



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

April 2016



It is the Summer Term already and we have much to look forward to. Some of our events are detailed below. Key dates can be found on the back page. Please also refer to the school website (www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk) for important information, news and photographs.

We were sorry to have to say goodbye to Mrs. Cotter at the end of last term due to personal circumstances. However, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Rachel Slater and Miss Hannah Deadman to the support team this term.

The staff and I value your continued support. Please come and speak to us if you have any comments or concerns.

Best wishes,
Mrs. Barnard-Taylor

NATIONAL TESTS - KEY STAGES 1 AND 2

All pupils in Years 2 and 6 will be taking the national curriculum tests (SATs) in May. The tests will provide information about how your child is progressing, compared to children the same age nationally. There are changes to the tests this year at both Key Stages. This is because the tests are based on the new national curriculum which your child has been taught since September, 2014.

Key Stage 1 Tests - Year 2 Pupils

The main changes to the tests this year are:-

- ◆ A new test of grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- ◆ A new arithmetic test.

Your child will take these tests in May. These are not strictly timed tests. Most pupils will be unaware they are taking them as they will be incorporated into everyday classroom practice. Teacher assessment is used to report children's attainment and progress to parents. Teachers will use the Key Stage 1 test results to help them reach an overall judgement of the standards children have reached in English reading, English writing and Mathematics. You will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for Science, but there is no Science test. You will receive your child's results by the end of the Summer Term.

Key Stage 2 Tests - Year 6 Pupils

The main changes to the tests this year are:-

- ◆ The inclusion of questions to assess new areas of core subjects in the national curriculum your child has been taught.
- ◆ A new arithmetic test to check your child is progressing with the fundamentals of Mathematics.

You will receive test results for your child in English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and Mathematics. There is no test for English writing; this will be reported using teacher assessment. You will also receive separate teacher assessment judgements for English reading, Mathematics and Science.

The Key Stage 2 tests will take place between Monday, 9th May and Friday, 13th May. It is important that all Year 6 children attend school during the week of these tests.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90TH BIRTHDAY (21ST APRIL)

We shall mark this very special occasion with an afternoon tea party in June to coincide with the national celebrations at this time - hopefully with warmer, drier weather.

Other activities will be taking place in classrooms from this week.



SPORTS AFTERNOON

Come and join us on Wednesday, 18th May at 1.15 p.m., weather permitting. All pupils will remain with their classes throughout the afternoon and must be collected from their classrooms at the end. Please ensure they have a sunhat with them. Water will be supplied for the children and drinks will be available for parents and spectators. We ask that all parents refrain from sitting at the starting/finishing lines. Have an enjoyable afternoon!



THE SCHOOL DAY

Please refer to this section under 'Information' on the school website.

Parents and pupils are kindly requested not to arrive at school before the doors are unlocked at 8.45 a.m. Staff are busy preparing for the day until then and cannot provide supervision for children who arrive any earlier.

We do provide a 'Breakfast Club' childcare facility for parents wishing to drop off their children before 8.45 a.m. - please contact Mrs. Clarke in the School Office to book a place.

SECURITY

A new key pad security system has been fitted to the gate along the pedestrian access onto the playground. This will be deactivated at normal arrival/departure times of the School/Pre-School day. Should you arrive slightly earlier than normal, please wait for the gate to be unlocked. At all other times, please report to the School Office.



INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We are in the process of planning another International Education week at the beginning of the second half of this term (6th to 10th June). The aim of this themed week 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	-	Portugal	Class 5	-	India
Class 1	-	England	Class 6	-	Brazil
Class 2	-	France	Class 7	-	Greece
Class 3	-	Italy	Class 8	-	Denmark
Class 4	-	China			



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We shall continue to reinforce our expectations regarding the wearing of school uniform and encourage children to take pride in their appearance. The school colours are navy/grey skirts/pinafore dresses or grey/black trousers with white shirts. PE kit should consist of a plain white t-shirt with navy or white shorts and plimsolls. Strappy, colourful tops are not suitable. Jewellery should not be worn, except for small stud earrings for pierced ears. Earrings are not to be worn during PE/swimming lessons and children must be able to take them out themselves. If they cannot do this, they should not wear earrings on the days that they have PE/swimming. Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation with this. 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 can then return them to their owner.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ All school uniform/items of clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ⇒ School letters - please check, on a daily basis, your child's bag.
- ⇒ Health & Safety issues - please use the pedestrian access at all times - the vehicular access/staff car park should not be used. Bicycles/scooters must not be ridden on the school premises by anyone including children.
- ⇒ 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.

SWIMMING

The dates for this term are as follows:-

<u>Years 3 and 4</u>	<u>Years 5 and 6</u>
Friday, 15th April	Friday, 10th June
Friday, 22nd April	Friday, 17th June
Friday, 29th April	Friday, 24th June
Friday, 6th May	Friday, 1st July
Friday, 13th May	Friday, 8th July
Friday, 20th May	Friday, 15th July

The contribution towards teaching and transport costs for swimming lessons is £2.00 per session. Please note that all children must wear a swimming hat. These can be purchased from the school office at a cost of 65p.



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.

PUPIL ILLNESS - DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING

Parents 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 prevent infections from spreading.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Once again we are collecting these vouchers for the school. Many thanks to all of you who have collected vouchers so far. A collection box can be found in the school entrance hall.

SCHOOL RECORDS

Please inform the school office of any changes regarding your child/children's records. This is particularly important in respect of mobile telephone numbers - we may need to contact you in an emergency! This also applies to email addresses - please ensure we have your most up-to-date address.

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.



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.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Next term's Class Assemblies are listed below:-

Class 8 - 20th July
Class 7 - 6th May
Class 6 - 20th May
Class 5 - 26th May
Class 4 - 24th June
Class 3 - 1st July
Class 2 - 8th July
Class 1 - 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

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

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Closure Day	Monday, 2nd May (Bank Holiday)
Staff Training Day	Friday, 27th May (school closed)
Half Term	Monday, 30th to Friday, 3rd June
End of Summer Term	Thursday, 21st July
Start of Autumn Term	Monday, 5th September

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 19th April	Class and Sports Group Photographs
Wednesday, 4th May	Sex Education Meeting
9th—13th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
16th—20th May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday, 18th May	Sports Afternoon
23rd—26th May	Year 6 Bikeability
6th—10th June	International Week
Monday, 13th June	Year 6 Library Resources Day at Cromwell Community College
Thursday, 23rd June	Summer Fair
Monday, 4th July	Parents' Evening for children starting school in September, 2016
Wednesday, 6th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Monday, 18th July	Awards Assembly
Wednesday, 20th July	Class 8 Assembly
Thursday, 21st July	Final Assembly (Year 6 Presentations)

Please note dates of Class Assemblies and Cake Stalls on page 4.



SUMMER FAIR

The School Association is gearing up for its major fundraising event of the year - the Summer Fair. This takes place on Thursday, 23rd June. More information about the Summer Fair will be distributed in due course.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This takes place from 16th - 20th May. Please mark this on your calendar and join in by either walking to school or, if you travel into Doddington by car, by parking away from school and walking the rest of the way.

