tonya Stokes

Assistant Head – Helen Harkness

Teaching and Learning Leader, Core – Leanne Firth (focus on Maths currently across LWF)

### Across LWF

Teaching and Learning Leader 3 (1 year) RSE / PSHE – Kerry Chatterton

Teaching and Learning Leader 3 (1 Year) ICT – Tonya Pawson  
Moving on and Community Engagement (was transitions) – Trish Hughes

Maples - Principal Education Care Officer (PECO) Suzanne Hogg

## ANNUAL SHOE BOX APPEAL

This year our schools are again collecting items to send to less fortunate people abroad and would appreciate your help in creating these. The gift boxes may not always be given as Christmas presents but given throughout the year to many age ranges.

Boxes are supplied by the organising charity but we would be grateful if you could donate any small toys, school supplies, hygiene and cosmetic items and seasonal clothes such as sunglasses, gloves, hair accessories etc.

**St Bernard's Deadline for items: 1st November 2018**

**St Lawrence Deadline for items: 12th November 2018**



If you change any of your contact details please let us know directly as soon as possible. This is not information we can share with other agencies or them with us.

## POPPY APPEAL

After the autumn holiday students will be given the opportunity to buy a Remembrance Poppy.

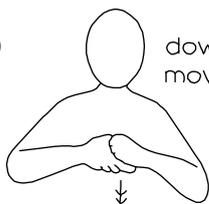
There are also several other items available to buy such as bracelets, stationery, pin badges, key rings, and lanyards



Suggested donations are between 50p and £2 per item.

## Makaton® of the Month

**FRIEND**



Small downward movement twice



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## PUMPKIN FUN

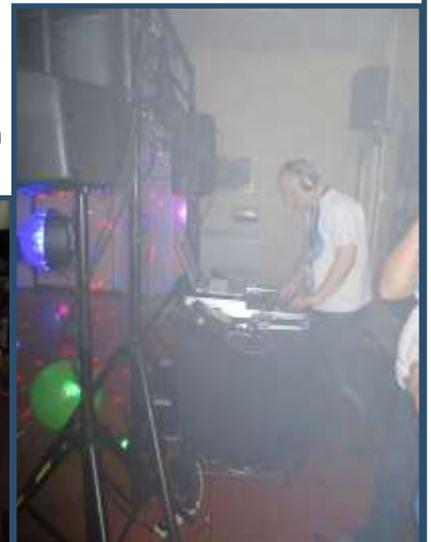
The smell of pumpkins hung in the air outside 3CH as students hollowed out and cut up their Jack-O-Lanterns ready for Halloween when schools come back.



## DANCING QUEENS (AND KINGS)

Caterpillar Club, a SEND specialist entertainment company set up for an afternoon of dancing fun with students at St Bernard's school on the last day of term.

The students enjoyed music, lights and bubbles in the hall. We were also joined by BBC Radio Lincolnshire who interviewed some of the students which will be broadcast on Children In Need day on the 16th November.



## SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Primary who received their swimming certificates this week. Jak and Thomas both received their 50m, Callum received his 25m and Rhiannon received her 10m. Other certificates awarded were Blowing Bubbles Underwater, Back Float, Entering the Water Safely and Jumping In.



## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



A group of students who are following the City & Guilds Conservation Pathway, spent Friday morning working with Tesco's in Horncastle in a clean up in and around their store.

Eight bags of litter were collected, sorted and recycled where possible. This was our way of saying thank you for money received from Tesco for our outside play area.

**Thank you** so much for the donations so far for donations to our LRAC/ Life Skills work. We can always do with more. **Contact Shelly at St B's.**

Halloween Decorations, Christmas Presents...

 **Raise free donations** for us every time you shop online with easyfundraising!



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## UNIFORM

Please Note: all children (with the exception of Post 16) are required to wear school uniform. These are available from Tesco's or Nationwide School Uniforms—links to their online shops are available from our school websites under the Parents menu.

Can you also please make sure that any item of clothing your child wears to school is name tagged so that it can be returned to them should it be handed in to Lost Property.



## Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

### Parent carer Coffee meetings

**Are you feeling isolated and alone?**

**Do you think you are the only one feeling as though you are not being listened to?**

If so join like minded people for a free coffee and a chat hosted by a local LPCF volunteer.

We also from time to time have 'invited' guests to tell us about what they can offer parents of children with disabilities and SEN.

#### UPCOMING DATES

<b>BOSTON</b>	Mon. 5th Nov. 10-11.30am	The New England Hotel, West Bargeate
<b>BOURNE</b>	Thur. 6th Dec. 10.30-12pm	The Nags Head
<b>SLEAFORD</b>	Fri. 1st Feb '19 11-12.30pm	Jolly Scotsman, 18 Lincoln Road, Holdingham
<b>SPALDING</b>	Tues. 29th Jan. '19 11-12.30pm	Castle Sports Complex, Albion Road
<b>WOODHALL SPA</b>	Mon. 12th Nov. 11-12.30pm	The Mall, Station Road

Web: [www.lincspcf.org.uk](http://www.lincspcf.org.uk) Tel: 07925 232466 Email: [admin@lincspcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@lincspcf.org.uk)

The forum are currently looking for volunteers to support other parents and carers and also hold a wealth of information on their website [www.lpcf.org.uk](http://www.lpcf.org.uk)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

- 19th Caterpillar Club Disco (St B's)
- 19th Last Day of Term
- 30th Term 2 Starts
- 31st Halloween Party (St B's)

### NOVEMBER

- 6th Leavers Presentation Evening
- 9th Individual Photos (St B's)
- 14th School Parliament Day to celebrate UK Parliament Week
- 16th Children in Need
- 20th UN Children's Day

### DECEMBER

- 11th Christmas Concert at St Mary's
- 14th Caterpillar Club Disco (St L's)
- 18th Christmas Fayre and Production
- 20th Last Day of Term



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