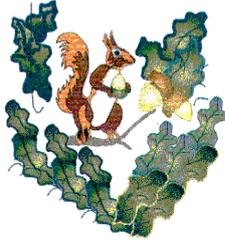


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## News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Christmas festivities have ramped up this week. Today, kind members of the PTA were in school to present a Christmas present selection and wrap opportunity for the children to buy a secret present they can give at Christmas. The interest in the event was overwhelming – thank you to all parents who have sent money in. Unfortunately, one afternoon was insufficient time to allow all those who wanted to take part to do so, and 200 gifts were not enough! The PTA will be back with us on Monday to ensure all those who want to take part in the gift event can do so.

We have spoken to the children in school, so all the children are aware we will be continuing the event on Monday, so should not be too disappointed. Thank you.

### PTAs Santa's Grotto event and Elf Day in aid for the Alzheimer's society - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Please remember to dress up in your Elf kit on Monday or Christmas non-uniform. Any donations that you are able to make can be made via the Just Giving link shown below or via the QR code.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elfday-fleetwoodlane?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=elfday-fleetwoodlane&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=68cdb0105202491f86f1c1f929a0684e](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elfday-fleetwoodlane?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=elfday-fleetwoodlane&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=68cdb0105202491f86f1c1f929a0684e)

### Illness and Scarlet Fever Update

Unfortunately, today we have been notified of one confirmed case of scarlet fever in school, for a member of our Hedgehogs class. We are following health guidance to schools and in line with this have notified The East Midlands Health Security Agency and the Local Authority Health Protection Team.

Below you will see information provided to school regarding scarlet fever and I am also sending correspondence from Lincolnshire County Council for your attention.

If your child is unwell and presents the symptoms detailed below, please do keep them at home until they are feeling better. (Please remember to notify the office of the absence.)

Children diagnosed with scarlet fever can return to school 24 hours after commencing antibiotics and siblings/close contacts, who are not affected, can continue to attend school. Children with scarlet fever who do not receive antibiotics can be contagious for up to 2 weeks, so it is really important if you suspect your child has scarlet fever that you contact your GP.

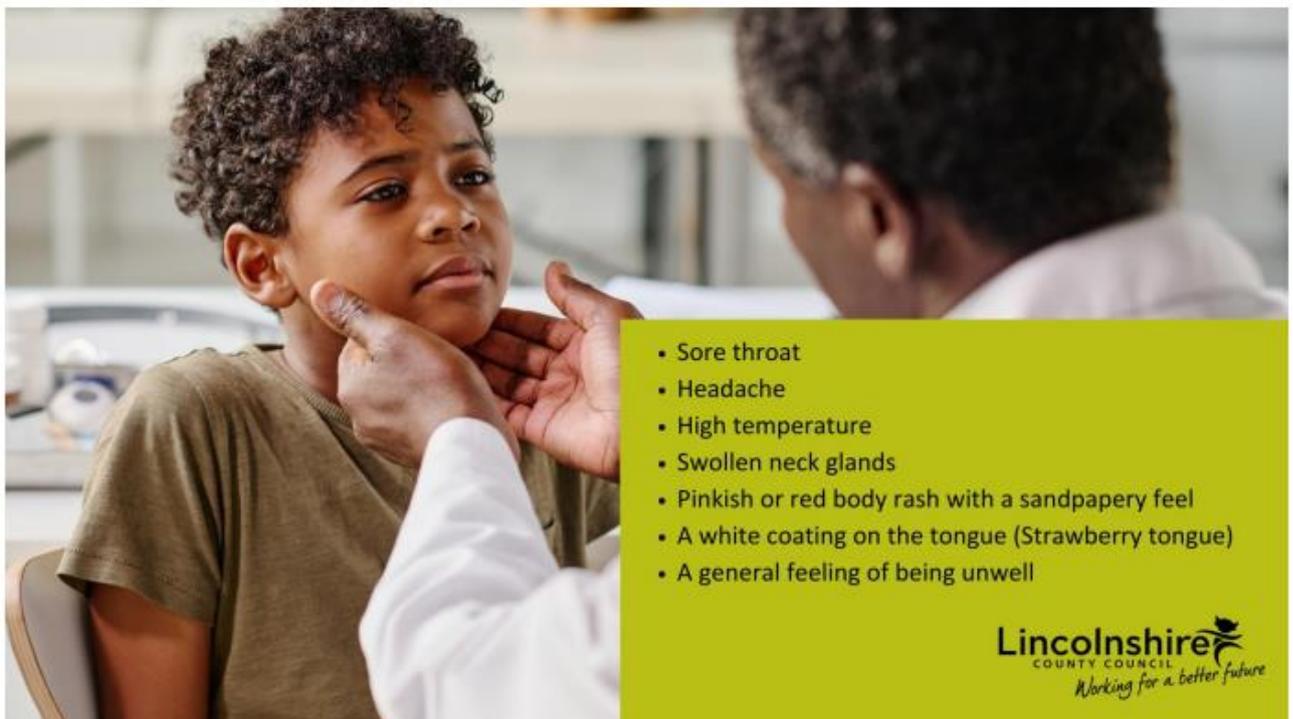
## SCARLET FEVER AND STREP A

There has been a higher number of scarlet fever cases than usual for this time of year. Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness but is highly infectious. Scarlet fever is caused by a bacteria called group A streptococci (GAS) which can cause other respiratory and skin infections, including impetigo (a skin infection where small pustules join to form crusty yellow sores), tonsillitis and pharyngitis (sore throat).

There has also been a rise in lower respiratory tract Strep A infections over the past few weeks, which in some children can cause severe illness if the bacteria enters the blood stream. The most serious infections come from invasive group A strep, known as iGAS. Whilst iGAS infections are still uncommon, there has been an increase in cases this year, particularly in children under 10 and, sadly, a small number of deaths.

**It is important, therefore, to treat children with signs of group A strep infections, like scarlet fever.**

Scarlet fever symptoms to look out for include:



## What to do if a child is unwell

If a child becomes seriously unwell, parents should be advised to contact 111 or their GP, particularly if the child's condition is getting worse, they are eating or drinking less, have a temperature above 39 degrees and are tired or irritable. Please only attend A&E in an emergency.

Parents are advised to call 999 or go to A&E if:

- The child is having difficulty breathing or there are changes in their breathing, for example pauses
- Skin, tongue, and lips are blue
- Is floppy and will not wake up or unable to stay awake

## EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity Update

EYFS class will present their Nativity performance on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm (children to be in school at 5.15pm).

Mr Ardito is writing out to parents today, with ticket booking slips for the performances. Fortunately, Mr Ardito realised (ahead of the night) that demand for seats may be higher than our fire certificate allows for, so we will be offering two performances of the Key Stage 1 (Otters and Hedgehogs) Nativity performance to ensure that we can accommodate everyone. The evening performance will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm (children to arrive in school for 5.15pm) with a repeat performance on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. Please refer to Mr Ardito's correspondence coming out today for more information and ticket booking slip.

## Attendance update

Illness continues to prevail across all classes. We wish all those who are currently unwell a speedy recovery. We absolutely do not wish to see unwell children coming to school – being looked after at home is the place to be, but would ask that you continue to do all that you can to avoid unnecessary absence from school where ever you are able. Thank you.

Whole School Attendance – 81.22%.

Group	No. of Students	Maximum No. of possible attendances	Total Absences				Total Attendances		Total No. of Students who were absent on one or more session		% Unauth. Absentees
			Authorised		Unauthorised		No.	%	Auth.	Unauth.	
			No.	%	No.	%					
Year Group Reception	30	300	43	14.33	0	0.00	257	85.67	13	0	0.00
Year Group 1	26	236	29	12.29	11	4.66	196	83.05	9	2	7.69
Year Group 2	28	280	28	10.00	2	0.71	250	89.29	8	1	3.57
Year Group 3	23	229	30	13.10	10	4.37	189	82.53	5	1	4.35
Year Group 4	30	300	61	20.33	0	0.00	239	79.67	14	0	0.00
Year Group 5	22	203	43	21.18	4	1.97	156	76.85	10	1	4.55
Year Group 6	30	300	70	23.33	16	5.33	214	71.33	16	3	10.00
Totals	189	1848	304	16.45	43	2.33	1501	81.22	75	8	4.23

Year to date whole school attendance – 93.97%

Totals	189	22899	1181	5.16	199	0.87	21519	93.97	149	43	22.75
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## Carol Service

Year 3 and 4 will be leading the carol service at St. Mary Magdelene Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm. Year 5 and 6 will be lending their singing voices to the service. All Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents are welcome to attend the service.

The last day of term is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December which is also 'CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY!' so dig out the party clothes. Willoughby Foods are providing party lunch for those who have ordered it. Those providing their own lunch should feel free to enjoy something special! Teachers in each class will be organising a range of festive, fun activities.

### **Winter weather**

Some of our children must have super warm blood, as despite below zero temperatures, they have arrived to school without their coats. As all children are encouraged to enjoy outdoor play every day, please ensure that you send your child to school with an outdoor coat every day. Thank you.

### ***If school needs to close...***

If due to close weather, or heating malfunctions, or frozen pipes (or any other reason) we are unable to open the school, we will advise you of this in a number of ways.

- We will update the school website – displaying a rolling notice.
- We will update Linc FM and Radio Lincolnshire
- Teachers will update your teams accounts

We will do all that we can to offer you as much notice as possible – please do not ring the school before 8am as the phones are not manned until then.

As always, if you have any queries or comments regarding the contents of this letter, or any other aspect of the school's operations, please do contact us directly. In the unfortunate situation that you feel that we have not addressed a concern you have raised, you are able to escalate your concerns through our complaints policy. This can be found on the school website. Of course, we hope that you do not have the necessity to refer to this. We wish to work with you, so will strive to meet your needs.

Your faithfully,

Mrs M Parker  
Head Teacher