



## Multi-Cultural School Link

There has been a lot in the press, largely relating to Ofsted, about children in Lincolnshire needing to broaden their horizons and have a greater awareness of children from different socio-economic and cultural backgrounds to ourselves. Thanks to the work of the **Parish of Louth**, we have recently established a link with the **Arab Episcopal School in Irbid, Jordan!** The Arab Episcopal School (AES) was founded in September 2003. It started as a kindergarten to reach the **blind and visually impaired** children of northern Jordan. Many of these children had spent their lives out of the public eye. Through the work at AES, these **children are now given an opportunity to go to school and learn to read and write**, as well as interact in a natural and safe environment alongside their sighted peers.



Today **AES is the only school of its kind in Jordan that works to integrate sighted, low-vision and blind students.** Currently, the school educates 17 blind children, 17 low-vision students, 141 sighted students.

A key focus for the school is, therefore, integrating blind and low vision students with sighted students, providing all with the best educational and social opportunities. Like all schools, AES want to develop individual student's academic capabilities as well as their character by providing them with peace education that is built on democracy, respect of human rights, an emphasis on volunteer work and being good stewards of the environment.

Like St. Michael's, the AES has firm school values: **Respect, Truth, Love, Giving, Honesty & Peace.** Some of our KS2 children have already begun writing profiles about themselves ready to exchange with children in Jordan. We also hope, thanks to the wonders of technology, to have **face-to-face 'video conferencing'** to allow the children to see each other and we are delighted that one of our parents will be able to **translate Arabic** for us! This is an exciting opportunity for our school and one which, over the coming years, we could all benefit from.

*Mr P Fox*

## Arab Episcopal School Irbid, Jordan



### Forthcoming Events

**Mini Tennis at Tealby Tennis Centre  
on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Y3/4**

**Orienteering at Cordeaux Academy  
on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Y5/6**

**Church Schools' Festival at Lincoln Cathedral on  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Y6**

Details will follow to parents whose children will be attending.

### Term Dates

**Term 5 ends – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Term 6 begins – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Term 6 ends – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

## School Crossing

Mrs. Andrews (School Crossing Patrol / Lollipop Lady) has asked again that parents ensure their children stay with them when walking down the hill to the crossing. There have been a number of occasions when children have run down the hill and attempted to cross the road alone which has caused concern. She also asked that children are encouraged not to ride or scoot over the crossing.

Thank you.



**Parent View**  
Your Child's School

**Give Ofsted your view  
on your child's school**

In the past we have asked parents to complete a questionnaire about how you think the school is doing. Sometimes a request comes from Ofsted before an inspection. As most schools do this, the government decided to create a uniform way of collecting parental opinion.

Every school now has its own part on the government website [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) It is from this site Ofsted will gauge parents' views about a school.

There are 12 questions for you to answer ranging from 'My child is happy at school' to 'Would you recommend this school to another parent' and you select an answer from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

If you have access to the internet at home, we would be very grateful if you could find time to log on and share your opinion about the school (you'll need an e-mail address to complete the survey). The survey is very user friendly and should take no more than ten minutes to complete.

Thank you very much in advance.

## School Hours

We have noticed that more and more children are arriving early and being left unaccompanied in the playground on a daily basis. Also that children are staying late at the end of the school day. We have witnessed children arriving as early as 8.15am and departing as late as 4.15pm in all weathers.

**Could we please remind parents that there is no supervision on the playground until 8.45am each day and after 3.30pm (unless they are attending an after-school club).**

School is **not** responsible for your child's welfare beyond these times. For parents who need to drop off early/collect late, The Limes Play and Learn offers pre and after-school care and is conveniently on site at the school.

## Advanced Notice!

**FS Fathers' Day - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June pm**

This year's sports days will take place on the following dates:

**Juniors - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July pm**

**Infants - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July pm**

(Subject to the weather)

**Junior Swimming Gala - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July pm**

Parents welcome at all events

## Sunshine Alert!

Anticipating a warm couple of months ahead it is very important that we educate the children as to how to **keep safe in hot weather, avoid sunburn, headaches and dehydration**. If we are lucky enough for the sun to shine, please send your child to school with a **named sun hat** each day (no sunglasses please), as an hour outside for PE or half an hour at lunch time is a long time to be in full sun. A named water bottle should also be sent in daily. Also, can you please **apply sun cream to exposed areas before your child comes to school** - a high factor cream will last most of the day.

## Mobile Phones - Does your child really need to bring theirs to school?

Whilst we understand some parents in Year 5 and 6 entrust their children with a mobile phone (as many do at secondary school) we have recently had children as young as Year 3 handing them in to the school office! Do they really need one for school?

## Baseline After School Club

**Please be aware that there will be no after school Baseline club on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, the group will recommence on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**