

LIONEL WALDEN SCHOOL

SPRING TERM 2015



CURRICULUM THEMED WEEKS

Two curriculum themed weeks will be held during the Spring Term—Healthy Week and Science Week. Further information on the activities taking place during these weeks is given below.

HEALTHY WEEK

Healthy Week is 2nd to 6th February. During this week, we have a football coach from Cambridge City Football Club coming in to work with children in Years 3 to 6. This is in conjunction with a new football academy that is being set up at Cromwell Community College. During this week, we shall also be involved in a programme called Kick Ash. This will involve our Year 6 pupils and is being led by the Cambridgeshire PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Service along with Cromwell students.

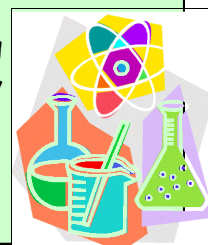
If there are any parents who are involved in a sport or have coaching qualifications and would be able to take part in taster sessions during Healthy Week, please contact Mrs Clarke in the school office. Sports coaches, provided by the Witchford Sports Partnership, will be teaching multi-skills sessions to Classes 1 and 2 along with Quicksticks hockey for Class 5 this term. Inter-school competitions will be held within the classes after the final sessions.

Molly Dancing will be taking place with Class 7 on Monday afternoons. This will be led by Gordon Philips, from the Ouse Washes Molly Dancers, who will teach specific dances and recount stories of the local area. Swimming sessions also continue this term, with Years 5 and 6 before half-term and Years 3 and 4 after half-term. Please see details on page 2.

Our professional development programme for the Spring Term includes members of staff attending courses on Risk Assessments for PE, Witchford Sports Partnership updates, PE for Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) and Supporting PE Lessons (for Teaching Assistants).

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week is 16th to 20th March. Once again, a range of visitors will be in school including Mad Science, Jules the Wildlife Man and Lion Learners. Some classes will be visiting Coldham Wind Farm where they will participate in 'Energy' and 'Farm to Fork' workshops. As in previous years, each class will be experiencing a range of exciting experiments and activities. Parental help is always appreciated during this busy week - please contact Mrs. Clarke in the school office for further information.



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.

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.



PARENTS' EVENINGS

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

Tuesday, 24th February

Pre-School Parents' Evening for parents of children starting Reception in September, 2015.

Wednesday, 11th March

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, 17th and Wednesday, 18th March

Private consultations with teachers about children's work and progress. Children are not to attend these meetings.

SWIMMING

Swimming dates for this term are as follows:-

YEARS 5 AND 6

Fridays: 16th, 23rd, 30th January, 6th, 13th February

YEARS 3 AND 4

Fridays: 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March

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.

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.



CHARITY

The Carol Service held at St. Mary's Parish Church in December raised £136.00. This money has been donated to Save the Children.

Important Dates—2015



Tuesday, 3rd February —Friday, 6th February	Book Fair
Monday, 16th February—Friday, 20th February	Half Term
Tuesday, 24th February	Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2015 Reception Intake
Wednesday, 11th March	Open Evening
Tuesday, 17th & Wednesday, 18th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday, 27th March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday, 14th April	First day of Summer Term
Thursday, 23rd April	Class and Sports Group Photographs
Monday, 4th May	School Closed—Public Holiday
Week commencing Monday, 11th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
Wednesday, 20th May	Sports Afternoon (weather permitting)
Friday, 22nd May	Staff Training Day (school closed)
Monday, 25th May—Friday, 29th May	Half Term
Tuesday, 9th June	Year 6 Library Resources Day at Cromwell Community College
Thursday, 18th June	Summer Fair
Monday, 22nd June to Friday, 26th June	Year 5/6 residential trip to Isle of Wight
Monday, 6th July	New Parents' Evening for 2015 Reception Intake <u>(This is a change to the date originally published)</u>
Wednesday, 8th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Wednesday, 22nd July	Last day of Summer Term

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

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



SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES

Below is a link to the latest School Performance Tables 2014, including financial data.

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

COMIC RELIEF—RED NOSE DAY

The school is having a non-uniform day on Friday, 13th March. Further details will be sent out after half term.

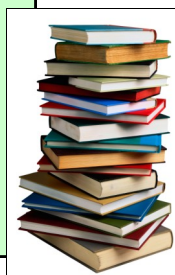


WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday, 5th March

BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, 3rd February to Friday, 6th February



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Class 8—23rd January/21st July
Class 7—30th January/8th May
Class 6—6th February/3rd July
Class 5—13th February/1st May
Class 4—6th March/12th June
Class 3—13th March/21st May
Class 2—25th March/19th June
Class 1—27th March/17th July

CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall dates are listed below:-

Friday, 16th January	-	Class 6
Friday, 13th February	-	Class 5
Friday, 6th March	-	Class 4
Friday, 24th April	-	Class 3
Friday, 15th May	-	Class 2
Friday, 12th June	-	Class 1
Friday, 10th 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 for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are organising this during the following weeks:-

w/c 2nd February—Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4
w/c 9th 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.