

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2017



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A warm welcome back to school! This term, we are again holding our annual 'Healthy Week' and also 'Science Week'. Pupils and staff, as well as parent helpers and visitors, very much enjoy participating in the wealth of learning experiences we have arranged. Further information is provided below.

Staffing - We are pleased to congratulate Miss Atkinson on gaining a Masters Degree. This involved a great deal of work and included research undertaken in school on some aspects of the teaching of Mathematics. The majority of this was completed during the last academic year and included the submission of a thesis. Miss Atkinson learnt of her achievement in December. A huge well done to her!

The staff and I are all looking forward to working with you again this term and thank you, in advance, for your continued support. Please come and speak to us if you have any concerns, questions or comments.

Best wishes

Mrs Barnard-Taylor

Lionel Walden Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

HEALTHY WEEK

Healthy Week is 30th January to 3rd February. During this week, we have a range of activities planned for all pupils. These include football skills sessions led by a representative of Cambridge City Football Club, 'Everyday Living' who will lead activities on topics such as 'Keeping Healthy' and 'Physical Activity'.

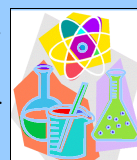
Our Playleaders (Year 6 pupils) will continue to lead and encourage pupils to participate in a varied programme of lunchtime activities. Our four 'Sports Crew' pupils will continue their role during Healthy Week, in assisting with the organisation of sporting events.

If there are any parents who are involved in a sport, or have coaching qualifications, and would be able to take part in taster sessions during Healthy Week, please contact Mrs. Clarke in the School Office. Sports coaches, provided by Improve It (formerly Witchford Sports Partnership), will be teaching Dance sessions to Class 4 this term. Intra-school competitions will be held for different sporting activities.

Molly Dancing will be taking place with Year 5 on Monday afternoons. This will be led by Gordon Philips, from the Ouse Washes Molly Dancers, who will teach specific dances and recount stories of the local area. Swimming sessions also continue this term, with Years 5 and 6 before half-term and Years 3 and 4 after half-term.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week is 13th to 17th March. Once again, a range of visitors will be in school including Mad Science, the Raptor Centre, Waterbeach Waste Education. Fossils Galore (based in March) and Lion Learners. Some classes will be visiting local secondary schools where they will participate in various Science lessons. As in previous years, each class will be experiencing a range of exciting experiments and activities. Parental help is always appreciated during this busy week - please contact Mrs. Clarke in the School Office for further information.



SCHOOL WEBSITE (www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk)

Please visit our school website to read updated information about our Board of Governors, school policies, important dates, recent events (including photographs) and details of the curriculum and organisation of the school day. Each class teacher has produced a 'Link Up' which outlines the key topics being taught this term and provides further relevant information.

Please let us know if you view the website on a regular basis - your feedback and comments are welcomed and enable us to continually improve.



COME AND HAVE A LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD

We would like to invite you to come and have a school lunch with your child. Adult meals are priced at £2.60 each and children's meals are £2.10 for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided free of charge due to a government scheme. We are organising this during the following weeks:-

6th February - 10th February
20th February - 24th February



Please let Mrs. Clarke know, by 3rd February, on which day you would like to come. All meals should be paid for in advance. Places are limited to 12 parents each day.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

The Parents' Evenings for this term are as follows:-

Thursday, 23rd February

Pre-School Parents' Evening for parents of children starting Reception in September, 2017.

Wednesday, 8th March

Open Evening for the whole school. This is an opportunity for parents to look at their children's work. We encourage parents to bring their children into school and talk to them about their work. The Open Evening times are 3.15 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th March (plus Monday, 13th March for Class 8 parents)

Individual consultations with teachers about children's work and progress. Children are not to attend these meetings.

SWIMMING

Swimming dates for this term are as follows:-

YEARS 5 AND 6

Fridays: 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd and 10th February

YEARS 3 AND 4

Fridays: 24th February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March

The cost of swimming is £2.00 per session. Please note that it is compulsory for all children to wear swimming hats. These are available from the school office at a cost of 65p each. Earrings must be removed beforehand.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The next two term's Class Assemblies are listed below:-

Class 8 - 20th January/19th July
Class 7 - 27th January/5th May
Class 6 - 3rd February/12th May
Class 5 - 10th February/19th May
Class 4 - 3rd March/26th May
Class 3 - 10th March/16th June
Class 2 - 24th March/7th July
Class 1 - 31st March/14th July

A crèche is provided
- no babies or
younger children can
be admitted.

CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall dates are listed below:-

Friday, 13th January - Class 6
Friday, 3rd February - Class 5
Friday, 10th March - Class 4
Friday, 28th April - Class 3
Friday, 12th May - Class 2
Friday, 9th June - Class 1
Friday, 7th July - Pre-School

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that they should not park their cars on the yellow zig zag lines or pavements outside school. This applies before and after school and when collecting children at other times.

In addition, please park with consideration for our neighbours.

Parents and children should enter the school premises through the pedestrian access (smaller gate) and not through the staff car park. Please also approach the Lions' Den/annexe along the pedestrian access route.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES

Below is a link to the latest School Performance Tables 2016, including financial data.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/school.pl?urn=110632&superview=pri&qtype=LA>

COMIC RELIEF

The school is having a non-uniform day on Friday, 24th March. Further details will follow after half term.

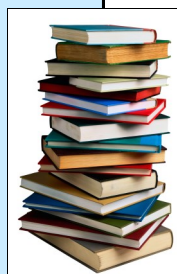


WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday, 2nd March - further details will follow.

BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, 21st February to Friday, 24th February



PE LESSONS

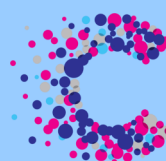
Please could you ensure that your child has a separate pair of shoes in school for PE and games lessons and warm clothing for when the weather is colder. All items must be labelled clearly with your child's name.

No jewellery should be worn in school except for small stud earrings. These must be removed for PE and swimming.



CHARITY

The Carol Service held at St. Mary's Parish Church in December raised £134.23. This money has been donated to Cancer Research UK.



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TERM TIME HOLIDAYS - PLEASE AVOID THEM

Changes to the law, which came into force on 1st September, 2013, mean that schools no longer have the discretion to grant 10 days of authorised leave/absence to pupils each year. The new rules state that Headteachers "may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances". Family holidays and days out do not fall into the category of 'exceptional circumstances'. All children need to be present in school to achieve their full potential. The Education Welfare Officer will be monitoring attendance more closely.

Important Dates—2017

Tuesday, 17th January	EYFS Writing Workshop
Monday, 13th February - Friday, 17th February	Half Term
Tuesday, 21st February - Friday, 24th February	Book Fair
Thursday, 23rd February	Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2017 Reception Intake
Tuesday, 7th March	EYFS Maths Workshop for Parents
Wednesday, 8th March	Open Evening
Thursday, 9th March	Class and Sports Group Photographs
Tuesday, 14th & Wednesday, 15th March	Parents' Evening (plus Monday, 13th March for Class 8)
Friday, 31st March	Last day of Spring Term
Wednesday, 19th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday, 1st May	School Closed - Public Holiday
Week commencing Monday, 8th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
Monday, 15th May - Friday, 19th May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday, 24th May	Sports Afternoon
Monday, 29th May - Friday, 2nd June	Half Term
Thursday, 22nd June	LWSA Summer Fair
Monday, 26th June - Friday, 30th June	Isle of Wight Residential Visit for Years 5 and 6
Monday, 3rd July	New Parents' Evening for 2017 Reception Intake
Wednesday, 5th July	Year 6 Transition Day at Cromwell Community College
Friday, 21st July	Last day of Summer Term

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would greatly appreciate everyone adhering to the recommended school uniform. The school uniform consists of navy or grey skirt, or pinafore dress, or grey or black trousers with a white shirt with a navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan. No 'hoodies', please. Black shoes are preferred - sports shoes should be worn for outdoor PE/games. PE kit should consist of a plain white t-shirt with navy or white shorts. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING IS LABELLED CLEARLY WITH THEIR NAME. Jewellery should not be worn, except for small, stud earrings, if essential, for pierced ears. Please note that no earrings are to be worn for any PE or swimming lesson - children must be able to remove them themselves prior to the lesson or have them removed at home on days when PE is timetabled. Nail varnish should not be worn. Mrs. Clarke, in the School Office, has sweatshirts and coats, with the school logo, for sale which are hard-wearing and reasonably priced.