

Fostering Friendly School Newsletter

April Edition

Welcome to the March Edition of the Fostering Friendly School Newsletter!



What an egg-cellent job children of Scartho Junior Academy have done for Fostering NEL's big Easter Egg Hunt!

Year 6 pupils have been busy making their own 'chocolate shard bags', mixing chocolate with marshmallows, pretzels, sweets and even Jammie Dodgers. The school kindly provided all the ingredients, with the children then selling their creations to other pupils, raising a fantastic £388.

The Academy, which recently joined us as a Foster Friendly School, then used the proceeds to buy a huge collection of Easter Eggs for children and families joining us at our Easter celebrations.

School's egg-cellent help!

Assistant Principal and Year 6 teacher Nichola Fawn said: "We challenged the children to think about how they could 'help sweeten the lives of others'.

*By joining the Foster Friendly initiative, Scartho Junior Academy is helping to create a more understanding, supportive and inclusive environment for foster families and the children in their care.

This commitment means:

Better recognition of the unique needs of children with care experience

A more nurturing school environment, where children feel understood, valued and supported

Stronger relationships between education and fostering services, helping children thrive both at home and in school



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Welcome along!

Out & About



Welcome to St Peter's CE Primary Academy

This commitment goes beyond a title – it represents a meaningful pledge to support foster families and ensure children in care experience understanding, consistency, and belonging within their school environment.

By adopting foster-friendly practices, St Peter's is helping remove barriers, strengthen relationships, and create a culture where every child has the opportunity to succeed. A huge thank-you to the team at St Peter's for recognising the vital role schools play in the lives of children in care and for stepping forward as champions of inclusive, compassionate education.

Emily at Waltham Leas Primary Academy

Our fostering recruitment officer Emily recently set up at Waltham Leas, one of our amazing foster-friendly schools. While parents were attending parents' evening, Emily was on hand to say hello, share information and answer any questions about fostering in a relaxed and welcoming setting. It was a great opportunity to chat with families, raise awareness of fostering, and celebrate the school's continued support for our fostering community. Would your school like Emily to pop along? Email us at fosterfriendlybusiness@nelincs.gov.uk



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Foster Friendly Brunch

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We're delighted to invite you to a special Foster Friendly Brunch, hosted by our wonderful foster carers in celebration of Foster Care Fortnight.

Date: Wednesday 13 May

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Venue: McMenemy's, Blundell Park, Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes DN35 7PY
This relaxed morning get-together is our way of saying thank you for being part of the Foster Friendly community. Whether you're a school, business, or organisation supporting fostering in North East Lincolnshire, your involvement truly makes a difference.

At our brunch you'll have the chance to:

- Meet and chat with foster carers
- Hear real stories about fostering in our area
- Connect with other Foster Friendly partners
- Enjoy some delicious brunch in a warm, welcoming setting

We'd love to see you there!

[CLICK HERE](#) to book your place

Calling All Schools!

Calling All Schools – Become Foster Friendly!

Across North East Lincolnshire, dozens of schools have already signed up to be Foster Friendly – standing alongside their pupils, families and staff to show that fostering matters. Being a Foster Friendly School is about advocacy, understanding and practical support. It could mean:

- Displaying NEL fostering posters or sharing information with families
- Supporting staff who foster, or are thinking about fostering
- Making a small pledge that supports children in care in your school community

Do you know a school who may be interested in becoming Foster Friendly?

Email:

fosterfriendlybusiness@nelincs.gov.uk

Call: 01472 323966

Email:

fosteringandadoption@nelincs.gov.uk

Website:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr2zssdp>

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Meet The Senior Leadership Team

Director Childrens
Services – Anne-Marie
Matson



Service Director
Regulated Services –
Paul Cowling



Deputy Service
Director – Queenie
Carrie



Jayne Betts, Fostering
Service Lead



Meet The Supervisory Team

Practice Supervisor
Fostering – Rachel
Watson



Practice Supervisor
Fostering – Kayleigh
Forrington



Practice Supervisor
Fostering – Jacqueline
Mills

