

# LIONEL WALDEN SCHOOL



## **NATIONAL TEACHING SCHOOL**

Lionel Walden School has been selected by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) to become a national teaching school—an important role in raising standards. Teaching Schools take a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession, identifying leadership potential and providing support for other schools. Lionel Walden School was one of only 200 schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest designation round. Introduced in 2011, teaching schools are all rated as 'outstanding' and mark a shift towards school-centred training. They work with partner schools in an alliance, including at least one university, to ensure high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career. They raise standards through school-to-school support, engage in research and development, and ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become successful headteachers.

We are extremely proud to be designated as a National Teaching School. This designation builds on our expertise in Initial Teacher Training, School to School Support and Continuous Professional Development. We will now be providing additional training and development along with our partner schools. NCTL has responsibility, in partnership with headteachers from the Teaching Schools Council, for the designation and quality of the teaching schools programme. Charlie Taylor, the Chief Executive of NCTL, said Lionel Walden School should be very proud of their teaching school status. It recognises the school's outstanding performance and its track record of raising standards through supporting other schools.

## **UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

From September, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will receive a free school meal every day funded by a Government initiative. We are increasing staffing and investing in new kitchen equipment to enable us to meet the increased demand. For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the price of a school meal will remain at £2.00.



## **END OF KEY STAGE 2 TESTS**

These will take place between Monday, 12th May and Friday, 16th May. It is important that Year 6 children attend school during the week of the tests.

## Sports Day

We hope that Lionel Walden School Sports Day will be held on Wednesday, 21st May, starting at 1.15 p.m., weather permitting. All parents are welcome to attend. Please can parents refrain from sitting at the ends of the track (for safety reasons). The school children will be expected to stay with their classes throughout the afternoon and be collected from their classrooms at the end. Drinks will be on sale for adults and very young children (we will provide drinks for Pre-School and school children). Please ensure your child brings a sunhat with them.



## Swimming

The dates for this term are as follows:-

<u>Class 3 &amp; Class 4</u>	<u>Class 7 &amp; Class 8</u>
Friday, 25th April	Friday, 6th June
Friday, 2nd May	Friday, 13th June
Friday, 9th May	Friday, 20th June
Friday, 16th May	Friday, 27th June
	Friday, 4th July
	Friday, 11th July

There may be some amendments to Classes 7 and 8 swimming sessions due to the Isle of Wight trip and transition activities. Parents will be advised of these nearer the time.



Swimming contributions are £1.50 per session. Please note that all children must have a swimming hat. These can be purchased (price 50p) from the school office.

## Naming of Clothes

Please could you ensure that your child's clothing is named, particularly sweatshirts, cardigans and coats. With the arrival of warmer weather, if children leave their sweatshirts lying around, we cannot return them to their owner if they are not named.

## Health & Safety

### After School

We would like to remind parents that children should not play on the outdoor equipment after school has finished and should leave the premises promptly. In addition to the health and safety issues, the Lions' Den Out of School Club has hired the equipment and it is for their sole use from the end of school until 6.00 p.m.

### Bicycles

Parents are reminded that bicycles and other ride-on toys should not be ridden within the school grounds, particularly at the beginning/end of the school day.

### Car Park

Pedestrians should not walk across the school car park or down the vehicular access to the Lions' Den Out of School Club. Please use the pedestrian walk way to enter the school at all times. Please could parents ensure that their children do not enter the car park. We also ask that parents take into consideration local residents when parking before and after school.

### Dogs

Please note that dogs are not allowed on school premises.

## Vouchers

Once again we are collecting vouchers for the school. At the moment we are collecting the Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers for PE equipment. We will also be collecting Tesco vouchers later on in the year. Many thanks to all of you who have collected vouchers so far. Collection boxes can be found in the school entrance hall.

## Photographs/Videos

Throughout the year, your child's photograph may be taken or activities videoed, as we record activities taking place in school. On some occasions, these photos may appear in the local press and on the school's website. If any parent has any objection to this, please inform the school office.



## International Education

We are in the process of planning another International Education week at the beginning of the second half of this term (2nd–6th June). This will be the twelfth year that we have undertaken this activity and we hope to build on the success of the previous years. The aim is to create opportunities for children to discover about other countries and cultures and to have their awareness raised about local, national and global issues. Below are details showing the countries which each class will be studying. If you can help us with any activities, please contact Mrs. Barnard-Taylor or Mrs. Bayes.

Pre-School	-	France
Class 1	-	Switzerland
Class 2	-	Australia
Class 3	-	Italy
Class 4	-	USA



Class 5	-	China
Class 6	-	Brazil
Class 7	-	Ukraine
Class 8	-	Denmark

## School Uniform

Mrs. Clarke, in the school office, is taking orders now for September, 2014. Please place your order with her as soon as possible for the following:-

Sweatshirts (priced £8.50 upwards)  
Fleece Jackets—£12.25  
Lightweight Rain Jackets—£11.95  
Ultimate Reversible Coat—£17.95



## Class Assemblies

This term's class assemblies are as follows:-

Class 1	-	Friday, 11th July
Class 2	-	Friday, 27th June
Class 3	-	Friday, 13th June
Class 4	-	Friday, 20th June
Class 5	-	Friday, 16th May
Class 6	-	Friday, 4th July
Class 7	-	Friday, 6th June
		(This is a change in date)
Class 8	-	Tuesday, 22nd July

Please note that Pre-school children, toddlers and babies are not permitted into the class assemblies. A crèche for these children is provided by members of the school staff.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Summer 2014

Monday, 5th May	School closed—Bank Holiday
12th—16th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
19th—22nd May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday, 21st May	Sports Afternoon
Friday, 23rd May	School closed—Staff Training Day
26th—30th May	Half Term
2nd—6th June	International Week
Monday, 9th June	Year 6 Library Resources Day at Cromwell
4th, 5th June, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, July	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday, 19th June	Summer Fair
23rd—27th June	Isle of Wight Residential Visit
Tuesday, 8th July	Parents' Evening for Children starting school in September, 2014
Wednesday, 9th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Wednesday, 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday, 23rd July	End of Term
Thursday, 4th September	Start of Autumn Term

### Summer Fair

The School Association is gearing up for its major fundraising event of the year—the Summer Fair. This takes place on Thursday, 19th June. More information about the Summer Fair will be distributed in due course.



### Walk to School Week

This takes place from 19th — 22nd May. Please mark this on your calendar and join in by either walking to school, or if you travel into Doddington by car, parking away from school and walking the rest of the way.



[www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk)

Regular updates of school activities can be found on the school's website.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

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