

Lionel Walden School

SPRING TERM 2014

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TEACHING SCHOOL BID

We have submitted a bid to become a National Teaching School and will find out the outcome by Easter. More information will follow if we are successful!

Teaching Schools are part of the Government's drive to give schools more freedom. Schools will work together within a teaching school alliance—a group of schools and other partners who are led by the leadership of the teaching school. The teaching school will identify and co-ordinate expertise from their alliance, and the best leaders and teachers will be used to deliver the 'BIG 6' (see below). Collaboration is at the heart of the teaching school model. It includes all the schools that benefit from the alliance by receiving support, as well as teaching schools and strategic partners that offer support. Strategic partners are schools, universities and other partners that deliver aspects of the alliance's activity.

The six areas are:

- Initial Teacher Training
- Continuing Professional Development
- Talent Management and Succession Planning
- School to School Support
- Specialist Leaders of Education
- Research and Development



STAFFING

We are currently supporting Guyhirn Church of England Primary School. Part of this involves Mrs. Barnard-Taylor spending the equivalent of three days per week at Guyhirn. Mrs. Bayes has been appointed Acting Deputy Headteacher at Lionel Walden to cover until Mrs. Barnard-Taylor returns full time in May, 2014

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

Parents are reminded that children should be absent from school for **48 hours** following the last incident of illness.



SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES

Below is a link to the latest School Performance Tables 2013, including financial data.

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

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.

SWIMMING

Swimming dates for this term are as follows:-

CLASSES 3 & 4

Fridays: 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st January and 7th and 14th February

CLASSES 5 & 6

Fridays: 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April

The cost of swimming is £1.50 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 50p each.

Please ensure that the school office has up-to-date emergency contact telephone numbers (particularly mobile phone numbers and email addresses), plus any relevant medical information about your child.



Please also remember the arrangements in respect of administering medicines within school—a parental consent form must be completed.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that they should not park their cars on the yellow zig zag lines 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 do not approach the Lions' Den/annexe along the vehicular access route.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

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

Tuesday, 25th February, 2014

Pre-School Parents' Evening for parents of children starting Reception in September, 2014.

Tuesday, 11th March, 2014

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 3.05 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th March, 2014

Private 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 £152.00. This money will be donated to a charity to be chosen by the children.

Important Dates—2014



Monday, 17th February—Friday, 21st February	Half Term
Tuesday, 25th February	Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2014 Reception Intake
Tuesday, 11th March	Open Evening
Tuesday, 18th & Wednesday, 19th March	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday, 18th March—Friday, 21st March	Book Fair
Friday, 4th April	Last day of Spring Term
Wednesday, 23rd April	First day of Summer Term
Thursday, 24th April	Class and Sports Group Photographs
Monday, 5th May	School Closed—Public Holiday
Week commencing Monday, 12th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
Wednesday, 21st May	Sports Afternoon (weather permitting)
Friday, 23rd May	Closure Day
Monday, 26th May—Friday, 30th May	Half Term
Monday, 9th June	Year 6 Library Resources Day at Cromwell Community College
Thursday, 19th June	Summer Fair
Monday, 23rd to Friday, 27th June	Year 5/6 residential trip to Isle of Wight
Tuesday, 8th July	New Parents' Evening for 2014 Reception Intake
Wednesday, 9th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Wednesday, 23rd July	Last day of Summer Term



HEALTHY WEEK

Monday, 3rd February—Friday, 7th February



SCIENCE WEEK

Monday, 17th March—Friday, 21st March

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Class 8—24th January/22nd July
Class 7—31st January/22nd May
Class 6—7th February/4th July
Class 5—14th February/16th May
Class 4—7th March/20th June
Class 3—14th March/13th June
Class 2—28th March/27th June
Class 1—4th April/11th July

CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall dates are listed below:-

Friday, 17th January	-	Class 6
Friday, 14th February	-	Class 5
Friday, 14th March	-	Class 4
Friday, 2nd May	-	Class 3
Thursday, 22nd May	-	Class 2
Friday, 13th June	-	Class 1
Friday, 11th 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. We are organising this during the following weeks:-

w/c 3rd February—Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4
w/c 10th February—Classes 5, 6, 7 and 8



Please let Mrs. Clarke know, by 31st January, which day you would like to come in. All meals should be paid for in advance. Places are limited to 20 parents each day.