

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

Our Opening Service this week in the Cathedral was a very special and memorable Whole School occasion and well done to all the children for performing superbly.

Well done also to our U11 Girls' Hockey team who had a convincing 6-1 win versus Ranby House and to the IAPS Hockey team who grew in confidence as the day progressed, winning their last three games. I am looking forward to being able to report on victories from the Boys' teams in the second half of term.

I would like to say thank you at the end of this first half of term to all the parents for their understanding, support and at times patience. It has been important to listen and to hear the overwhelming commitment to our school moving forward. Thank you also to the staff for their hard work and to the children for making it so delightful.

I do hope everyone enjoys the half term break.

With best wishes



**Greg Das Gupta**  
Headmaster of St Mary's Preparatory School

### SPANISH NATIONAL DAY



Did you know that 12<sup>th</sup> October is Spanish National Day? The Lower School Dining Room was decorated in a riot of colour with Spanish flags and bunting, Spanish music played all day, and the children on both sites, Upper and Lower school, were treated to a range of Spanish dishes for lunch. It was lovely to see children being adventurous and trying out new food – the menu contained something to tempt everyone, including traditional paella, Empanada with tuna and vegetables, patatas bravas, chorizo and cheese slices with olives and peppers, and rice pudding made the Spanish way with cinnamon. A huge thank you to all the catering staff for this sumptuous feast, and to Mrs Garcia for her Spanish input in the Lower School dining room!

Michaela Howard

### CAR PARKING

The City of Lincoln Council is aware of the need for parental parking at pick up and drop off times at St Mary's EYFS & Lower School. There is however no preferential agreement to allow this to occur at any City Council car park including the Langworthgate car park. Within the working practices of the City of Lincoln Council a 15 minute grace period from the time one parks is allowed before an excess charge notice is issued. This includes the car park at Langworthgate.

### Y5-6 PROGRESS REVIEW CARDS

**Pupil progress review cards received today will need signing and returning to school on the first day back after half-term please. Grades will then be added to the report in future terms.**

## FUTURE

### EVENTS

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	
11.20am		6H on local History Walk
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
9.45am		Discoverers & Explorers Arboretum Walk
2.15pm		6MD on local History Walk
2.30pm		U11 A & B Hockey v St Hughs (a)
2.30pm		U11 A & B Rugby v St. Hugh's (h)
<b>Thursday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
1.450pm		6D on local -History walk
<b>Saturday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	
12.00noon		Cycling Proficiency – Mr. Perry
		Lunch Menu = Week 3



## YEAR 2 TRIP TO CRESSWELL CRAGS

On Wednesday all of Year 2 travelled back in time 15,000 years! We all visited Creswell Craggs- a limestone gorge honeycombed with caves and smaller fissures. Stone tools and remains of animals have been found in the caves by archaeologists. We went to experience what it was like to live all of those years ago. Before we started our journey to the cave we had to put on our helmets with a light at the front. As we neared the cave a Cave Girl appeared from nowhere and surprised us all! She was fascinated by us and enjoyed telling us about her life at Creswell Craggs. Before we could go into the cave she had to make sure that there were no cave bears or cave lions hiding inside! She shouted us when we could go in and we mounted the steps to the dark entrance of the cave. We put our lights on and found our way to a part of the cave where the Cave Girl told us an exciting story all about cave life. After the story had finished, we left the Cave Girl at her home and journeyed back to the Visitor Centre. There was an interesting exhibition that told us even more about life long ago and the animals that lived there. Nigel was our Education Officer for the day and he let us do some excavating! We found animal bones and flint tools in trays of sand and had to brush them off very carefully to reveal every detail. We spent time identifying the bones and deciding whether the animal they came from was a herbivore or carnivore. Hidden inside some boxes were the skulls of a Hyena, Cave lion and wolf, WOW! We had to put cotton gloves on to handle them so that we did not mark them. We were very excited to see a real Woolly Mammoth tooth. It was enormous! We had such an amazing time and hope to go back and visit the Cave Girl again another day!!



## JEANS FOR GENES



Many thanks to all who participated in the above event. The School raised **£212** for this very worthwhile cause.

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR BROWNIES

Due to an increase in Brownie numbers this year, I am looking for three adult volunteers who would be willing to come and join the Brownies on Thursdays from 4pm-5pm for some girlie fun! Ideally, I would like three adults who would be prepared to assist on a rotational basis every third week. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mrs Skelton at [amie.skelton@church-schools.com](mailto:amie.skelton@church-schools.com)

## LOST

**FREDDIE M'CARTNEY** named cap - missing for two weeks - seems to have disappeared from the Reception cloakroom.  
**FELICITY WADDINGHAM:** PE sweatshirt - room 7  
**RYAN GRANT:** red/white/blue OPRO mouthguard (Liam borrowed it) - room 3  
**MOLLY DAWKINS** - clear named mouthguard - rm 8  
**LIMONE STONEHOUSE POPE** - blazer - room 6  
**INDIANNA MARTIN-GRINHAFF** - tracksuit hoodie - room 6

## REPORT FROM THE HEAD BOY

What a fantastic service we had on Tuesday at the Cathedral. The Choristers and School Choir were all excellent and it was a real honour to have Lord Carey with us. There were many sports fixtures this week, well done to all who took part in them. Have a restful Half Term holiday everyone!!! By Jacob Parker

## **M E R I T A W A R D S**

# **Congratulations**

to the following pupils who were awarded a Merit Award in Assembly today:

3B	Emily Whyles
3H	Ellen Walker
3KB	Minaahil Shahzad
4G	Georgia Riga
4K	India Stott
4W	Ben Jalihal
5L	Juliet Price
5P	Ella Wood
5T	Olivia Reynolds
6D	Max Hallgate
6DM	Harry Douglas
6H	Charlotte Rostron
Music	Olivia Pavey-Roth
Sport	Ewan Hodgkison