



# The Wasp

How neat is your handwriting? Why not have a go at our handwriting challenge?

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## Own Books

Next week Mrs Nel is going to launch our 'Own Book' scheme. We have collected lots of good quality second hand books and put them on a special shelf in my office. We plan to give them out to any interested children who will be able to take them home and either keep them or return them and exchange them for a new book. We would be very grateful for any good quality books that you would be willing to donate to this scheme.

## School Clubs

The school clubs letter has been uploaded onto the 'Letters' section on the website. A number of other clubs will start throughout the term. You will be notified of these in the 'Wasp'.

## Year 5 at Lincoln Castle

On Tuesday our Year 5 children visited Lincoln Castle. You can see some of the photos on their class pages.

## Colsterworth Festival

You will need to rehearse for the Colsterworth Festival. If you visit the 'Latest News' section on the website you can find out the rules for each of the categories and some hints and tips. We will rehearse in school but you will still need to practise at home.

## Year 4 Assembly

On Tuesday Year 4 took part in a super assembly all about the Victorians, their medley of Oliver songs was brilliant. Thank you parents for all your support.

## Coughs, Colds and Flu

If you aren't sure whether to send your child to school please read the following NHS advice:

[www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx)

If your child has been to see a Doctor and has consequently been diagnosed with the flu, chicken pox, measles or slapped cheek it is also important you inform the school. Thank you.



## Science Spot

Growing future scientists: One of our aims in school, is to inspire future scientists through our exciting and inspiring science lessons and to encourage children's enthusiasm and interest in any area of science. By capturing and encouraging this early enthusiasm, we can be setting our children up for a fulfilling and rewarding future career.

Many children are fascinated by dinosaurs and the fossilised remains of species which inhabited the earth millions of years ago. In Year 6, there is a whole topic on such creatures, and to help our understanding, we have a visit later this month from Palaeo-Man, Jules Howard.

Jules is a wonderful example of where an early enthusiasm for science can lead to an exciting future. Although he hadn't really thought much about the natural world before the age of 13, all that changed after an encounter with a frog – or lots of frogs, and frog spawn, and newts and water beetles.

He had gone to a friend's house to play football. It was early spring and there were frogs everywhere. Jules had wandered away from the game to have a look in the pond and he was transfixed. Lying flat on the grass, he stayed deadly still and silent, watching frogs, frog spawn, newts, water beetles and mosquito larvae in this strange, weird, watery world.

At school, Jules was okay at science but he was often bored (sadly, his science lessons weren't as interesting as those at the Alvey.) Jules felt that the underlying principle of science was about curiosity and creativity and finding answers for himself, about all sorts of weird things (a bit like we get to do here.)

After his A Levels, Jules went to the University of Liverpool to study Zoology and Animal Biology, then he completed a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Evolutionary Psychology. Jules is now a wildlife expert, zoology correspondent, author, science-writer and presenter. He writes regularly for The Guardian, BBC Wildlife Magazine, often contributes to the BBC AND gets to visit enthusiastic budding scientists at the William Alvey School.

(Right) Author, presenter and wildlife champion, Jules Howard, who will be visiting Y6 on 26 January



## **URGENT: E-safety notice**

Computer games and apps have an age rating for a reason. Please don't let your child use an app, game or website that is not suitable. I often hear parents say 'it's okay because they use my account' or 'it's okay because they only use it in the kitchen and the privacy settings are on high'. It really isn't okay. The use of 'Musical.ly' for instance has caused lots of problems nationally and opens your child up to the possibility of 'abuse' by strangers pretending to be someone they are not. Please take action or we will report under age users and your account will be wiped.

### **U11 County Football Finals**

On Saturday 20th January the football team will be taking part in the county finals at Skegness. Mr Grayling and Mr Westerman will be going and Mr Almond will be returning to keep an eye on things. Good luck footballers.

### **Young Voices**

On Friday 19th January our Choir will be travelling to Sheffield with Mrs Ringrose to take part in 'Young Voices'. Good luck singers.

### **PTA Meeting**

Our next PTA meeting is this Monday 7.30pm at The Solo Club. All welcome.

### **Names in School Uniform**

Please can you remember to put your child's name in all school uniform. If you do we can return all lost property. If it isn't named, this is much more difficult.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day is Thursday 1st March. This year we will be dressing up!

### **Inclement Weather**

In the winter we still go outside for PE. We would encourage the children to bring in track-suit trousers and a sweat-shirt or similar. You might want to put in gloves and a hat too.

### **Mrs Stonestreet's KS2 Art Club**

Due to the high number of applications, Mrs Stonestreet had decided to split her art club over two terms. You will receive a slip today, please check which term your child has been allocated.

### **Handwriting**

We know that what the children write is more important than how it looks. However handwriting has to be neat and we have to be able to read it; there is also great merit in developing a fluent, legible handwriting style.

Try writing the following two sentences in your best handwriting. Send it to me and I'll put some of the best examples on the website.

*During the Victorian era (1837 – 1901), good penmanship was considered very important. Writing was vital as the Victorians did not have computers or mobile phones.*

### **Candlemas Service Sunday 4.2.18**

On Sunday 4th February we have been invited to St Denys' to present our Reredos Project to Father Philip. The service starts at 10.00am and everyone is welcome. The Year 5 'Disciples' will receive a special invitation.

### **PTA Quiz Night-Solo Club Friday 26th January**

The PTA Quiz is taking place on Friday 26th January at The Solo Club starting at 7.30pm.

Up to 6 members in a team. £2 per person. Entry forms from the school office on Monday.

What was the name of Richard Briers' character in 'The Good Life'? Where are this year's Winter Olympics being held? Have you entered a team yet?

### **Year 4 Swimming**

We are still looking for volunteers to help walk down with the Year 4 Swimmers on Thursday morning. If you can help please ring the school office. Thank you.

### **KS1 Homework Club**

Thursday 12.00-12.30pm. In Mr Tapley's Office.

### **Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football**

We are about to start a Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Club possibly on Tuesday night. Please check the Wasp next week for more details.