

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2015



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome back after the summer break - I do hope you all had a good holiday. It is September again and the start of another exciting school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to those parents and children who are starting with us for the first time. I am also very pleased to welcome Miss Bennett, Miss Coulthurst and Mr Harfield to the teaching team. They will be taking Classes 6, 2 and 4, respectively. Mrs McLean has returned to the role of supporting the teaching throughout the school and Mrs Nell is continuing her maternity leave. Mrs Weare has joined us as Midday Co-ordinator.

The staff and I are looking forward to working with you. Please come in and speak to us if you have any concerns or questions.

Mrs Barnard-Taylor

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRIORITIES 2015-2016

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 six 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 six targets are:

- ◆ To develop and extend our teaching of Mathematics;
- ◆ To develop new assessment procedures;
- ◆ To extend the inclusion of British values and SMSC within our curriculum;
- ◆ To develop a new school website;
- ◆ To enhance lunchtime provision for pupils;
- ◆ To continue with Teaching School activities.

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

Over the holidays, we have been developing our new school website which is **now live!** Please visit the new website regularly as it will be updated frequently and will provide key information for parents. The new layout will enable you to readily access details of the curriculum, school policies, information about the work of the Governing Body, 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) will now be published on the website. If anyone requires a paper copy of the information published, please contact the School Office.



RECEPTION CHILDREN

We are pleased to have our Reception children in school. For the first two days, they are in school for mornings only. The following week they stay for lunch until 1.00 p.m. and are assisted in the Hall by our Year 6 pupils. The school lunch menu is available from the School Office or can be viewed on the school website. During the week commencing 14th September, the children stay on for two afternoons (Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th September) and they can then attend full-time from Monday 21st September. Parents of Reception children have received more detailed information in relation to this. Please also see section below on School Lunches.

Back to School



END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS 2015

Key Stage 1 (Unvalidated) - 28 pupils in cohort - Level 2 is the expected level of attainment

	Level 2+	Level 2B+	Level 3
Reading	96%	89%	39%
Writing	96%	86%	18%
Mathematics	96%	93%	36%

Key Stage 2 (Unvalidated) - 34 pupils in cohort - Level 4 is the expected level of attainment

	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 4+	Level 5+
Reading	3%	18%	79%	0	97%	79%
Writing	3%	41%	56%	0	97%	56%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	3%	9%	76%	12%	97%	88%
Mathematics	3%	41%	56%	0	97%	56%

Progress	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
2 Levels +	97%	97%	97%
3 Levels +	50%	53%	38%

2 levels progress is, for example:

- a child attaining Level 1 at Key Stage 1 and Level 3 at Key Stage 2
- a child attaining Level 2 at Key Stage 1 and Level 4 at Key Stage 2
- a child attaining Level 3 at Key Stage 1 and Level 5 at Key Stage 2.

3 levels progress is, for example

- a child attaining Level 1 at Key Stage 1 and Level 4 at Key Stage 2
- a child attaining Level 2 at Key Stage 1 and Level 5 at Key Stage 2
- child attaining Level 3 at Key Stage 1 and Level 6 at Key Stage 2

Pupils achieving Level 4 + Combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics	94%
Pupils achieving Level 5 + Combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics	44%

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 20th October (between 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.) and Wednesday 21st October (between 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.). This year we shall be offering and allocating appointment times to avoid long queues at peak times. 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 - 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. Come and do some shopping!

SWIMMING

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

Years 5 and 6

Friday 11th September

Friday 18th September

Friday 25th September

Friday 2nd October

Friday 9th October

Friday 16th October



The contribution towards teaching and transport costs for swimming lessons will be £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.

AWARDS

During assembly on Monday mornings, commencing 14th September, 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.

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.

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.

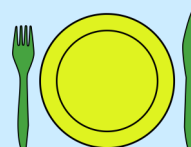
PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE - JULY 2015

Thank you very much for returning the parent questionnaires; the count was 53. Overall, the responses were extremely positive and we thank you for taking the time to include the additional comments of support and 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 unique experiences, we shall endeavour to speak with you directly to discuss your ideas and suggestions. Thank you once again for your participation in this.



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 viewing 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 per day (£10 per week) which should be paid for, in advance on a Monday morning, at the School Office. Payment for any meal not taken, due to illness, will be carried over or refunded.



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 21st or Thursday 22nd October at 9.10 a.m. in the School Hall.

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 do not fall into the category of 'exceptional circumstances'. All children need to be present in school to achieve their full potential.

PARENT/PUPIL INFORMATION DETAILS

With this newsletter, you have received a form for each child which should be completed and returned to school by Friday 11th September. This will provide us with up-to-date information and emergency contact details. We have also included a section asking for your permission in relation to school trips, the use of photographs and the viewing of material rated Parental Guidance (PG) within school activities. We hope this will reduce the number of forms circulated throughout the year and save paper!



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2015

Closure Day	Friday, 23rd October
Half Term	Monday, 26th to Friday, 30th October
End of Autumn Term	Friday, 18th December

2016

Closure Day	Monday, 4th January
Spring Term starts	Tuesday, 5th January
Half Term	Monday, 15th to Friday, 19th February
End of Spring Term	Thursday, 24th March
Closure Day	Monday, 11th April
Summer Term starts	Tuesday, 12th April
Public Holiday	Monday, 2nd May
Closure Day	Friday, 27th May
Half Term	Monday, 30th May to Friday, 3rd June
End of Summer Term	<u>Thursday, 21st July</u>

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

2015

Individual Photographs	Monday, 21st September
Book Fair	Tuesday, 6th to Friday, 9th October
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday, 20th and Wednesday, 21st October
Autumn Festival	Wednesday, 21st and Thursday, 22nd October
Christmas Production	Tuesday, 8th & Wednesday, 9th December (Dress Rehearsal—7th December)
Carol Service	Friday, 18th December

2016

Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2016 Reception Intake	Tuesday, 23rd February
Open Evening	Wednesday, 9th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday, 16th March
End of Key Stage 2 Tests	Week commencing Monday, 9th May
Sports Afternoon	Wednesday, 18th May
New Intake Parents' Evening for 2016 Reception Intake	Tuesday, 5th July



Please note that some dates may change. Please refer to the school website calendar on a regular basis.

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

Further to the E-Safety sessions for parents held last term, please find below further information and tips for parents on how to promote e-safety with children at home.

Find out what your child is doing online

Get them to show you
Be more familiar with their online world
Agree rules as a family about personal information, time spent online, contact with people online, etc.

Risk Assess

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?

Know where to go for help and advice

www.ccc-esafety.org.uk/site/23148-parents
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
<http://keepup.virginmedia.com/switchedonfamilies>
<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

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 no cake, chocolate, biscuits, crisps or 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.

