

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2018



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A warm welcome back to school! This term, we are again looking forward to 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. Other events include World Book Day, Sport Relief Day and Safer Internet Day. You are invited to attend our Class Assemblies, which showcase the learning which is taking place in each class, and also Open Evening and Parents' Evenings.

The Lionel Walden School Association, our parent fundraising body, also has many exciting events planned for this term - further details will be circulated and also posted on our website. We value the hard work and commitment of the LWSA and value your support at these events.

The staff and I are all looking forward to working with you again this term. 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 taking place from 29th January to 2nd February. During this week, we have a range of activities planned for all pupils including Zumba, Jiu-Jitsu, Tae Kwon-Do, football, athletics and cycling. Our Year 6 pupils will be involved in the 'Kick Ash' programme again later this term. This is being led by the Cambridgeshire PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Service along with Cromwell College 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 our Reception Class this term.

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.

Please note that the school operates a 'Healthy Snacks Policy' throughout the whole year - no crisps, chocolate, sweets at break times - further information can be found in the School Prospectus.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week is 12th to 16th March. Once again, a range of visitors will be in school including Jules the Wildlife Man, Mad Science, the Raptor Centre, Lion Learners and the Dogs Trust. 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 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 is published on the website and 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 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 on the days of PE and swimming.

SWIMMING

Swimming dates for this term are as follows:-

YEARS 5 AND 6

Fridays: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th January;
2nd and 9th February

YEARS 3 AND 4

Fridays: 23rd February; 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd 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.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

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

Thursday, 22nd February

Pre-School Parents' Evening for parents of children starting Reception in September, 2018.

Wednesday, 7th 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, 13th and Wednesday, 14th March (plus Monday 12th March as an option for Year 3 and Year 6 parents)

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

CHARITY

The Carol Service held at St. Mary's Parish Church in December raised £206.27. This money has been donated to the British Heart Foundation.

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, particularly along Child's Lane and Wood Street.

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 2017, 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 23rd March. Further details will follow after half-term.

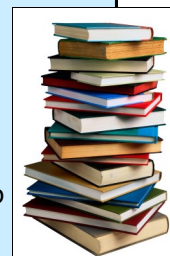


WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 1st March - further details will follow.

BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 20th February to Friday 23rd February



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Year 6- 26th January/20th July
Year 5 - 2nd February/4th May
Year 4 - 9th February/11th May
Year 3 - 2nd March/22nd June
Year 2 - 9th March/29th June
Year 1 - 23rd March/6th July
Year R - 29th March/13th July

CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall dates are listed below:-

Friday 12th January - Year 5
Friday 9th February - Year 4
Friday 2nd March - Year 3
Friday 27th April - Year 2
Friday 11th May - Year 1
Friday 8th June - Reception Class
Friday 6th 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 £2.60 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. This will take place during the weeks commencing 5th February and 19th February.

Please let Mrs Clarke know, by 26th 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.



If anyone would like further information about paying for pupil lunches using the Sims Agora on-line payment system, please speak to Mrs Clarke in the School Office.

Important Dates - 2018

Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	Half Term
Tuesday 20th February - Friday 23rd February	Book Fair
Thursday 22nd February	Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2018 Reception Intake
Wednesday, 7th March	Open Evening
Thursday 8th March	Tempest Photographer - Class and Sports Groups
Monday, 12th, Tuesday, 13th & Wednesday, 14th March	Parents' Evenings
Thursday, 29th March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 16th April	Professional Development Day - School Closed
Tuesday 17th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 7th May	School Closed - Public Holiday
Week commencing Monday 14th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests (SATs)
Monday 14th May	Parents' meeting for Isle of Wight Residential Visit
Wednesday 23rd May	Sports Afternoon (weather permitting)
Friday 25th May	Professional Development Day (school closed)
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June	Half Term
Thursday 21st June	Summer Fair
Monday 25th June - Friday 29th June	Isle of Wight Residential Visit for Years 5 and 6
Monday 2nd July	New Parents' Evening for 2018 Reception Intake
Wednesday 4th July and Wednesday 11th July	Year 6 Induction Days at Cromwell Community College
Tuesday 24th 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.