



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

September, 2014

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back after what we hope was a good summer break for everyone. We extend a special welcome to any new children and parents who are with us for the first time and look forward to working with you. We would especially like to welcome Miss Atkinson, who has joined our teaching staff, working in Class 5.

OUR NEXT SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014 AND BEYOND

The School Development Plan is the document that drives the strategic work to develop and improve the school. The plan gives everyone in the school community a clear vision and sense of purpose for improving the school.

We have six key, 'headline' targets, along with proposed success criteria and key actions for each target. The key targets have been reached by gathering information from a variety of sources. These will 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 children and parents. The targets draw on discussions Governors have had in our various Full Governing Body and Committee meetings. They also reflect the national agenda of education reform. In addition, targets and action plans give Governors the opportunity to monitor and evaluate the work of the school to develop, improve and raise standards. We build into the action plans monitoring and evaluation activities - these activities will include the work of Governors through committees and link Governor visits.

The six headline targets are listed below:

- * Raising the proportion of our teaching that is 'outstanding'
- * Developing our ICT Curriculum
- * Introducing the new National Curriculum from September 2014
- * Improving outcomes for our children
- * Teaching School Activities
- * Premises Development

Success criteria and key actions for each target will be posted on our website within the next fortnight.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

At the start of the new school year, we will once again be reinforcing our expectations regarding the wearing of school uniform. 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.

PARENTS' EVENING

This term's Parents' Evening is aimed at giving you a brief overview of how your child has settled back into school. Children's books will be located outside the classroom, in named batches, for parents to look through prior to seeing their child's class teacher. These books should be brought into the classroom and returned to the teacher during the consultation. Children should not attend this evening which will take place on Wednesday, 22nd October between 3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. and between 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Included in the books for parents to view will be your child's 'Writing Progress' book. The work in this book will be built on throughout your child's time in school demonstrating progress made each term. This work is completed independently and is left unmarked.

END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS 2014

At the end of Key Stage 1 the percentages of pupils' attainment were as follows:-

	<u>Level 2 and above</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Reading	100%	41%
Writing	97%	15%
Mathematics	100%	21%

The end of Key Stage 2 percentages were:-

	<u>Level 4 and above</u>	<u>Level 5+</u>
Reading	91%	71%
Writing	94%	46%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	85%	65%
Maths	89%	46%

Level 2 and Level 4 are the expected levels of attainment for pupils at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 respectively.



BOOK FAIR

The school will be holding a Book Fair from Tuesday, 7th October to Friday, 10th October, 8.35—8.50 a.m. 3.10—3.30 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Throughout the year, your child's photograph may be taken as we record activities taking place in school. On some occasions, these photographs may appear on the school's website or in the local press. If any parent has any objection to this, please inform the school office as soon as possible.



SCHOOL RECORDS



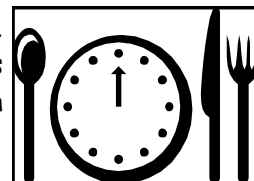
Please inform the school office of any changes regarding your child/children's records. This is particularly important in respect of mobile telephone numbers—we may need to contact you in an emergency! This also applies to email addresses—please ensure we have your most up-to-date address.

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.
- ⇒ New parking restrictions have come into force outside the school.
- ⇒ We are a no-smoking premises.
- ⇒ Please note that dogs should not be brought onto the school premises.

RECEPTION CHILDREN

Our Reception children have started school and it has been good to see them getting used to their classroom. In preparation for full time attendance, they are staying at school this week for lunch until 1.00 p.m. Initially, the children who stay, eat in the hall and are helped by children in Year 6. Weekly menus are circulated to parents and are displayed in school. Further information on school meals can be found in the paragraph below. Details about attendance should have already been circulated. Reception children can attend full time from Monday, 22nd September.



DINNER MONEY/UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are eligible for a free school meal every day funded by a Government initiative. We have increased staffing and invested in new kitchen equipment to enable us to meet the increased demand and so far, the response has been encouraging. We would like to welcome Mrs. Claire Tibbitts who has joined our catering team. For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, we are pleased to have been able to keep the cost of a meal at £2.00. All dinners should be paid for in advance or on the day. Please look out for special promotional days.



PARENTAL HELP

Any parental help in school would be greatly appreciated. We are proud of the number of parent helpers at Lionel Walden and always value more help. If anyone wishes to come in, they should contact the school office or see their child's class teacher.

SWIMMING

To comply with the National Curriculum, from this term, children in Key Stage 2 only will participate in swimming lessons, swimming in year groups.

The contribution towards teaching and transport costs for swimming lessons remains at £1.50 per session. All lessons are on Fridays and the first dates for this term are as follows:-

Years 5 and 6 (Classes 7 & 8)

Friday, 12th September
Friday, 19th September
Friday, 26th September
Friday, 3rd October
Friday, 10th October
Friday, 17th October



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.

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.

UNIFORM

The school has navy outdoor coats for sale with the school logo on, priced at £16.50. These are reversible with a fleecy lining. We also have fleece jackets (£12.25) and lightweight rain jackets (£11.95). Please see Mrs. Clarke in the school office.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

We shall be holding our Autumn Festival again this year . This will take place over two days (except for Pre-School who will perform once on the Wednesday). Each class will be contributing separate items along the theme of 'Autumn'. All parents are welcome to attend our Autumn Festival which will take place on Wednesday, 22nd and Thursday, 23rd October at 9.10 a.m.



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2014

Closure Day	Friday, 24th October
Half Term	Monday, 27th to Friday, 31st October
End of Autumn Term	Friday, 19th December

2015

Closure Day	Monday, 5th January
Spring Term starts	Tuesday, 6th January
Half Term	Monday, 16th to Friday, 20th February
End of Spring Term	Friday, 27th March
Closure Day	Monday, 13th April
Summer Term starts	Tuesday, 14th April
Public Holiday	Monday, 4th May
Closure Day	Friday, 22nd May
Half Term	Monday, 25th to Friday, 29th May
End of Summer Term	Wednesday, 22nd July

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

2014

Individual Photographs	Monday, 22nd September
Book Fair	Tuesday, 7th to Friday, 10th October
Parents' Evening	Wednesday, 22nd October
Autumn Festival	Wednesday, 22nd and Thursday, 23rd October
Christmas Production	Tuesday, 9th & Wednesday, 10th December (Dress Rehearsal—8th December)
Carol Service	Friday, 19th December

2015

Pre-School Parents' Evening for 2015 Reception Intake	Tuesday, 24th February
Open Evening	Wednesday, 11th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday, 18th March
End of Key Stage 2 Tests	Week commencing Monday, 11th May
Sports Afternoon	Wednesday, 20th May
New Intake Parents' Evening for 2015 Reception Intake	Tuesday, 7th July



SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website, www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk, is updated on a regular basis, giving information on events taking place in school.