



Church schools serving their communities through excellence, exploration and encouragement within the love of God.

The diocese of Lincoln is called to faithful worship, confident discipleship and joyful service and our church schools bear witness to our belief that that every child is made in the image of God and loved by Him. They were founded for the good of their local communities so that children can be educated through the values and stories of Christianity.

From Chair of LAAT

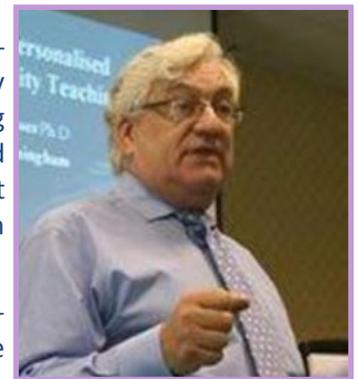
The school year rushes towards us and with it that additional pressure to get everything done before the end of term. It has been a busy year and I want to pass on my thanks to everyone , Heads, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Cleaning and Caretaking staff, Lunch time Supervisors and Cooks , School Secretaries and Governors ...indeed all who have contributed to children’s progress and development in our schools. It takes a school community’s effort and team work to provide the ambience within which our children thrive..... SO THANK YOU.

I trust you will have a refreshing break over the summer months and thus be reinvigorated for the fray in September. 2016/2017 won’t be a less busy year as LAAT will be welcoming a number of new schools into the family and LAAT employs new staff to support its development. What I find gratifying as we come to the end of this year and the beginning of next is that despite all the pressures and change nationally as well as locally we have been able to remain focused on what makes LAAT Schools distinctive. To that end I am also looking forward to the ‘Understanding Christianity’ programme which LAAT is funding and trust your school has someone on the programme. He or she will need the support of colleagues throughout the school to implement what is learnt so that all Staff feel better equipped to support and develop those values which lie at the core of Christianity and are the bedrock of our distinctiveness.

Have a wonderful and well deserved summer break.

Professor John Visser

Chair LAAT



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Let's talk about joy.....



The Diocesan 'strapline' is Faithful, Confident, Joyful.

By which it means; faithful worship, confident discipleship, joyful service.

I recently had the pleasure of talking to headteachers in the diocese of Norwich about joy as a fruit of the spirit and it focussed my mind on how necessary joy is to get through our days.

Of course I think , when Paul describes joy in Galatians as a fruit of the spirit I don't think that an enormous pancake or a huge puddle or a win at football is really what he means.

It is easy to experience the quick temporary surge of positive emotion that a fun fair or a concert or a double chip cookie ice cream sundae or a very large puddle with a pair of wellington boots can bring. But I think that he's talking about something deeper, more importantly something more powerful.

The Bible mentions joy 242 times and often it comes along with grief, with difficulties. The joy of the Bible is hard won and maybe all the sweeter for that.

I think that, in Galatians, Paul is talking about something that can be so powerful that it can break through the pain of everyday living. It can break through loss and grief and disappointment, it can banish fear and anxiety and it can shift the world on its axis so that we can see things in a different perspective, rebalanced, manageable.

Of course joy is rarely a big thing. For me it is usually little things.

Hurray for the little things **Hurray for a stranger's smile**

Hurray for a foggy morning (don't you just love the fog...)

Hurray for a single snow flake

For the smell of a toddler's cuddle

A single daisy

The first jelly baby.....well, and the 2nd ...and possible the 3rd

Sunsets and incredible views are....incredible. They fill me with awe, lead me to feel creative, often allow me to sense the wonder and awesomeness of a creator God.

But the little things, the things that bring an uncalled for smile to my face, start a giggle in the pit of my stomach, (which usually escapes) make my step lighter and the sun brighter, those things help me see a God that is not only awesome but who is also intimate enough to be within me, surround me, care about me and that's what shifts the darkness to let in the light.

So, for me joy is a gift powerful enough to allow me to keep a perspective which makes life manageable.

The question is, how can we teach our children to find the time to be joyful, especially when we so often fail to do that ourselves?

How can we ensure that joy, intentional joy, gets both us and them through the day, through the tough stuff, and into a place where there is perspective and hope and love?

God bless

Jackie

Schools' News

Magdalen School, Wainfleet



Staff and children at Magdalen Primary School, Wainfleet, entered into the spirit of the Queen's birthday celebrations when they held a street party style lunch on Friday 10th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

180 children and 20+ staff, many dressing up with Kings and Queens being the theme, stood up and sang the national anthem before enjoying fun and laughter together over a feast of buffet style food



Also on Friday 27 May the School Council held an

Autism Awareness Fund Raiser

The event was the idea of one of the Yr.2 councillors Lucy, whose brother is autistic. Events included "Sponge the grown-Up", a singing contest and a cake stall. The school, raised a magnificent £334 for the National Autistic Society!!



Magdalen Primary School visit to Lincoln Cathedral

The pupils enjoyed a tour of the cathedral learning key facts on the history of the building and detailed information on the carvings, statues and tales told about the cathedral. They joined other schools in awe and wonder to sing in the seats where the cathedral choir sit. This was followed by a drama session where the pupils acted out verses from the poem Fright Night which they will once again perform at their end of term leavers' assembly in July.

During the afternoon our pupils were part of the year 6 festival service where five of our pupils had the chance to read prayers in front of a vast crowd in the Nave of the beautiful cathedral.

Our most memorable moment was when two of our pupils carried our new school banner (hand stitched by one of our schools teaching assistants 'Mrs Beard') down the Nave.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Training Expedition 13th & 14th May

Staff and Students at William Lovell Church of England Academy spent a busy , but rewarding training weekend undertaking a DofE expedition. Students had to plan and prepare a route over 12 miles from Stickney to Hagnaby Lock to New Bolingbroke and returning to Stickney putting their map reading and team work skills to the test! They all arrived safely back having worked extremely well throughout the whole expedition, demonstrating excellent teamwork and perseverance



Year 11 Leavers' Lunch

Friday 27th May saw the end of an era with this year's Year 11 students enjoying a full afternoon of events .

It started with a speech and then onto the Student Awards, voted for by the students. The afternoon's events were hosted by Cole and Jack Johnson, William Lovell's answer to Ant & Dec ! Lunch followed which was a lovely buffet chosen by the students and provided by Mrs Mason and her fantastic team of ladies. Staff joined the students for lunch, signing of the year books and hoodies



New Prayer Room



The Bishop of Grantham, the Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain, has officially opened a new prayer room at William Lovell Church of England Academy in Stickney. Designed and created by student members of the school's Faith and Values group, Bishop Nicholas was invited to cut the ribbon and offer a special prayer in the room, which will offer a quiet space for those of faith and those of no faith to pause during a busy day to pray or reflect.

Jackie Waters-Dewhurst commented that "Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust directors see this development as yet another step into an exciting future for the staff, pupils and community of Stickney. I am so delighted to see the school moving forward; the pupils and staff together under the leadership of headteacher, Mrs Sonja Craig. I look forward to great things."

It is anticipated that a prayer garden will be the next venture for the Faith and Values group, and more information on William Lovell Church of England Academy may be obtained from the school website.

Ulceby St Nicholas

As a whole school we were very lucky to take part in our own Race For Life event on Wednesday 25th May. Thank you to our resident running expert Mrs Julie Franks for organising the event. Children, staff, parents and member of the local community took part - in fact just over 100 people! Runners could choose from competing in either a one, two or three mile race (the latter two were cross-country events on our local footpaths). A big thank you also goes to the ladies from Barton Athletic Club for marshalling and helping out on the day. It was a complete success and we managed to raise a whopping £2531!



Hero Hedgehog Rescuer!



Tyler David, a pupil at Canon Peter Hall School, bravely rescued a hedgehog which had been badly hurt.

Tyler was with his friends in the Boat Park in Immingham when he saw another boy kicking the hedgehog. He quickly responded by alerting his mum who rang a vet and Tyler wrapped the hedgehog in a tea towel where it was transported in to the care of Kerry Last at the Hedgehog Care Centre, Authorpe, near Louth. Kerry named the hedgehog "Tyler" after his rescuer and praised him for his quick response and sense of duty. Tyler's name was put on the school's "Above and Beyond" notice board.

Kerry stated that "now is not a good time for hedgehogs and urged everyone to check under piles of leaves, their compost heaps or bonfire stacks to make sure there are none hiding"

Weston-St. Mary

STEM week

The children at Weston St Mary recently engaged in STEM week—a week where the children focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities. The week ended with a lovely Lego and K'nex afternoon where children's fathers, step-fathers and grandfathers were invited to spend time with their children to celebrate Fathers' day



Healthy Schools Week

During this week the children had a fantastic time learning about health lifestyles (healthy eating, food hygiene, toilet and hand hygiene and a huge range of physical activity). The Outdoor Education Company brought a visiting Climbing Wall to the school which our children thoroughly enjoyed. The week ended with an inspirational School games Day organised for the school by Agilitas Sports, based in Spalding, who introduced the children to Boccia and New Age Kurling

Welcome to the LAAT team

Laura Lowe has recently joined the Trust and joins us as a HR Officer. Laura has 8 years' experience in HR and payroll within local government and Academies and recruitment experience prior to this. Laura is going to work alongside Laura Capindale in HR and help support our Schools as they grow and develop. Laura will be a day to day contact within the HR Office and can be contacted on 01522 504014 or lauralowe@laat.co.uk



Leanne Holmes joined the LAAT as Finance Director in May 2016. She is a qualified Accountant, having completed her qualifications in 2000 whilst working at Streets & Co Chartered Accountants.

Leanne has extensive experience in the charities field and her last role was as a Financial Controller at The Orders of St John Care Trust, a not for profit organisation caring for older people across 75 sites throughout the UK, with a turnover of c£120m.

Her aim is to ensure that the finance function is able to support the LAAT in responding to the challenges of a fast-evolving educational sector and is able to deliver a high quality service to the schools that it serves.

In her spare time, Leanne is a Treasurer and Trustee of a local Scout and Guide Association



Adele Moss has recently been appointed as a member of the HR team at the Trust. She is a professionally qualified trainer who will work closely with Laura Capindale, the HR Manager to identify and fulfil development needs across the Trust. Adele has over 7 years' experience in creating, delivering and sourcing learning solutions within a business environment. She has recently graduated from the University of Lincoln with a Master's Degree in Human Resource Development. Her role as Learning and Development Advisor will see her support employees across the Trust, to increase their effectiveness at work. Adele can be contacted on [01522 504014](tel:01522504014), [0771 3307410](tel:07713307410) or adele@laat.co.uk



Sarah Machin is the newest member of the Trust and will be providing the interim HR Manager support whilst Laura Capindale is on maternity leave for the Trust. An experienced L and D professional, she has over 30 years' experience in a number of large private and public organisations in HR and learning and development roles. Her focus in her new part time role will be to provide professional, and timely support and guidance to our schools. Sarah can be contacted on [01522 504014](tel:01522504014) or Email sarah@laat.co.uk



REConnecting Lincolnshire, Culture Community, Creativity Interfaith Project

The Diocesan Board of Education is, currently, working on an innovative programme of enlightenment to help develop and promote tolerance, encourage positive discussion and debate and to celebrate our county's wide diversity in the light of rising antipathy towards other communities.

Gillian Georgiou, Diocesan RE Adviser, is working on this project with a selection of schools to produce a piece of theatre that will involve parents, members of the local Christian Community and members of the local Muslim community. The production will be performed in November 2016 and further information about the project will be in our Autumn Newsletter

If you would like to know more about the project please contact Gillian at:

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For more information on the Education Against Hate campaign

LAAT Employee Benefits Update

With the warmer weather fast approaching have you considered our **Ride to Work** initiative? It could be the perfect time to get on your bike. Everyone has the opportunity to purchase a brand new bike, with a saving of up to 42% and you can spread the cost over 12 – 18 months. Payments are taken directly from your wages. The Ride to Work Scheme allows you to incorporate exercise into your commute to work, saving time and money.



For more information regarding the scheme and the additional benefits it provides, please see the following link:

<https://www.evanscycles.com/ride-to-work/employee-benefits>

Have you heard about our new **Retail Discount** scheme available to all employees as a gift from the Directors? The free scheme entitles you to discounts at some major retailers and service providers and allows you to have discounts on online purchases and gift cards and you can find out more information at:

<https://www.busybeesbenefits.com>

Childcare Vouchers can be used to pay for registered childcare for children up to the age of 16. LAAT employees signed up to our scheme will pay for the vouchers direct from their wages making it a quick and simple way to save on tax and National Insurance outgoings. There is further information and a handy online calculator, to work out how much you could save at:

<https://www.busybeesbenefits.com>

If you are interested in signing up to any of our LAAT schemes you can email Adele Moss on adele@laat.co.uk

Or call her on 07713307410

And Finally!

A fond farewell (for the moment!) to Laura Capindale, who starts her maternity leave in July

The Trust held celebratory tea and cakes for Laura on Friday 1 July where she was presented with gifts for both her and her new baby.

We look forward to seeing the new arrival very soon!



Whilst Laura is away **Sarah Machin** will act as interim HR Manager. She can be contacted at :

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Autumn Newsletter

We welcome all articles for the next newsletter. Please send information to Sarah by the beginning of October ready for end of October publication



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