

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome back after the summer break - I do hope you all had a good holiday. The staff and I would like to extend a special welcome to those parents and children who are starting with us for the first time. We appreciate your support and encourage you to maintain close links with us throughout your child's entire time at Lionel Walden. We look forward to speaking with you at termly parents' evenings and ask that you come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of school or your child's learning in the meantime. We also hope to see you at class assemblies throughout the year and welcome your help at other times, for example, during special themed weeks and other events. Details of our Curriculum and everything else our school has to offer can be found on our school website.

I am pleased to report that our library has been refurbished during the holiday and the children are very excited about it. You are very welcome to have a look with your child when you are next in school.

Sadly, the tree at the back of the school has had to be removed as it was found to be diseased. This area will be further developed in the future and we shall be including the children in the planning of it.

We are looking forward to working with you all to provide the best education we can for your children.

I hope to see you all in the coming weeks.

Best wishes

Mrs Barnard-Taylor

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRIORITIES 2016-2017

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 four 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 four targets are:

- To develop and extend our teaching of Reading
- To embed and refine our new assessment procedures
- To enhance outdoor provision for pupils
- To continue with Teaching School activities

We shall continue to strive to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, high quality teaching, a safe environment and well-maintained and attractive surroundings which is conducive to learning.

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.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2016 – REVIEW

Here is an overview of last year's priorities with key actions which have had a positive impact on the pupils at our school.

To develop and extend our teaching of Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training • High quality teaching • Additional timetabled sessions for 'using and applying' and problem-solving activities • Greater use of interactive displays • Purchase of additional resources to support teaching
To develop new assessment procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Baseline assessment for Reception pupils • New assessment systems and methods of recording in place for Years 1 to 6 (to replace National Curriculum levels)
To extend the inclusion of British Values and Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) development within our curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on British Values and SMSC education within class and through whole school assemblies • Whole school displays • Events such as Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday celebrations
To develop a new school website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website - live from September 2015 • Regularly updated with news, dates, policies and other important information • Positive feedback from users (easy to navigate and informative)
To enhance lunchtime provision for pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training • Additional staff to encourage interaction in activities • Introduction of Year 6 Play Leaders • Purchase of new equipment
To continue with Teaching School activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Teacher Training - 10 trainees secured employment (9 in Fenland, 1 in Peterborough) • Provision of Professional Development programmes for NQTs (Newly Qualified Teachers), RQTs (Recently Qualified Teachers), the Outstanding Teacher Programme, the Improving Teacher Programme, training for teachers demonstrating leadership potential • Appointment of additional SLEs (Specialist Leaders of Education) • Chattering Champions - sharing of good practice by Early Years' settings

RECEPTION CHILDREN

We are pleased to have our Reception children in school. In order to help children adjust to the school day, for the first two days (5th and 6th September), they are in school for mornings only. For the rest of the week (7th, 8th and 9th September) 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 12th September, the children stay on for two afternoons (Tuesday, 13th and Thursday, 15th September) and they can then attend full-time from Monday, 19th September. Parents of Reception children have received more detailed information in relation to this. Please also see section on School Lunches.

END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS 2016

EXS = Working at the expected level

GDS = Working at greater depth within the expected level

RWM = Reading, Writing and Maths combined

RWMS = Reading, Writing, Maths and Science combined

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF KS1 OUTCOMES

		READING	WRITING	MATHS	SCIENCE	RWM	RWMS
NATIONAL	EXS+	74	66	73	82	60	60
CAMBS		73	64	71	82	58	58
SCHOOL		81	78	88	94	75	75
NATIONAL	GDS	24	13	18		9	
CAMBS		24	13	18		8	
SCHOOL		41	19	28		16	

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF KS2 OUTCOMES

		READING %	AVERAGE SCALED SCORE	WRITING %	MATHS %	AVERAGE SCALED SCORE	GPS %	AVERAGE SCALED SCORE	RWM
NATIONAL	EXS +	66	102	74	70	102	72	103	53
CAMBS		66	102	71	67	102	70	103	52
SCHOOL		73	103	82	76	104	85	106	61

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE - JULY 2016

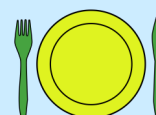
Thank you very much for returning the questionnaires. Overall, the responses were extremely positive and we thank you for taking the time to include the additional comments of support and highlighting the aspects you enjoy about our school. We aim to do our best and welcome feedback as we strive to do 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 experiences, we hope to speak with you directly to discuss your ideas and suggestions. Thank you once again for your participation in this. If you still have your questionnaire at home, you may still return it to the School Office.

SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

All maintained schools have recently undergone a 'Safeguarding Review' by the Local Authority. This was a rigorous half-day audit and examination of our safeguarding policies, procedures and practices and involved looking at documentation and carrying out observations and discussions with staff. It included reviewing policies such as Safeguarding and Child Protection, First Aid and Behaviour Management, our understanding of specific documents for staff working in schools, the extent to which all staff have received training in Child Protection relevant to their roles, induction for new staff and parent helpers, governor responsibilities and involvement, procedures and checks for vetting and employing new staff, site safety and security, medical and first aid provision and the inclusion of e-safety and personal safety within the curriculum. Our approach to safeguarding was recognised as being comprehensive and the planning of it was evident throughout the review. The knowledge and understanding of all aspects is embedded among staff.

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 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 £2.10 per day (£10.50 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.



SWIMMING

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

Years 5 and 6

Friday 9th September
Friday 16th September
Friday 23rd September
Friday 30th September
Friday 7th October
Friday 14th 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.

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, 19th or Thursday, 20th October at 9.10 a.m. in the School Hall.



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.

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, 18th October (between 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. and Wednesday, 19th October (between 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.). 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 which are suitable for outdoor break. 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!

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.

AWARDS

During assembly on Monday mornings, 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.

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 and days out do not fall into the category of 'exceptional circumstances'. All children need to be present in school to achieve their full potential. The Education Welfare Officer will be monitoring attendance more closely.

PARENT/PUPIL INFORMATION DETAILS

With this newsletter, you have received a form for each child (with the exception of any new children who have joined us this term) which should be completed and returned to school by Friday 16th 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

2016

Staff Training Day	Friday, 21st October
Half Term	Monday, 24th to Friday, 28th October
End of Autumn Term	Tuesday, 20th December

2017

Staff Training Day	Wednesday, 4th January
Spring Term starts	Thursday, 5th January
Half Term	Monday, 13th to Friday, 17th February
End of Spring Term	Friday, 31st March
Staff Training Day	Tuesday, 18th April
Summer Term starts	Wednesday, 19th April
Public Holiday	Monday, 1st May
Half Term	Monday, 29th May to Friday, 2nd June
End of Summer Term	<u>Friday, 21st July</u>

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

2016

Individual Photographs	Monday, 19th September
Book Fair	Tuesday, 4th to Friday, 7th October
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th October
Autumn Festival	Wednesday, 19th and Thursday, 20th October
LWSA Breakfast with Santa	Saturday, 3rd December
EYFS - The Nativity	Tuesday, 6th December (Dress Rehearsal - 5th December)
Christmas Production	Tuesday, 13th & Wednesday, 14th December (Dress Rehearsal - 12th December)
Carol Service	Tuesday, 20th December

2017

Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2017 Reception Intake	Thursday, 23rd February
Open Evening	Wednesday, 8th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th March
End of Key Stage 2 Tests	Week commencing Monday, 8th May
Sports Afternoon	Wednesday, 24th May
LWSA Summer Fair	Thursday, 22nd June
New Intake Parents' Evening for 2017 Reception Intake	Monday, 3rd July



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

The welfare of your children is extremely important to us including when using the internet in school where we have security measures in place. Please ensure your child remains safe whilst using the internet at other times. Some suggestions are:

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.

Consider

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?

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

A photographer has been booked for the morning of Monday, 19th September. All school children will have individual photos taken, as well as groups of brothers and/or sisters in school.

Any Pre-School children wishing to have photographs taken should come in from 8.15 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. If you wish to have a family group photograph taken with adults, you should also come to the hall between 8.15 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.

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

The current version of our school website was unveiled a year ago and provides key information for parents including details of the curriculum, school policies, information about the work of the Board of Governors, 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) are published on the website. If anyone requires a paper copy of the information published, please contact the School Office.

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 avoid cake, chocolate, biscuits, crisps and 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.

