

The Wasp

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E-safety notification

Over the course of the pandemic lots of children have been given more freedom to access devices and subsequently websites, games and apps, so this is a good time to talk to your child(ren) about internet safety. Last weekend, one of our children was involved in an incident on Roblox but it could have been any similar game with a group chat facility, in which they were sent inappropriate messages by someone pretending to be much younger than they actually were. Luckily this was spotted very quickly but it does show how important it is to keep an eye on your child's internet usage. A few basic rules would help prevent similar incidents:

- Explain to your child that anyone that asks them not to tell mummy or daddy is not to be trusted and use this as a starting point to discuss various internet safety scenarios
- Limit time on the device
- Use the device in a communal area (kitchen or lounge)
- Make sure mobile phones aren't taken up to bed (this is key)
- If you can, it really is worth setting up parental locks and filters

There are lots of other 'rules' and you can get useful and up to date information on one of the best e-safety websites: <https://www.esafety-adviser.com> if you want to find out more.

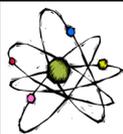
Shoe Shop

Our first free shoe shop took a bit of time to get going but we have actually found new homes for almost all the shoes that were donated. Thank you. If you have any good quality but worn shoes that you no longer need, please bring them to school and leave them with me at the green gate. Mrs Elliott in the front office has a special cleaning kit and she will clean them and store them ready for anyone that needs a new pair of school shoes. Just ring and ask.



An Easter Message from the Bishop

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/bishops-letters>



Science Spot

Exciting fieldwork in Year 2: This term Year 2's topic is 'Springwatch'. We began with Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr Fox' which we have been studying in Literacy and as part of our Science lessons we have looked at how we know if something is 'living', different animal groups, how offspring in each group are born and develop into adults, food chains, how we know if an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore by looking at their jaws and limbs and how they are suited to their habitat. This week we have explored Lollycock's Field, the River Slea and the surrounding fields to give us a more 'hands-on' experience of all of this, as well as micro-habitats. We saw lots of minibeasts, particularly ladybirds, as well as ducks and lambs amongst other creatures, and lots of different plants, many of which we could name. We were surprised at how much is on our doorstep.



Investigating our local area: Year 2 children experiencing hands-on field work in Lollycock's Field and on the river bank, to learn about different animal groups.



Charlie's Medals

<https://www.sleafordstandard.co.uk/news/sleaford-school-raises-enough-cash-to-bring-wartime-medals-home-3177664>



Ithar, David and Oliver with the Penson medals

Get an 'Owl'

We have awarded over 160 'Owls'. Like a Blue Peter badge, you can write in or e-mail requesting one. You must have done something positive under one of the following categories:

1. Environmental
2. Community
3. Sport/the Arts
4. Family/School

Good luck and if you get one, remember to wear it with pride.

Easter Challenge

Can you do any better with an empty Easter egg box?



Red Nose Day

Our final Red Nose Day total was £546 for Comic Relief. Thank you.

Easter Holidays

We break up on Wednesday 31st March (no school on Thursday 1st April) then return again on Monday 19th April 2021.

A Message from Mrs Risdell, our Bishop's Visitor

Next week you have your last few days at school before the Easter holidays. It is the week we call "Holy Week" when we remember the last days of Jesus's life on earth. On Sunday we remember the events of Palm Sunday when we recall Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey surrounded by cheering crowds shouting "Hosanna" and waving palm leaves. Last year we made our own palm leaves or crosses and maybe you could make one again and put it in your window at home. In the next few days we will remember the events which happened later in Jesus's last week. The story of the Last Supper that he had with his friends – remember the window in the church? Later he was arrested and tried and then the crowds shouted "Crucify" and Jesus died on the cross. Finally on Easter Sunday his friends discovered that he had risen again and they began to spread the good news about him to all those they met. Remember that your chocolate Easter eggs are symbols of that new life and hope breaking out into the world.

This past year has been very difficult for us all and I wish you all a happy and refreshing holiday and hope we can get back to something more "normal" and maybe even see each other again before too long!

Strictly Home Dancing

Carres Outreach are currently running a virtual dance competition for all ages. If you fancy yourself as a Justin Timberlake or Oti Mabuse, Mr Westerman says just click on the link and create your own dance routine. All entries must be in by Thursday 1st April. Have fun and 'Keeeeeep Dancing!'

<https://williamalvey.secure-primariesite.net/sport-at-the.../>

Bikeability

Hannah Q's Grandad says:

Firstly, for any children wishing to do their Bikeability training and able to pay Outspoken Training are running some holiday courses in various locations including in Lincoln on the 31st May and 1st June. The courses are delivered by qualified, professional instructors and run over two days from 10.00am - 2.30pm with a 30 minute supervised lunch break each day (8 hours of training in total). Unfortunately the price of the course is £50 per person. For more information, course dates and to book a places, visit <https://outspokentraining.co.uk/holiday-courses/>. It may be useful to tell other parents this in case any of them would like their children to do their Bikeability training.

The other event you may be interested in is the **Sustrans Big Pedal** (<https://bigpedal.org.uk/>). Although it's called the Big Pedal it is a challenge in which schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school. The idea is to encourage pupils and their parents to engage in more active travel improving health, improving air quality and reducing traffic congestion. Whilst I appreciate that Sleaford isn't ideal for children cycling, if we can show that people want to travel by active means we can encourage the Highway Authority to provide better infrastructure.