



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

May 2022

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 our school newsletter. After such a difficult two years, due to Covid and the associated restrictions, we are so pleased to be able to return to some of our previous events and invite you to attend. Information about our key events are included in this newsletter and important dates are listed on the back page. Please also refer to the school website (www.lionelwalden.cambs.sch.uk), on a regular basis for other information, news, dates and photographs.

STAFFING

As you are aware, Mrs Clarke will be retiring from her role as Office Manager at the end of this term. She has been a very hard working and committed member of staff for twenty-eight years and has ensured the smooth running of the Office as well as being a familiar face to all parents and pupils alike. She will continue working flexibly until April 2023, continuing with HR and finance. We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Pauline Salisbury, as our new Office Manager, who will join the staff from Monday 9th May. She will be working alongside Mrs Clarke for the remainder of this term, to ensure a smooth transition.

Mrs McBeath, our Year 2 teacher is leaving Lionel Walden at the end of this term to commence a new teaching role in another school. We thank Mrs McBeath for all her hard work and for everything she has done in her sixteen years at the school and wish her all the very best for the future.

I am very pleased to inform you that we have successfully recruited two new teachers to join the staff here at Lionel Walden from September.

Governors, staff and parents were informed, at the start of this term, of my difficult and sad decision to resign from my post as Headteacher. The process to recruit a new Headteacher is underway and you will be informed of the outcome in due course.

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.

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.



CLASS TRIPS

We are very excited to be able to organise class trips for this term. These will take place on the following dates. Further information will be emailed to parents nearer the time.

Reception	-	Wednesday 8th June	-	South Angle Farm Park
Year 1	-	Tuesday 21st June	-	South Angle Farm Park
Year 2	-	Friday 29th April	-	Burwell House
Year 3	-	Thursday 16th June	-	Flag Fen
Year 4	-	Thursday 16th June	-	Museum of Zoology
Year 5	-	Thursday 30th June	-	Hinchingbrooke Country Park
Year 6	-	Monday 4th July	-	Cadbury World

NATIONAL TESTS - KEY STAGES 1 AND 2

National curriculum tests (SATs) have been reinstated again this year and are taking place in May for all pupils in Years 2 and 6. 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.

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 9th May and Thursday 12th May. It is important that all Year 6 children attend school during the week of these tests.

Our staff and children have worked extremely hard to cover the specified content of the National Curriculum in order to prepare pupils for moving on to secondary school. It is important that pupils remain calm and relaxed during SATs week and arrive at school on time. They are familiar with the procedures and should not be concerned. We appreciate your help and support with this.

SPORTS AFTERNOON

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Afternoon on Wednesday 25th May, starting promptly 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. Please ensure your child remembers to bring their water bottle to school - these will be refilled before they go out onto the field. Drinks will be available for parent spectators. We ask that all parents sit well away from the starting and finish lines. Have an enjoyable afternoon!



READING CAFÉ FOR YEAR 2

We are very pleased to be able to invite our Year 2 parents into school this term to take part in a short series of Reading Café events. Parents will be able to share in their children's reading and complete activities with them based around a specific book. The children will also be baking refreshments which will be enjoyed by all at the sessions. This is funded by the Opportunity Area programme.

The sessions will be held in the School Hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 17th May, Tuesday 14th June and Tuesday 5th July at 2.30pm.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

We are looking forward to celebrating and marking the special occasion of our Queen's 70th anniversary by holding an afternoon tea and fun activities for all children on Thursday 26th May. Further details will be circulated.



P.E. LESSONS

We are continuing to ask that children come into school wearing their P.E. kits on the days they have P.E. - a plain, white t-shirt with black or navy shorts, please. They should also wear their school sweatshirt, or another plain top, on cooler days.

No jewellery should be worn in school except for small stud earrings. These must be removed independently by your child before P.E. and swimming lessons. Alternatively, they should be removed before coming to school.

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 (7th to 10th 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	-	England	Year 4	-	Brazil
Year R	-	England	Year 5	-	Greece
Year 1	-	Australia	Year 6	-	Denmark
Year 2	-	China			
Year 3	-	Italy			



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We are pleased to be able to invite you to Class Assemblies on the dates listed below:-

Friday 6th May - Year 5
 Friday 17th June - Year 3
 Friday 24th June - Year 4
 Friday 1st July - Year 2
 Friday 8th July - Year 1
 Friday 15th July - Reception
 Wednesday 20th July - Year 6



CAKE STALLS

Cake Stall are open to all pupils and parents. Each class is asked for donations on the dates below:-

Friday 29th April - Year 6
 Friday 6th May - Year 5
 Friday 13th May - Year 4
 Friday 20th May - Year 3
 Friday 10th June - Year 2
 Friday 1st July - Year 1
 Friday 8th July - Reception
 Friday 15th July - Pre-School

3.15 p.m. in the School Hall

Thank you very much!



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 23rd June. More information about the Summer Fair will be distributed in due course.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This takes place from 16th to 20th 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:-

Year 3

Friday 22nd April
 Friday 29th April
 Friday 6th May
 Friday 13th May
 Friday 20th May

Year 6

Friday 10th June
 Friday 17th June
 Friday 24th June
 Friday 1st July
 Friday 8th July
 Friday 15th July

The contribution towards teaching and transport costs for swimming lessons is £6 per session. Please note that all children must wear a swimming hat. These can be purchased from the School Office at a cost of £1.



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

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.

If a child has symptoms of Covid, or has tested positive, they should remain at home for three days and until their temperature has returned to normal. They can then return to school if they are well enough.

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

It is extremely important that your child attends school, particularly as we have all experienced much disruption during the pandemic. Please notify the School Office, either by email or telephone, on the first day of absence and on subsequent days. If there is anything we can do to support you through periods of longer term absence, please let us know.

Please note that 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.

ROAD CROSSING PATROL/PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We are very pleased to have a Road Crossing Patrol Officer, Mrs Overall, on duty before and after school. On the occasions when the crossing is unmanned, due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, we shall endeavour to alert parents by email at our earliest opportunity.

Parents are politely reminded to park away from the yellow zig zag lines 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.

The safety of everyone is paramount. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL UNIFORM/LOST PROPERTY

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 black shorts. School sweatshirts, cardigans and coats, with the school logo, can be ordered online. Please contact Mrs Clarke, in the School Office, for further details.

PLEASE ENSURE EACH ITEM OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THEIR NAME - WE CAN THEN ENSURE 'LOST' ITEMS MAKE THEIR WAY BACK TO THE CORRECT CHILD.

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 independently 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.

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 th April	Professional Development Day (School Closure Day)
Wednesday 20 th April	Summer Term starts
Friday 29 th April	Year 2's Class Trip (Burwell House)
	LWSA Year 6 Cake Stall
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 6 th May	Y5's Class Assembly
	LWSA Year 5 Cake Stall
9 th - 12 th May	Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs (national tests)
Friday 13 th May	LWSA Year 4 Cake Stall
16 th - 20 th May	Walk to School/Road Safety Week
Friday 20 th May	LWSA Year 3 Cake Stall
Wednesday 25 th May	Sports Afternoon (weather permitting)
Thursday 26 th May	Children's Tea Party for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Friday 27 th May	Professional Development Day (School Closure Day)
30 th May - 3 rd June	Half-Term
Monday 6 th June	School Closure Day (in lieu of Queen's Jubilee)
Wednesday 8 th June	Reception Class Trip (South Angle Farm Park)
7 th - 10 th June	International Week
Friday 10 th June	LWSA Year 2 Cake Stall
13 th - 16 th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 16 th June	Year 3's Class Trip (Flag Fen)
	Year 4's Class Trip (Museum of Zoology, Cambridge)
Friday 17 th June	Year 3's Class Assembly
	LWSA Father's Day Shop
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 1's Class Trip (South Angle Farm Park)
Friday 24 th June	Year 4's Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd June	LWSA Summer Fair
Tuesday 28 th June	New Intake Meeting for Parents (Reception September 2022)
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 6 to Cromwell Community College (transition)
Thursday 30 th June	Year 5's Class Trip (Hinchingbrooke Country Park)
Friday 1 st July	Year 2's Class Assembly
	LWSA Year 1 Cake Stall
Monday 4 th July	Year 6's Class Trip (CadburyWorld)
Thursday 7 th July	Whole School Transition (morning)
	Year 6 to Cromwell Community College (transition)
Friday 8 th July	Year 1's Class Assembly
	LWSA Reception Class Cake Stall
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6 to Cromwell Community College (transition)
Friday 15 th July	Reception Class Assembly
	LWSA Pre-School Cake Stall
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6's Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers' Assembly

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022

Staff Professional Day	Tuesday 19th April (School Closed)
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May (School Closed)
Staff Professional Day	Friday 27th May (School Closed)
Half-Term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Monday 6th June (Additional School Closure Day)
End of Summer Term	Friday 22nd July
Start of Autumn Term	Monday 5th September

