

# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2017



### 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 all parents 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.

We are also very pleased to welcome new members of staff to our team: Mrs Sam Whatling (Year 5 Teacher), Mrs Zoe Fitzpatrick (Assistant Pre-School Leader) and Mrs Lee Hart (Catering Assistant). Mrs Susannah Wild is now a permanent Midday Supervisor and Mrs Heather Long remains here as a relief Cleaner and Midday Supervisor.

During the holiday, a new seating area at the back of the School was completed. Following discussions with pupils, we now have a large 'Storyteller's Chair' and additional bench seating which will be used by classes for reading and drama activities. At lunchtimes and breaks, our older pupils will be able use it to engage in similar activities with our younger pupils. We also have an outdoor learning area for our Year 1 class which provides an extension to their classroom and enables them to access additional 'hands-on' activities relating to their Curriculum.

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 2017-2018

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 further improve outcomes in Reading across the School
- To further improve outcomes in Writing across the School
- To continue the focus on 'Using and Applying' within Maths
- To further improve outcomes of specific pupil groups (including vulnerable groups and the more able)

We shall continue to strive to provide a broad and balanced Curriculum, high quality teaching, a safe environment and well-maintained and attractive surroundings.

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 2016-2017 - 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.

<p>To develop and extend our teaching of Reading</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff training and high quality teaching</li> <li>• Whole school displays</li> <li>• Classroom displays - focus on extension of vocabulary</li> <li>• Focussed sessions - 'Reading at 1pm', guided reading</li> <li>• Frequent reading at home (daily) - to support progress in school</li> <li>• Purchase of additional resources to support teaching of Phonics in Early Years</li> <li>• Purchase of additional reading books</li> <li>• Promotion of enjoyment of Reading through Reading Club, World Book Day, Chatterjam, Summer Reading Challenge, assemblies, etc.</li> <li>• Parent information workshops/Reading Café</li> <li>• Awards for Accelerated Reading scheme</li> </ul>
<p>To continue to develop and refine our assessment procedures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline assessment for Reception pupils</li> <li>• Review and amendment of assessment systems and methods of recording for Years 1 to 6</li> <li>• Secure knowledge of staff</li> </ul>
<p>To enhance lunchtime provision for pupils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff training</li> <li>• Increased staff interaction to engage children in activities</li> <li>• Training of Year 6 Play Leaders</li> <li>• Purchase of new equipment</li> </ul>
<p>To continue with Teaching School activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial Teacher Training - partnership with University of Bedfordshire</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Deployment of SLEs (Specialist Leaders of Education) to support other schools</li> <li>• Chattering Champions - continuation of the sharing of good practice by Early Years' settings</li> <li>• Network meetings for Leaders of English, Maths and Special Educational Needs provision</li> </ul>

## 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 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September), they are in school for mornings only. For the rest of the week (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September) they stay for lunch until 1.00 p.m. and are assisted in the Hall by our Year 6 pupils. During the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September, the children stay on for two afternoons (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September) and they can then attend full-time from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Parents of Reception children have received more detailed information in relation to this. Please also see section on School Lunches. The school lunch menu is available from the School Office or can be viewed on the school website.

## END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS 2017

EXS+ = Working at the expected level

RWM = Reading, Writing and Maths combined

### PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF KS1 OUTCOMES

		READING	WRITING	MATHS	SCIENCE	RWM
NATIONAL	EXS+	74	66	73	82	60
CAMBS		73	64	71	82	58
SCHOOL		82	79	82	79	76

### PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF KS2 OUTCOMES

		READING %	WRITING %	MATHS %	GPS %	RWM
NATIONAL	EXS+	71	76	75	76	61
CAMBS		72	73	72	75	59
SCHOOL		* 67	85	82	82	64

\* NB Two pupils joined Year 6 just prior to the National Tests and had not accessed the full curriculum.

## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE - JULY 2017

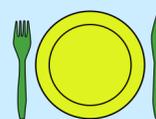
Thank you very much for returning the questionnaires. Overall, the responses were extremely positive and we thank you for taking the time to include the additional comments of support and highlighting the aspects you enjoy about our school. We aim to do our best and welcome feedback as we strive to do 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

The safety and well-being of your children is of paramount importance to us. For this reason we regularly review and update our safeguarding policies, procedures and practices. All staff, governors, volunteer helpers and work experience students undergo a rigorous Induction Programme and receive regular training and updates in relation to Child Protection, the Prevent Duty, First Aid, Health and Safety and Behaviour Management, relevant to their roles. Appropriate checks for vetting and employing new staff are in place, site safety and security is monitored and there is provision for the teaching of e-safety and personal safety within the curriculum. Parents are provided with information in relation to this through newsletters, the school website, invitations to visit the Life Education Centre bus and workshops. Our approach to safeguarding was recognised in an external audit as being 'comprehensive' - '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 re-funded.



Please note, we hope to have an online payment facility up and running by 1st October.

## SWIMMING

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

### Years 5 and 6

Friday 8th September  
Friday 15th September  
Friday 22nd September  
Friday 29th September  
Friday 6th October  
Friday 13th 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 18th or Thursday 19th 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 17<sup>th</sup> October (between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm) and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (between 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm). Please note that Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October is an additional evening for some Year groups. 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 15th 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

#### 2017

Staff Training Day	Friday 20th October
Half Term	Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October
End of Autumn Term	Tuesday 19th December

#### 2018

Staff Training Day	Wednesday 3rd January
Spring Term starts	Thursday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 12th to Friday 16th February
End of Spring Term	Thursday 29th March
Staff Training Day	Monday 16th April
Summer Term starts	Monday 17th April
Public Holiday	Monday 7th May
Staff Training Day	Friday 25th May
Half Term	Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
End of Summer Term	<b><u>Tuesday 24th July</u></b>

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2017

Individual Photographs	Monday 18th September
Book Fair	Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th October
Parents' Evenings	Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October
Autumn Festival	Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October
LWSA Breakfast with Santa	Saturday 2nd December
EYFS - The Nativity	Tuesday 5th December (Dress Rehearsal - 4th December)
Christmas Production	Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December (Dress Rehearsal - 11th December)
Carol Service	Tuesday 19th December

#### 2018

Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2018 Reception Intake	Thursday 22nd February
Open Evening	Wednesday 7th March
Parents' Evening	Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March
End of Key Stage 2 Tests	Week commencing Monday 14th May
Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 23rd May
LWSA Summer Fair	Thursday 21st June
Isle of Wight Residential Visit	Monday 25th to Friday 29th June



## 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 also 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 such as not sharing personal information online, 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?

If you have any concerns, or would like further advice or information, please speak to your child's teacher.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

A photographer has been booked for the morning of Monday 18th 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](http://www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk)

Our School website 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.

