

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2018



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

I do hope you have all enjoyed the summer holiday and made the most of the good weather. The staff and I would like to welcome you back whilst extending a special welcome to those parents and children who are starting with us for the first time. We appreciate the support of all parents and encourage you to maintain close links with us throughout your child's entire time at Lionel Walden. We look forward to speaking with you all at our termly Parents' Evenings and urge you to come and speak to us, at any time, if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of school or your child's learning. Working closely with us will ensure your child feels supported and happy. We also hope to see you at Class Assemblies throughout the year and welcome your help at other times, for example, during special themed weeks and other events. Details of our Curriculum and everything else our School has to offer can be found on our school website.

We are also very pleased to welcome new members of staff to our team: Miss Billimore has joined Mrs Nell in our Year 1 Class; Miss Marshall and Mrs Taylor are teaching our Year 5 pupils; Mrs Wild is now a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Brooks is working as a Midday Supervisor and a Teaching Assistant.

During the holiday, Miss Coulthurst gave birth to a beautiful, baby boy - Alfie. Congratulations to her and her family - we wish them all the very best.

Please note that Heather Long, the Road Crossing Patrol Officer, is still recovering from an operation. The Road Safety Team are unable to provide a relief Officer, hence the presence of senior staff, before and after school, assisting pupils crossing the busy road.

I hope to see you all in the coming weeks.

Best wishes

Mrs Barnard-Taylor

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRIORITIES 2018-2019

The School Development Plan outlines the strategy for further developing and improving the School. The plan provides everyone in the school community with a clear vision for the way forward. We have five key targets, along with success criteria and actions for each one. The key targets have been decided upon by gathering information from a variety of sources. These include external evaluations of our work by the Local Authority, alongside our own extensive and detailed self-evaluation processes - our data analysis, staff appraisal processes, lesson observations, pupil progress meetings and feedback from parents and pupils. The targets draw on discussions Governors have had in meetings as well as reflecting the national agenda within education. Targets and action plans also provide the Governors with the opportunity to monitor and evaluate the work of the school in developing and raising standards.

The five targets are:

- To continue to improve outcomes in Reading across the School
- To continue to improve outcomes in Writing across the School
- To continue to improve outcomes in Mathematics across the School
- To implement PiXL assessment systems throughout Key Stage 1 and 2
- To continue to improve outcomes of specific pupil groups (including vulnerable groups and the more able)

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.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017-2018 - REVIEW

Here is an overview of last year's priorities with key actions which have had a positive impact on the pupils at our school.

To further improve outcomes in Reading across the School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training and high quality teaching • Whole school displays • Classroom displays - focus on extension of vocabulary • Focussed sessions - 'Reading at 1pm', guided reading • Frequent reading at home (daily) - to support progress in school • Cross-curricular reading of topic related resources • Purchase of additional reading books • Promotion of enjoyment of reading through Reading Club, World Book Day, Chatterjam, Summer Reading Challenge, assemblies, etc. • Parent Information Workshops/Reading Café • Awards for Accelerated Reading scheme
To further improve outcomes in Writing across the School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training and high quality teaching • Wider range of text types and audio/visual clips used as a stimulus for writing • Greater opportunities for writing activities for EYFS pupils and beyond including use of the outdoor environment
To continue the focus on 'Using and Applying' within Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training and high quality teaching • Classroom displays - focus on mathematical vocabulary • Timetabled sessions for practical Maths • Opportunities for focus on Maths throughout the curriculum • Parent Information Workshop
To further improve outcomes of specific pupil groups (including vulnerable and the more able)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers and teaching assistants involved in planning for specific groups incorporating challenge and support • Purchase of materials to extend the more able • Daily reading groups • Additional interventions, for example, social skills, handwriting support • Monitoring of attendance • Wider range of school clubs

RECEPTION CHILDREN

We are pleased to have our Reception children join us in school. In order to help children adjust to the school day, for the first three days (5th, 6th and 7th September), they are in School for mornings only (until 12 noon). During the following week, they stay until 1.00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (10th, 12th and 14th September) and until 3.05 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday (11th and 13th September). During the week commencing 17th September, the children then attend full-time. Our Year 6 pupils will assist our Reception pupils in learning the routines at lunchtimes. Parents of Reception children have received more detailed information in relation to this. Please also see section on School Lunches. The school lunch menu is available from the School Office or can be viewed on the school website.

END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS 2018

EXS+ = Working at the expected level

RWM = Reading, Writing and Maths combined

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF KS1 OUTCOMES

Percentage figures are for 30 pupils although one pupil was disapplied

		READING %	WRITING %	MATHS %	RWM %
NATIONAL	EXS+	76	70	76	-
CAMBS		74	68	75	63
SCHOOL		80	70	77	70

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF KS2 OUTCOMES

Percentage figures are for 34 pupils although one pupil was disapplied

		READING %	WRITING %	MATHS %	GPS %	RWM
NATIONAL	EXS+	75	78	75	-	64
CAMBS		75	75	72	75	61
SCHOOL		85	82	79	91	77

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE - JULY 2018

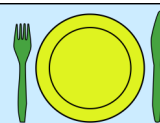
Thank you very much for returning the completed questionnaires. Overall, the responses were extremely positive and we thank you for taking the time to include the additional comments of support and for highlighting the aspects you enjoy about our School. We aim to do our best and welcome feedback as we strive to do even better. The results have been collated and will be published, very shortly, on our website. The areas for development will be given careful consideration. Plans are already in place to develop some of the areas suggested. Where parents had questions or made comments relating to their own experiences, we hope to speak with you directly to discuss your ideas and suggestions. Thank you once again for your participation in this. If you still have your questionnaire at home, you may still return it to the School Office.

SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

The safety and well-being of your children is of paramount importance to us. For this reason, we regularly review and update our safeguarding policies, procedures and practices. All staff, governors, volunteer helpers and work experience students undergo a rigorous Induction Programme and receive regular training and updates in relation to Child Protection, the Prevent Duty, First Aid, Health and Safety and Behaviour Management, relevant to their roles. Appropriate checks for vetting and employing new staff are in place, site safety and security is monitored and there is provision for the teaching of e-safety and personal safety within the Curriculum. Parents are provided with information in relation to this through newsletters, the school website, invitations to visit the Life Education Centre bus and workshops. Our approach to safeguarding was recognised in an external audit as being 'comprehensive' - 'the knowledge and understanding of all aspects is embedded among staff'. Ofsted inspectors (October 2017) found the School's safeguarding policies and procedures to be effective and commented on how meticulously information is recorded.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are very fortunate to have our own kitchen staff who prepare and cook a variety of meals each day on the premises. There is a choice of hot food, a salad bar, freshly baked bread and a choice of dessert. The menu is available from the School Office or from the school website. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to have a school lunch each day at no cost as part of the government initiative (Universal Infant Free School Meals funding). For pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the cost is £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week) which should be paid for, in advance on a Monday morning, at the School Office. We also operate an online payment facility. Payment for any meal not taken, due to illness, will be carried over or refunded. Parents will have opportunities to join their children for lunch at certain times of the year - details will be advertised.



SWIMMING

Children in Key Stage 2 will participate in swimming lessons, swimming in separate year groups.

Years 5 and 6

Friday 7th September
Friday 14th September
Friday 21st September
Friday 28th September
Friday 5th October
Friday 12th October



The contribution towards teaching and transport costs for swimming lessons will be £2.50 per session. Please note that all children must wear a swimming hat. These can be purchased from the School Office at a cost of 75p.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Our Autumn Festival will take place again this year over two days. Pre-School will perform on the Wednesday only. Each class will be contributing a separate item. All parents are welcome to attend on Wednesday 17th or Thursday 18th October at 9.10 a.m. in the School Hall.



PARENTAL HELP

Any further offers of parental help in School would be greatly appreciated. If anyone has some time to spare and wishes to come in on a regular basis, they should contact the School Office or see their child's class teacher. Please note that parent volunteer induction must be undertaken.

PARENTS' EVENING

This term's Parents' Evenings are to provide you with an overview of how your child has settled into the new academic year in their new class. Your child's books will be located outside the classroom, in a named batch, for you to look through prior to seeing your child's teacher. These books should be brought into the classroom and returned to the teacher during the consultation. You will also have the opportunity to view your child's 'Writing Progress' book which is used once each term to demonstrate progress being made. The work is completed independently and has no written feedback. Your child should not attend these evenings which will take place on Tuesday 16th October (between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm) and Wednesday 17th October (between 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm). Please note that Monday 16th October is an additional evening for Year 6 parents only. We shall be offering and allocating appointment times to avoid long queues at peak times. Further details will follow.

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 which are suitable for outdoor break. PE kit should consist of a plain white t-shirt with navy or white shorts. A change of footwear is required for outdoor PE and Games. **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. Coloured 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. Come and do some shopping!

PUPIL ILLNESS - DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING

You are reminded that in incidents of diarrhoea and vomiting, children should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. This is to help prevent the spread of infection.

AWARDS

During assembly on Monday mornings, certificates will be awarded to two pupils from each class (nominated by the class teachers) in recognition of academic achievement, outstanding effort, acts of kindness, displaying good manners or exemplary behaviour around school.

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.

PARENT/PUPIL INFORMATION DETAILS

With this newsletter, you have received a form for each child in respect of permission to use photographs in line with the new GDPR regulations. Please could you complete this and return to School by Monday 17th September. Please could you also inform Mrs. Clarke in the School Office of any changes to pupil information details as soon as they occur. This is especially important in respect of mobile telephone numbers and email addresses.



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2018

Staff Training Day	Friday 19th October
Half Term	Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October
End of Autumn Term	Wednesday 19th December

2019

Staff Training Day	Thursday 3rd January
Spring Term starts	Friday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February
End of Spring Term	Friday 5th April
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 23rd April
Summer Term starts	Wednesday 24th April
Public Holiday	Monday 6th May
Staff Training Day	Friday 24th May
Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
End of Summer Term	<u>Wednesday 24th July</u>

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

2018

Individual Photographs	Monday 17th September
Book Fair	Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th October
Parents' Evenings	Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th October
Autumn Festival	Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October
LWSA Breakfast with Santa	Saturday 1st December
EYFS - The Nativity	Wednesday 5th December (Dress Rehearsal - 3rd December)
Christmas Production	Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th December (Dress Rehearsal - 10th December)
Carol Service	Wednesday 19th December

2019

Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2019 Reception Intake	Tuesday 26th February
Book Fair	Tuesday 26th February to Friday 1st March
Open Evening	Wednesday 6th March
Parents' Evening	Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March
End of Key Stage 2 Tests	Week commencing Monday 13th May
Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 22nd May
LWSA Summer Fair	Thursday 20th June



POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ All school uniform/items of clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ⇒ School letters - please log on to the school website, in addition to checking your child's bag.
- ⇒ Health & Safety issues - please only use the pedestrian access - the vehicular access/staff car park should not be used. Bicycles/scooters must not be ridden on the school premises by anyone including children - this is to avoid accidents at busy times.
- ⇒ Please adhere to the parking restrictions outside the school and give consideration to local residents.
- ⇒ We are a no-smoking premises.
- ⇒ Please note that dogs should not be brought onto the school premises.

Thank you.

E-SAFETY

The welfare of your children is extremely important to us including when using the internet in school where we have security measures in place. Please ensure your child also remains safe whilst using the internet at other times. Some suggestions are:

Find out what your child is doing online

Get them to show you

Be more familiar with their online world

Agree rules such as not sharing personal information online, time spent online, contact with people online, etc.

Consider

Where are the devices?

What can the devices do?

Can your child get online in their bedroom?

Have you enabled parental settings on devices/as the internet comes into your house?

Have you disabled/covered webcams to avoid accidental sharing of images?

If you have any concerns, or would like further advice or information, please speak to your child's teacher.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

A photographer has been booked for the morning of Monday 17th September. All school children will have individual photos taken, as well as groups of brothers and/or sisters in school.

Any Pre-School children wishing to have photographs taken should come in from 8.15 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. If you wish to have a family group photograph taken with adults, you should also come to the hall between 8.15 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.

SCHOOL WEBSITE - www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk

Our school website provides key information for parents including details of the curriculum, school policies, information about the work of the Board of Governors, the LWSA (Lionel Walden School Association), Pre-School and the Lions' Den Out of School Club and lots more! The latest edition of the School Prospectus, which contains a wealth of information, is also included. Please note that our 'Link-Ups' (leaflets outlining what each class is doing each term) are published on the website. If anyone requires a paper copy of the information published, please contact the School Office. If you would like to put a shortcut to the school website onto your phone, open up the website in your browser, click on the share button at the bottom of the page and click on 'add to home page'. You are then only a click away from our website!



HEALTHY SNACKS POLICY

Please be reminded that, for several years now, we have operated a Healthy Snacks Policy. The Government National Fruit and Vegetable Scheme provides each child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a piece of fruit each day which is eaten at break time. All children may bring in a 'healthy' snack of their own for break time, if they wish, for example, fruit, vegetables, cheese, cereal bar etc. Please avoid cake, chocolate, biscuits, crisps and sweets. Your support in applying this policy consistently is appreciated.

ADMINISTERING OF MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

You are reminded that in the event of your child needing medicines in school time, a consent form MUST be completed by you before any medication can be administered by school staff. Forms can be obtained from the School Office.

