

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

April 2019

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. We have recently welcomed Mrs Fitzpatrick back to Pre-School, following her maternity leave. We are looking forward to Miss Coulthurst's return to school after half term. We are very pleased that Mrs Riches has returned following a period of illness. Thank you to our staff for their commitment to providing additional cover, in their absence, to ensure continuity for our children.

This term, I am acting as the school's SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator) until Mrs Wilson joins the staff permanently next term. Mrs Wilson will be visiting this term to meet with staff, pupils and parents. If you have any questions, or would like any further information, relating to the provision for pupils with SEND, please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment.

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 our 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 LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE

The Life Education Centre will be on site from 8th to 15th July. All classes will visit as part of our PSHE curriculum. Parents and Governors will also be invited to attend sessions to find out about the content of the lessons being taught. More information will be circulated nearer the time.



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

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. 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 Tuesday 2nd April informative.

Key Stage 2 Tests - Year 6 Pupils

This year the tests are:-

- ♦ English grammar, punctuation and spelling (two papers)
- ♦ English reading (one paper)
- ♦ 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 a separate teacher assessment judgement for Science.

The Key Stage 2 tests will take place between Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th 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 at school on time. We appreciate your help and support with this.

SPORTS AFTERNOON

Come and join us on Wednesday 22nd 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 risks 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 8th 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 Week at the beginning of the second half of this term (3rd to 7th 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	-	India	Year 4	-	Brazil
Year R	-	England	Year 5	-	Australia
Year 1	-	France	Year 6	-	Denmark
Year 2	-	USA			
Year 3	-	China			



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

This term's Class Assemblies are listed below:-

Friday 17th May - Year 5
Friday 14th June - Year 4
Friday 21st June - Year 3
Friday 28th June - Year 2
Friday 5th July - Year 1
Friday 12th July - Reception
Friday 19th July - Year 6



CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall dates are listed below:-

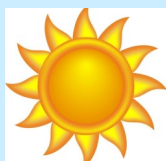
Friday 17th May - Year 2
Friday 28th June - Reception
Friday 12th July - Pre-School

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 will take place on Thursday 20th June. More information about the Summer Fair will be distributed in due course.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This takes place from 20th to 23rd 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 26th April
Friday 3rd May
Friday 10th May
Friday 17th May

Years 5 and 6

Friday 7th June
Friday 14th June
Friday 21st June
Friday 28th June
Friday 5th July
Friday 12th July
Friday 19th July

The contribution towards teaching and transport costs for swimming lessons is £2.50 per session. Please note that all children must wear a swimming hat. These can be purchased from the school office at a cost of 75p.



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, particularly as we now communicate by email.



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 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. During the Summer Term, blue and white gingham school dresses are also popular. No 'hoodies', please. Black shoes are preferred - sports shoes should be worn for outdoor PE/games. 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 and false nails 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.

COMMUNITY BIDS

As reported in in our Spring Term Newsletter, we have been successful in securing funding which we have now received. The main work was carried out during February half-term and we are now in the process of adding the final touches so that the pupils can make full use of the facilities.

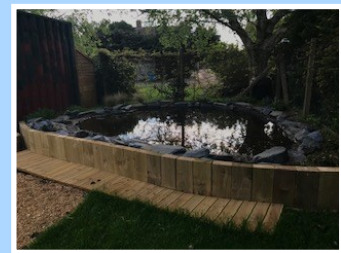
RANSONMOOR ENVIRONMENT FUND

We have received £5,000 towards the purchase of two learning pods. These provide shade and shelter and will be used to promote environmental learning. Pupils will access the resources to enable them to carry out scientific observations and investigations.



BURNTHOUSE FARM WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT

We have received £3,000 towards the regeneration of our Science Garden which includes a newly excavated natural, self-sustaining pond with a viewing platform, outdoor classroom area with seats made from logs, bug hotels and a wildflower garden.



TESCO BLUE TOKEN SCHEME

We have received £1,000 which is being used to purchase additional equipment for our outdoor learning areas.

We are very grateful to the above groups for the funding. The pupils are excited about the projects and are looking forward to using the areas and resources to further develop their learning.

The Lionel Walden School Association are currently fundraising, through their events, to fund the remaining costs of these projects. Thank you to the LWSA committee and all parents and pupils for supporting these events.

EARLY INTERVENTION FAMILY WORKER

Drop-In Sessions

LeAnn Warren is at Lionel Walden every Monday morning from 9.00 a.m. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment through the School Office, or 'drop in' to seek advice and guidance on topics such as:-

- ♦ Attendance
- ♦ Behaviour
- ♦ Parenting

Please contact the School Office for further information.

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2019

Closure Day	Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday)
Staff Professional Day	Friday 24th May (School Closed)
Half-Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
End of Summer Term	Wednesday 24th July
Start of Autumn Term	Wednesday 4th September

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

13th - 16th May	End of Key Stage 2 Tests
20th - 23rd May	Walk to School Week
Monday 20th May	Sex Education Meeting for Parents of Years 5/6 Children
Wednesday 22nd May	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 23rd May	LWSA Bag2School Collection
3rd - 7th June	International Week
Friday 7th June	Staff from Cromwell Community College visiting to meet Year 6 parents
Thursday 20th June	Summer Fair
24th - 27th June	Year 6 Safer Cycling
Monday 1st July	Information Meeting for Parents of children starting school in September, 2019
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Saturday 6th July	Village Carnival
Wednesday 10th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cromwell Community College
Monday 22nd July	Awards Assembly
Wednesday 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 the school's website on a daily basis.
- ⇒ 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.

