



# Lincoln St Christopher's School

## December 2021



Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year with lots of opportunities to develop student's independence and broaden their range of experiences. We are working hard to get all of the students safely back out in to the community to be able to put in to practice what they are learning in class. Our year 11 students have done a great job in their mock exams and are working hard towards their accreditation. Our students new to school have settled really well and we are delighted to have welcomed them and their families into our school community.

Despite the on-going challenges of Covid we have done our very best to ensure that students are accessing as much school as possible. The guidance constantly changes and I thank families and staff for all of their support and understanding. We do anticipate further guidance coming over Christmas and are already preparing to lateral flow all students who are of secondary age on the first day of term. Please can I ask all families not to send their child in if they have a cough, it is very difficult for us when we then have to call parents/carers to collect. We are determined to minimise the impact of Covid on students and families lives as much as possible but we continue to live in uncertain times. I hope that all students and families stay safe and well over the Christmas period. If your child is positive over the Christmas period, please can I ask you to email me with this information as we continue to track cases within our school community. My email address is: [kyna.adkins@lincolnstchristophers.com](mailto:kyna.adkins@lincolnstchristophers.com)

We are now well under way with the building project, with the primary school construction team on site laying the foundations. We have had a number of months delay on the completion date of the primary school however, this has not impacted on the timeline for the secondary site construction phase. To get two beautiful purpose-built special schools we will have to go through a short period of disruption and I will aim to keep you informed as we go along. The first disruption will be in February 2022 where we will temporarily lose our ARC car park whilst the construction team build a plant room on the end of one of our classrooms near the ARC car park. We will have a temporary car park made on our school field which will be accessed via Wallis avenue. Over Easter, further work will be done and we will lose our bike storage and the site manager workshop. We will be looking to relocate the bike storage area.

I want to take the opportunity to wish all our students, staff and families a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. I am so proud of our school community and want to thank you all for your continued support.

**We had our Christmas dinner yesterday, Thursday, this was free for all pupils.**

**Unfortunately, Santa couldn't manage to visit us here at St Christopher's this year, as he's isolating so he's ready to deliver to everyone next week!**

**Dates for diary:**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day (no students in school)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Students first day back
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day

Best wishes

*Mrs Kyna Adkins*

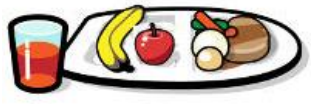
Head teacher





# School dinners

## School Dinners



School dinners are paid for through the Parentmail app.

If you are unsure how it works and/or would like some guidance please contact the school and we will guide you through the process, it is a very easy way to pay (like Paypal).

- Lower £2.10
- Middle £2.20
- Upper £2.50

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, your child may be eligible for free school meals. To check if your child is eligible please register online following this link:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

**You can apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and has a free meal due to their age, it is still important to register for free school meals if you are eligible.**

You will need the following information to complete your application:

- An email address
- Your name
- Date of birth
- Address
- National Insurance Number
- Your child's name and date of birth

You will receive immediate confirmation of your application, followed by an email confirming whether your child is eligible. Once you have this confirmation please inform school, providing a copy of the letter.

**Breakfast Club 9.15am – 9.30am**  
We have Breakfast Club, which is free to all pupils. We have a selection which can include bagels, toast & cereal.



## Attendance

Please ring 01522 528378 before 9.30am, press 1 for pupil absence, and leave a short message explaining the reason for absence. The absence line is available 24 hours.

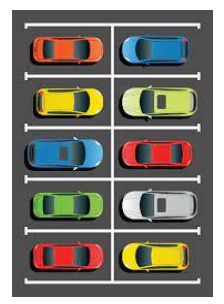
Please can we remind you of the importance of regular school attendance, which is a priority for your child and our school. There is a very strong link between regular school attendance and achievement and if your child is frequently absent from school, it may impact on the attainment your child achieves at the end of the school year.



## School Parking

Please can we remind you if you are visiting the school/collecting children to not block any cars in.

If there are no available spaces you will have to park out of school grounds, please park considerately. Many thanks



## Fundraising this year

- Macmillan £102**
- Children in Need £181**
- NSPCC Number day £35**
- Car Boot Sale £280**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved, parents, pupils and staff.

### Donations

We have received a fabulous £500 donation from Rotary Club of Lincoln for Christmas presents & treats for the pupils.

We are fundraising for playground & outside equipment for both of our new buildings, see following donations:

- ASDA Green token £200
- Postcode Lottery £500



## Staff News



### New staff:

*Teaching Assistants:* Mrs Linzi Crowder, Miss Alisha Leonard, Mrs Erika Pinchbeck & Miss Chloe Pearce, as well as Miss Laura Mackenzie who has started as a Teaching Assistant, having previously been our Senior Midday Supervisor.

*Teacher:* Mrs Barbara McLennan has remained on our staff in a Relief/Supply role.

*Midday Supervisory Assistants:* Mrs Claire Willows & Ms Emiliya Petrova

### We are sadly saying goodbye to:

Mr Colin Ward, our Site Manager, who is retiring after 30+ years working at St Christopher's.

Miss Clare Pattison, Teacher, Clare has been at St Christopher's and previously at Queen's Park for over 20 years.

Miss Kirstey Clay, Teaching Assistant

**We wish them all the best in their new adventures.**



### Bike donation

We would like to say a huge thank you, as we've had an amazing donation of bikes for pupils, as you can see in the photos, as we're looking to teach pupils to ride a bike.



**Lower & Middle Formal pathway** children have enjoyed a successful term & are looking forward to another one after New Year. 2LA started swimming in November and have even been travelling back from NK Swim School on public transport using their new bus passes. Later in January 2022, 2AC will start swimming as well as using public transport as part of their 'preparing for adulthood' curriculum. The other middle school classes 2ER and 2LW will enjoy swimming later in the year.

We are also going to enjoy welcoming visitors to our classes in January & February, including Dan, an Online Safety Officer, Pam Street from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Jennifer from the Community Dental Services, Mel, an Education Mental Health Practitioner and Miss Webster, our resident 'Drama' enthusiast!

### Sports news - Football

St Christopher's played Aegir School earlier this term at St Christopher's, it was a great match both teams did their best.

We managed to win 9-5.

Well done to all the team!





**Please see below which class and area of school your child is in, as well as the Lead school staff.  
This will assist you when receiving invites for school events and who to contact in school.**

Mrs Helen Reed - Assistant Headteacher  
Miss Chloe Bowness – Wellbeing Lead

Mr Niall McCordick – Assistant Head teacher  
Mrs Holly Strachan – Wellbeing Lead

Lower	Teacher	Middle	Teacher	Middle	Teacher	Upper	Teacher
1SB	Mrs Siobhan Boyle	2CR	Miss Charlie Robinson	2AC	Mr Adam Clayton	3AW	Miss Alice Webster
1DM	Mrs Di McGill	2MM	Mrs Michelle McCourt-Onn	2ER	Mr Ed Roberts	3SN	Miss Siobhan Newton
1HC	Mrs Heather Cole & Mrs Naomi Fletcher	2SM	Ms Sinéad Mannion	2GT	Mr George Tucker	3ST	Mrs Sara Taylor
1JP	Miss Jessica Preval			2JE	Mrs Jill Evans		
1NW	Mrs Nora Watson			2LA	Mrs Lyn Ayscough	<b>Post 16</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
1TM	Mrs Toni Malone			2LW	Miss Leanne Whitehead	4AHS	Mr Alex Hall-Smith
				2NC	Miss Natalie Crowther	4EC	Miss Emma Castle



SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS  
Lincoln St Christopher's School  
**2021-2022**

TERM 3

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
To  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Bank holiday:  
Training Day:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

TERM 4

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
To  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Bank holidays:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

This day off is in-lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day in the May half term

TERM 5

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
To  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Bank holidays:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

TERM 6

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
To  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

*1 day of twilight training being held in November, March & June.*