



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

April 2018

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.



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.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, our Assistant Leader of Pre-School, commences her maternity leave this week. During her absence, our existing staff members will be covering her hours to maintain continuity and current levels of staff. We wish Mrs. Fitzpatrick all the very best for the imminent arrival of her first child. Mrs. Loizou, who has been a teaching assistant here for seventeen years, is sadly leaving us on 4th May. She is retiring from work to become a 'hands on' grandmother. We thank Mrs. Loizou for all her hard work and commitment and wish her well for the future. We are pleased to inform you that Mrs. Nell will be returning in July after her maternity leave. Congratulations to Miss Coulthurst who is expecting her first child during the summer holidays.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about your child's learning, or anything else, please do make an appointment to come in to speak to us. All staff work very hard and are committed to providing the best for your children. We value your support and, through staff and parents/carers working together, our children will benefit greatly.

With best wishes for a safe, happy and successful Summer Term

Mrs. Barnard-Taylor

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

Our school website is updated regularly and includes a calendar of events which provides dates of class assemblies, swimming sessions, meetings for parents/carers, special events, themed days/weeks, LWSA events and much more.

Please visit our website to read updated information about our Board of Governors, school policies, news and 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.



Please let us know if you view the website on a regular basis - your feedback and comments are welcomed.

THE DAILY MILE

Come and join us for the Daily Mile!

When: Monday to Friday
Between 8.30 a.m. and 8.45 a.m. - arrive when you can!
Where: Playground/field



See how many laps you can complete! Can you increase the number of laps each week?

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 with their school report at 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.

We hope you found the meeting for Year 2 parents held on Wednesday 28th March informative.

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, 14th May and Friday, 18th 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.

SPORTS AFTERNOON

Come and join us on Wednesday, 23rd 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!



CYBER CAFÉ FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

With children everywhere accessing more and more information through the internet and communicating via social media (on sites which have a minimum age which is beyond our pupils' age), they are more and more likely to experience inappropriate programs and content and even cyber-bullying. At school, we teach about such dangers through our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and Computing Curriculum.



Do you know which programs your child uses at home? Are you concerned by what they can watch? Would you like to find out more?

We are inviting you to attend our 'Cyber Café' event for parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6, which is being led by Mrs. McBeath and being held on Monday, 9th July at 2.00 p.m. in the School Hall. The aim of the session is to enable you to spend some time alongside your child in school finding out about how they can stay safe online whilst also taking part in some activities. A separate letter will follow nearer the time.

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. Those parents and children participating in the Daily Mile, of course, are welcome on the playground from 8.30 a.m.

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.

Thank you for adhering to this safety requirement.



INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We are in the process of planning another International Education week at the beginning of the second half of this term (4th to 8th 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	-	France	Year 4	-	Brazil
Year R	-	England	Year 5	-	Latvia
Year 1	-	Australia	Year 6	-	Denmark
Year 2	-	Italy			
Year 3	-	India			



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

This term's Class Assemblies are listed below:-

Friday, 4th May - Year 5
Friday, 11th May - Year 4
Friday, 22nd June - Year 3
Friday, 29th June - Year 2
Friday, 6th July - Year 1
Friday, 13th July - Reception
Friday, 20th July - Year 6



CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall dates are listed below:-

Friday, 27th April - Year 2
Friday, 11th May - Year 1
Friday, 8th June - Reception
Friday, 6th July - Pre-School

3.05 p.m. in the
School Hall



SUMMER FAIR

The School Association is gearing up for its major fundraising event of the year - the Summer Fair. This takes place on Thursday, 21st June. More information about the Summer Fair will be distributed in due course.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This takes place from 21st - 24th 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, 20th April
Friday, 27th April
Friday, 4th May
Friday, 11th May
Friday, 18th May

Years 5 and 6

Friday, 8th June
Friday, 15th June
Friday, 22nd June
Friday, 29th June
Friday, 6th July
Friday, 13th 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. Children must not retain medicines in their school bags.

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, we ask that you park with consideration for our neighbours and residents of 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. This also applies when visiting the Lions' Den/school annexe.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2018

Closure Day	Monday, 7th May (Bank Holiday)
Staff Professional Day	Friday, 25th May (School Closed)
Half Term	Monday, 28th May to Friday, 1st June
End of Summer Term	Tuesday, 24th July
Start of Autumn Term	Wednesday, 5th September

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 14th May	Isle of Wight Information Meeting
14th - 18th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
21st - 24th May	Walk to School Week
Monday, 21st May	Sex Education Meeting for Parents of Years 5/6 Children
Wednesday, 23rd May	Sports Afternoon
4th - 8th June	International Week
Monday, 11th June	Staff from Cromwell Community College visiting to meet with Year 6 parents
18th - 21st June	Year 6 Safer Cycling
Thursday, 21st June	Summer Fair
25th - 29th June	Isle of Wight Residential Visit for Years 5 and 6
Monday, 2nd July	Information Meeting for Parents of children starting school in September, 2018
Wednesday, 4th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Wednesday, 11th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Monday, 23rd July	Awards Assembly
Tuesday, 24th July	Final Assembly (Year 6 Presentations)

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



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.

