



Lymington Junior School

Newsletter Number 1

9th September 2016

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to all of you as we start a new and exciting academic year. It was fantastic to see all of the children coming in on Tuesday with smiles on their faces and on my walk round the school in the morning it was clear that they were settling very well into their new classes.

During these early stages of the new term the classes spend a lot of time ensuring they get to know each other really well for the year ahead. Our focus is to support the children in becoming 'happy learners' through extensive group work, sharing of talents and skills and a thorough personal and social curriculum which celebrates the theme of 'good to be me!'.

The teachers and support staff have worked extensively over the summer to plan and prepare the curriculum for your child. In the coming weeks each year group will be publishing their curriculum newsletters and holding curriculum meetings to allow you to better understand your child's learning and how best to support them at home.

We understand that this can be a time of high anxiety for some pupils. Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Rose are available every day to talk through any concerns you have about your child's needs. As Emotional Learning Support Assistants they are highly trained and extremely experienced in supporting families with whatever concerns or worries they might have. Please do take the opportunity to talk to Mrs Rose on the gate or book an appointment in the office if you feel this would be of benefit to you and your child.

Club letters have gone out yesterday. We have a fantastic range of clubs on offer this term and encourage you to sign up to as many as your child would like. We try to allocate these as fairly as possible as some clubs have limited numbers. We look forward to enjoying a year of fantastic extra-curricular activities.

With very best wishes,

Dan Lambert
Headteacher

Absences

If your child is absent from school we ask that you please phone by 10.00am or an unauthorised absence will be recorded.

There is an answer phone so a message can be left. All absences are passed onto the teacher.

School Office

Reminder that the school office is open between 8.30am and 3.30pm. There is an answer phone that you can leave a message on.

After School Clubs

Just to confirm that YR5/6 Dance club is held on Wednesdays, starting on Wednesday 5th October.

YR5/6 Netball is on Mondays.

YR3/4 Football Club needs to be booked paid for on line with New Forest soccer - www.newforestsoccer.co.uk

Text messages will be sent out next week confirming if your child has a place at a club.

Please be patient with us as we have a rather large number of forms to sift though!



Autumn Term 2016

12.09.16—School Photographs
13.09.16—YR4 Curriculum Meeting @ 2.30pm
16.09.16—YR3 Parent Tour of school @ 9.00am
19.09.16—YR5/6 Bikeability for 4 days
19.09.16—YR3 Curriculum Meeting @ 2.30pm
20.09.16—YR5 Curriculum Meeting 2.30pm
21.09.16—YR6 Curriculum Meeting @ 2.30pm
23.09.16—YR6 to visit Priestlands—am
26.09.16—Inset Day 2
27.09-30.09.16—Special Week
30.09.16—Whole school sports—pm
30.09.16—McMillian Coffee afternoon after sports
03.10.16—YR3 Lymington Town trip
04.10.16—Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm
05.10.16—Parents evening 5.00-7.00pm
12—14.10.2016—YR5 to Hookecourt
17.09.16—YR3 DT Day
21.10.16—Inset Day 3
24-28.10.2016—Half Term
07-11.11.2016—YR6 to Kingswood
06.12.16—YR3 Production @ 1.30pm
06.12.16—YR3 production @ @ 6.00pm
07.12.16—M&M production - am
09.12.16—Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.00pm
15.12.16—Carol Concert @ St Thomas's @ 1.30pm
16.12.16—Last day of term

Spring Term 2017

03.01.17 - Inset Day 4
04.01.17—Back to school

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants needed



We are looking for some special people to supervise the children at lunchtime in both the dining hall and playground.

Can you engage with children and encourage positive play, if so, we need you!

The hours are 12.00-1.00pm, Monday to Friday. Pay £7.06 per hour.

For further details please contact the school office and talk to Mrs Lavis.

PE Kit—price increase



As of 7th September, we have had to increase the price of our PE Kits (tee-shirt, shorts and bag) to £10.50, this is due to our supplier increasing their price.

Medicines in School



All children with inhalers should carry their own, clearly named inhaler.

The School follows County guidelines regarding all other medication. A child who is clearly unwell should not be in school

- If your child is taken ill during the day we will phone you - please ensure the office has up to date contact numbers
- Non-prescribed medicines should not be brought into school
- For any child completing prescribed medicine (e.g. antibiotics) the following applies-
 - * You may come into school to give medicine; if not then your child must be able to self-administer their medication
 - * Three times a day can be taken before and after the school day
 - * All prescribed medication must come to the office and a permission form completed.

Inset Days for 2016-2017



Giving you plenty of notice for Inset dates in 2016-2017 school year:

Monday 26th September 2016—Inset Day 2
Friday 21st October 2016—Inset Day 3
Tuesday 3rd January 2017—Inset Day 4
Friday 23rd June 2017—Inset Day 5

Useful Dates for the Year

24th - 28th October—Half Term
19th Dec - 2nd Jan - Christmas Holiday

20th-24th Feb—Half Term
10th - 21st April - Easter Holiday

29th May - 2nd June Half Term
25th July - Last day of term

School lunches

Hampshire Caterers run our school kitchen. Each term they send out new menu options that meet the Government regulations for children's dinners.

The children get the option of a vegetarian or meat meal each day. However for some children with allergies additional special arrangements are required.

Hampshire Caterers are normally able to accommodate any individual needs but only if notified and the appropriate forms completed.

If your child has a particular dietary need and you wish them to have school dinners please obtain a form from the school office. The current menu is nut free.

School Lunches

Can we please ask you to pay for school lunches on a Monday morning. If you would like, you can pay for a few weeks or pay for a half term in advance. The cost of a school lunch is £2.10. per day

To help speed up the queue on a Monday, dinner money can be put into a named envelope and handed in at the office.

Food allergies

We encourage the children to bring in healthy packed lunches so please put into the lunch box what your child will eat and think of how the food is packaged in the lunch box (plastic tubs for fruit and not pre-packed fruit). Please remember that we are a nut—free school.

Parent Helpers

We are always grateful for all the support we receive from parents in school, whether in class, for trips or for other special events. All parents who help in school or on trips must have a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check. If interested in helping please talk to the school office.

Cycling to School

If your child wishes to bike to school they must be accompanied by an adult or have passed their cycling proficiency. All children **must wear a helmet**. Year 6/5 will start their cycling training later on this term, letters will be sent out shortly.

As a school we cannot take any responsibility for bikes stored on the school grounds so would strongly recommend that all bikes are locked.

For health and safety reasons, scooters and bikes must be pushed when on the playground. This includes younger siblings at the end of the school day.

Uniform Reminders!

It was wonderful to see the children looking so smart on Tuesday. Uniform and general appearance are an important part of our school identity.

May I remind everyone that **alternative jumpers/ hoodies are not acceptable replacements for school jumpers or coats**. We do every year get a few 'creative' children trying to wear hoodies as an alternative to a coat. All the children know this is not part of our school uniform!

We follow the Cluster Policy and have no jewellery in school, the only exception being a small, inexpensive watch. So no earrings or fashion wrist bands please.

Children are also aware that hair dye, extreme fashion cuts or styling is not appropriate. Hair gel in particular should be kept to a minimum, school is a place of work & learning.

The children need proper (dark) school shoes, trainers/ vans are not acceptable footwear and no makeup should be worn including nail varnish.

We also ask that no mobile phones (or electric devices) are brought into school. If due to home time arrangements a phone is required after school, it must be brought to the office in the morning for safe keeping.

Finally please ensure everything is labelled clearly - this gives us a chance of reuniting your child with their belongings!