

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome a new member of staff to Lionel Walden. Mr. Russell joins our teaching team and is Class 6's teacher.

PRIORITIES

Last year we prioritised Reading for improvement and this was very successful. Our Reading results improved significantly from the previous year throughout the school. More than 50% of children achieved the highest level in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. As part of our drive to improve Reading we have invested heavily in new material and early feedback has been very positive from both children and parents. The Reading Scheme has been re-organised to accommodate extra resources and you should have received a letter from Mrs. Barnard-Taylor, Deputy Headteacher, concerning this.

This academic year we intend to maintain our high standards in Reading whilst working to improve Writing. Writing results were very good but not as good as Reading.

We shall also be focussing on the Olympics, specifically the Olympic values. These are:-

- ⇒ Respect
- ⇒ Friendship
- ⇒ Excellence

In addition the Paralympic values are:-

- ⇒ Courage
- ⇒ Determination
- ⇒ Equality



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The wearing of school uniform is strongly encouraged at Lionel Walden. The school colours are navy/grey 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.



We shall also be organising a residential trip to the Isle of Wight for the children in Years 5 and 6.

Thank you for your continued support.

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 Thursday. 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 Thursday, 20th and Friday, 21st October at 9.10 a.m.



End of Key Stage Results 2011

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

	<u>Level 2 and above</u>
Reading	85%
Writing	82%
Mathematics	94%

The end of Key Stage 2 percentages are:-

	<u>Level 4 and above</u>
English	94%
Mathematics	97%

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, 4th October to Friday, 7th October.

SCHOOL COATS

The school has navy outdoor coats for sale with the school logo on, priced at £16.50.

These are reversible with a fleecy lining.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Throughout the year, your child's photograph may be taken as we record activities taking place in school. On some occasions, these photos may appear 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.

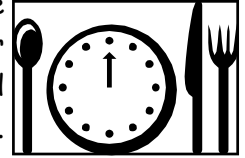


POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ 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 do not use the vehicular access—please ensure children do not ride bicycles/scooters on school premises.

Reception Children

In preparation for full time attendance, Reception aged children will be staying at school for lunch until 1.00 p.m. from the week commencing 12th September. Initially, the children who stay eat in the hall and are helped by children in Year 6. The cost of a school meal is £2.00 and should be paid for in advance. Weekly menus are circulated to parents and are displayed in school giving information on the food being served. Further information on school meals can be found in the paragraph below entitled 'Dinner Money'. Details about attendance should have already been circulated. Reception children can attend full time from Monday, 26th September.



Dinner Money

The cost of a school dinner is £2.00 per meal (£10.00 per week). All dinners should be paid for in advance or on the day. Please send the money with children to school in a named envelope. Any dinners paid for but not taken due to absence will be refunded or carried forward. Cheques should be made payable to 'Lionel Walden School'. Please look out for special promotion days, including the 'Lucky Plate Competition' and 'Well Wicked Day'.



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 and help, they should contact the school office or see their child's class teacher.

Swimming

The contribution towards 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:-



Classes 7 & 8

Friday, 16th September
Friday, 23rd September
Friday, 30th September
Friday, 7th October
Friday, 14th October
Friday, 21st October

Classes 5 & 6 will be swimming after Half Term.

VOUCHERS



Thank you to everyone for collecting the Tesco vouchers. We collected almost 40,000 vouchers which enabled us to obtain many additional resources for each class, including rounders equipment, Foundation Stage resources, a horticultural conservation study centre, ICT equipment, multicultural artefacts and art resources.

We have also managed to obtain additional sports and cooking equipment through the collection of the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Thank you to everyone who collected these vouchers.

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. It is not expected that children will attend this evening which will take place on Wednesday, 19th 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 work. This work will be built on throughout the school demonstrating progress made by the children. The work is completed independently and is left unmarked.

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2011

Half Term Monday, 24th to Friday, 28th October
End of Autumn Term Friday, 16th December

2012

Spring Term starts Wednesday, 4th January
Half Term Monday, 13th to Friday, 17th February
End of Spring Term Friday, 30th March
Summer Term starts Tuesday 17th April
Public Holiday Monday, 7th May
Closure Day Friday, 1st June
Half Term Monday, 4th to Friday, 8th June
End of Summer Term Friday, 20th July

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

2011

Individual Photographs Tuesday, 27th September
Book Fair Tuesday, 4th to Friday, 7th October
Parents' Evening Wednesday, 19th October
Autumn Festival Thursday, 20th and Friday, 21st October
Christmas Production Tuesday, 6th & Wednesday, 7th December
Carol Service Friday, 16th December

2012

Pre-School Parents' Evening
for 2012 Reception Intake Tuesday, 28th February
Open Evening Wednesday, 7th March
Parents' Evening Tuesday, 13th and Wednesday, 14th March
End of Key Stage 2 Tests Week commencing Monday, 14th May
Sports Afternoon Wednesday, 23rd May
New Intake Parents' Evening
for 2012 Reception Intake Tuesday, 3rd July

