



March 2024

Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of our primary site's newsletter, where we celebrate and acknowledge the unique abilities, talents and achievements that make each member of our St Christopher's family truly exceptional. Join us on this journey of discovery, compassion, and collaboration as we continue to build a school that not only educates but also inspires and empowers.

Student wellbeing

The student wellbeing team would like to thank everyone for coming to our previous Coffee Morning. It was very well attended and we were happy to see so many familiar faces and new faces! Also, a thank you to the LD community Nurses for attending and offering out advice. We'll be holding another coffee morning on the 8th of May at 10am on the primary site. We would love to see you all



World Book Day

We're thrilled to share that we've just wrapped up a fantastic celebration of World Book Day! Our students brought the pages to life with their creative costumes, showcasing an array of beloved characters. The atmosphere was buzzing with storytelling and engaging activities that sparked the imagination. A big shoutout to everyone who contributed to making this day a success! Let's carry the love for books forward and continue to explore the wonders that reading brings.





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Federation Leadership Changes

You will know there have been some changes in the federation leadership over the last few months. The structure below is mirrored across the federation at both the secondary site and St Francis.

Executive Leadership Team – Primary site

- Executive Headteacher Federation – Janette Kennedy
- Head of Operations Federation – Georgia Burrows
- Head of School Primary – Helen Reed

Senior Leadership Team – Primary site

- Assistant Headteacher – Sinead Mannion
- Assistant Headteacher – Jessica Newcombe

Middle Leadership Team – Primary Site

- Informal Pathway Lead – Jenny Malaney
- Semiformal Pathway Lead – Lyn Ayscough
- Preformal Pathway Lead – Jessica Newcombe

Readathon

At our school, we love reading! However, we understand that tatty and 'out-of-date' books do not inspire readers; we need to replace books and buy the latest releases so our children can continue to enjoy reading. We would like to raise some funds to buy new library books.

During World Book Day, celebrated in school this year on Friday 8th March, the students took part in a Readathon! This means that someone from each class was always reading during the school day, including sensory stories and bag books.

This was a fun day for all paced with story opportunities.

The project was organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Book Partner – Sarah Singleton, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. On top of this, we will earn up to 60% in EXTRA FREE BOOKS.

Thank you to everyone who helped the school to raise money. This will continue with a book fair in April – more details to follow in the next newsletter.

New Starters/Staff Changes

We have a new Administration Assistant who started with us on Reception in January, **Alice Beach**, many of you will have already met or spoken to her. She replaces **Amanda McFadden**, who has been promoted to Administrator, with specific responsibility for pupils.

Please also welcome **Duane Tween**, our new Caretaker, who after only a week in school is getting into the spirit of things by joining in with World Book Day ...



We will introduce all our staff new starters over the next few newsletters ...

Molly the Dog

Over the last couple of months we've been fortunate enough to have Molly (the dog) and Annabel from Pets As Therapy visit us. Each week the students have built up more confidence in their interactions with Molly and they always return to class with a smile on their face!





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Apply for free school meals

If you receive any benefits, you should tell your school as they can get extra funding called **the Pupil Premium grant**. This includes:

- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly can also get free school meals.



Term Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September – Friday 20th October

Term 2

Monday 6th November – Wednesday 20th December

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 9th February

Term 4

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

Term 5

Tuesday 16th April – Friday 24th May

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Attendance

Our attendance so far this term is 92% thank you for all your support in helping us to improve this.

Universal Free School Meals

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they are in a government-funded school and are in: Reception, Year 1, Year 2. Please speak with a member of the admin team if you have any questions.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

Upcoming Events

International Maths Day – Thursday 14th March 2024

Student Wellbeing Coffee Morning – Wednesday 8th May 2024

Social Media

Facebook Page

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School Website

www.lincolnstchristophers.com

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