



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

April 2017



Welcome back to school after the Easter holidays. We have much to look forward to during the Summer Term. Key events are detailed below and important dates are listed on the back page of this newsletter. Please also refer to the school website (www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk), on a regular basis for other information, news, dates and photographs.

The staff and I value your support in working together to provide the best experiences for your children. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Best wishes,
Mrs. Barnard-Taylor

TEACHING SCHOOL—3RD ANNIVERSARY

It is now three years since Lionel Walden Primary School was designated a Teaching School by the National College for Teaching and Leadership. We are the Lead School in the Fenland Teaching School Alliance which comprises of primary and secondary schools in Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech. Our strategic partners are Cavalry Primary School, Cromwell Community College, University of Cambridge Faculty of Education and the Local Authority.

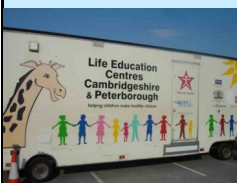
Our three key areas of activity are:-

- ◆ Initial Teacher Training - we work with the University of Bedfordshire in the organisation of placements and training to enable trainees to gain Qualified Teacher Status.
- ◆ Continuous Professional Development - we provide training courses and opportunities for staff development including bespoke programmes for Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) and Recently Qualified Teachers (RQTs), the Improving Teacher Programme (ITP), the Outstanding Teacher Programme (OTP), Network meetings for English and Maths Subject Leaders plus meetings for School SENDCos (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinators).
- ◆ School to School Support - staff share their experience and expertise with each other across schools so that, through this collaborative approach, staff in all schools develop professionally to improve the outcomes for all children. Specialist Leaders of Education (SLEs) are deployed to provide specific expertise in a curriculum subject or an area like Assessment or the Early Years.

Please click on the 'Fenland Teaching School Alliance' link on the Home Page of our school's website for further information.

THE LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE

The Life Education Centre will be on site from Tuesday, 4th to Friday, 7th July. All classes will visit as part of our PHSE curriculum. Parents and Governors will also be invited to attend sessions to find out about the learning that happens. More information will be circulated nearer the time.



THE DAILY MILE

This is being trialled this term on Tuesday and Thursday mornings commencing 27th April. All pupils are invited to participate by walking, jogging or running for fifteen minutes from 8.30 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. A separate letter has been circulated.



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.

Key Stage 1 Tests - Year 2 Pupils

The tests this year are:-

- ♦ English reading (two papers)
- ♦ Mathematics (two papers)

Although your child will take these tests in May, most pupils will be unaware they are taking them as they will be incorporated into everyday classroom practice and there are no firm time restrictions. 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.

It is important that children do not become concerned or anxious about these tests. In school, staff do their utmost to ensure pupils remain calm and unfazed by the tests by completing them as part of normal classroom practice. We kindly ask that, as parents, you refrain from drawing attention to them and be assured that our staff will use their experience and knowledge to support your children in the best way possible.

A meeting for all parents of Year 2 children is being held on Thursday, 27th April at 6.30 p.m. - a separate letter has already been circulated.

Key Stage 2 Tests - Year 6 Pupils

This year the tests are:-

- ♦ English reading (one paper)
- ♦ English grammar, punctuation and spelling (two papers)
- ♦ Mathematics (three papers)

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, 8th May and Friday, 12th May. It is important that all Year 6 children attend school during the week of these tests.

Our staff and children have worked hard to cover the specified content of the National Curriculum in order to prepare pupils for secondary school. It is important that pupils remain calm and relaxed during SATs week and arrive in school on time. We appreciate your help with this.

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. The promotion ends on 2nd May, so if you have any vouchers, please bring them into school as soon as possible.

SPORTS AFTERNOON

Come and join us on Wednesday, 24th 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.

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.



INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We are in the process of planning another International Education week at the beginning of the second half of this term (5th to 9th 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	-	Holland	Class 5	-	Australia
Class 1	-	England	Class 6	-	Brazil
Class 2	-	France	Class 7	-	African Nations
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.

SUMMER FAIR

The School Association is gearing up for its major fundraising event of the year - the Summer Fair. This takes place on Thursday, 22nd June. More information about the Summer Fair will be distributed in due course.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This takes place from 15th - 19th 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. Refreshments will be available on arrival at school for those children who have walked or 'distance parked' and walked.



SWIMMING

The dates for this term are as follows:-

Years 3 and 4

Friday, 21st April
Friday, 28th April
Friday, 5th May
Friday, 12th May
Friday, 19th May
Friday, 26th May

Years 5 and 6

Friday, 9th June
Friday, 16th June
Friday, 23rd June
Friday, 30th June
Friday, 7th July
Friday, 14th 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.

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 and any changes to medical details - 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.

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:-

Friday, 5th May - Class 7
Friday, 12th May - Class 6
Friday, 19th May - Class 5
Friday, 26th May - Class 4
Friday, 16th June - Class 3
Friday, 7th July - Class 2
Friday, 14th July - Class 1
Wednesday, 19th July - Class 8

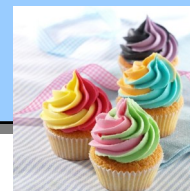


CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall dates are listed below:-

Friday, 28th April - Class 3
Friday, 12th May - Class 2
Friday, 9th June - Class 1
Friday, 7th July - Pre-School

3.05 p.m. in the School Hall



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

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Closure Day	Monday, 1st May (Bank Holiday)
Half Term	Monday, 29th May to Friday, 2nd June
End of Summer Term	Friday, 21st July
Start of Autumn Term	Tuesday, 5th September

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, 27th April	Information Meeting for Parents of Year 2 Children
Monday, 8th May	Isle of Wight Information Meeting
8th—12th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
15th—19th May	Walk to School Week
Monday, 22nd May	Sex Education Meeting for Parents of Years 5/6 Children
Wednesday, 24th May	Sports Afternoon
5th—9th June	International Week
Thursday, 22nd June	Summer Fair
26th - 30th June	Isle of Wight Residential Visit
Monday, 3rd July	Information Meeting for Parents of children starting school in September, 2017
3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th July	Bikeability for Year 6
4th - 7th July	Life Education Centre visit
Wednesday, 5th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Wednesday, 12th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Monday, 17th July	Awards Assembly
Wednesday, 19th July	Class 8 Assembly
Friday, 21st July	Final Assembly (Year 6 Presentations)

Please note dates of Class Assemblies and Cake Stalls on page 5.



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.

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.