

# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



**JANUARY 2016**



### **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 arranged. Further information is provided below.

**Staffing** - We are pleased to congratulate Mr. Harfield on his marriage during the Christmas holidays. We are also pleased to be welcoming back Mrs. Nell following her period of maternity leave. She will be joining us in February on a part-time basis.

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

### **HEALTHY WEEK**

Healthy Week is 1st to 5th February. During this week, we have a range of activities planned for all pupils. Our Year 6 pupils will be involved in the 'Kick Ash' programme again this year. This is being led by the Cambridgeshire PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Service along with Cromwell students.

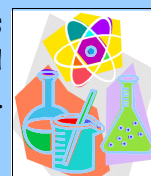
If there are any parents who are involved in a sport, or have coaching qualifications, and would be able to take part in taster sessions during Healthy Week, please contact Mrs. Clarke in the School Office. Sports coaches, provided by the Witchford Sports Partnership, will be teaching multi-skills sessions to Class 2 this term. Intra-school competitions will be held.

Molly Dancing will be taking place with Class 7 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.

Our professional development programme for the Spring Term includes members of staff attending the Witchford Sports Partnership update meetings and PE training for Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs).

### **SCIENCE WEEK**

Science Week is 14th to 18th March. Once again, a range of visitors will be in school including Mad Science, the Raptor Centre, Wood Green (animal centre) 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](http://www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk))

Please visit our school website to read updated information about our Governing Body, 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.



## ATTENDANCE/TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Following meetings of the Education Welfare Officer and Headteachers of local primary schools, we are reminding parents of the need to ensure their children attend school regularly and punctually. When a child's attendance falls below 95%, the school will notify parents unless there is a valid reason. Sometimes a child may suffer illness more frequently than normal or develop a recurring illness. If this is the case, please inform us of the details so that we can provide support. The School Office should be contacted as early as possible when a child is ill and on each subsequent day thereafter.

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Family holidays do not fall into the category of 'exceptional circumstances'. All children need to be present in school consistently to achieve their full potential.

## P.E. LESSONS

Please could you ensure that your child has a separate pair of shoes in school for P.E. 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.

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

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

**Tuesday, 23rd February**

Pre-School Parents' Evening for parents of children starting Reception in September, 2016.

**Wednesday, 9th 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 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday, 16th March**

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: 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th January;  
5th and 12th February

**YEARS 3 AND 4**

Fridays: 26th February; 4th, 11th and 18th 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.

## **CHARITY**

The Carol Service held at St. Mary's Parish Church in December raised £220.00. This money has been donated to the Milton Hospice, Cambridge and the Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice, Peterborough.

## 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 2015, including financial data.

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

## SPORT RELIEF

The school is having a non-uniform day on Friday, 18th March. Further details will follow after half term.

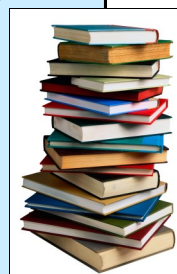


## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday, 3rd March - further details will follow.

### BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, 2nd February to Friday, 5th February



## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Class 8 - 22nd January/20th July  
 Class 7 - 29th January/6th May  
 Class 6 - 5th February/20th May  
 Class 5 - 12th February/26th May  
 Class 4 - 4th March/24th June  
 Class 3 - 11th March/1st July  
 Class 2 - 18th March/8th July  
 Class 1 - 24th March/15th July

## CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall dates are listed below:-

Friday, 15th January - Class 6  
 Friday, 5th February - Class 5  
 Friday, 11th March - Class 4  
 Friday, 22nd April - Class 3  
 Friday, 13th May - Class 2  
 Friday, 17th June - Class 1  
 Friday, 8th July - Pre-School

## COME AND HAVE A SCHOOL 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 £2.50 each and children's meals are £2.00 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:-

w/c 1st February—Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4  
 w/c 8th February—Classes 5, 6, 7 and 8



Please let Mrs. Clarke know, by 29th January, which day you would like to come in. All meals should be paid for in advance. Places are limited to 15 parents each day.

## Important Dates—2016

Tuesday, 2nd February - Friday, 5th February	Book Fair
Monday, 15th February - Friday, 19th February	Half Term
Tuesday, 23rd February	Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2016 Reception Intake
Wednesday, 9th March	Open Evening
Tuesday, 15th & Wednesday, 16th March	Parents' Evenings
Thursday, 24th March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday, 12th April	First day of Summer Term
Tuesday, 19th April	Class and Sports Group Photographs
Monday, 2nd May	School Closed—Public Holiday
Week commencing Monday, 9th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
Wednesday, 18th May	Sports Afternoon (weather permitting)
Friday, 27th May	Staff Training Day (school closed)
Monday, 30th May - Friday, 3rd June	Half Term
Monday, 13th June	Year 6 Library Resources Day at Cromwell Community College
Thursday, 23rd June	Summer Fair
Monday, 4th July	New Parents' Evening for 2016 Reception Intake
Wednesday, 6th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Thursday, 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.