



Lymington Junior School

Newsletter Number 6

7th June 2017

Welcome to our June newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely half term and made the most of the sunshine. We had a very busy start to the Summer term at LJS. Let me start by passing on my huge congratulations to Year 6 who completed their SATs exams in May.

The week was extremely challenging and reflected the heightened expectations in the National Curriculum. I am delighted with the effort and concentration that Year 6 put in during the week. Their behaviour and effort was outstanding and is testimony to the excellent work they have completed this year in preparation for the tests. We await the results -however we are extremely proud already.

Thankyou as well to all of the other children in the school who were silent all week to help Year 6 concentrate. You did brilliantly and your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Sporting news

We have had the pleasure of taking many pupils out to represent the school at a range of sporting events. We have competed in Tennis (years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6), Tag Rugby, Girls' football and Cross country. I am pleased to report that the children's behaviour has been exemplary at all times and they have shown both great sporting skills and also (most importantly) fantastic sportsmanship.

Eco news

We have planted new saplings in the school grounds. We were hoping to attract wildlife but got more than we bargained for when we were visited by a Red Deer! The deer stayed for a couple of days before she found her way out. We have also been able to replace the raised vegetable beds in the field thanks to PTA funding. They are going to be planted by Year 3 pupils who will be joined by Year 2 as part of a transition event.

Community Kids initiative:

We have had the privilege of being invited to continue with the Community Kids initiative run by the Community Rail partnership. As part of the project a group of LJS pupils were invited to the Isle of Wight Steam railway to meet fellow Community Kids from Sandown Primary School. We had a fantastic day and the children made new friends. We will be exploring ways of being active in the community and look forward to participating in more projects with other schools.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone's support this year, so far the children's attendance has been very good.

Those of you who have been following the news coverage will be aware that the Supreme Court has now delivered its judgment in relation to the Isle of Wight Council's appeal which sought clarification on what is meant by "fails to attend regularly" in the context of a prosecution for unauthorised non-attendance at school.

In Hampshire this means that, unless the issuing of a Penalty Notice would conflict with other intervention strategies in place or other sanctions already being processed, schools must issue a penalty notice where the student has been:

- absent without authorisation for 10 or more half-day sessions (five school days) during any 10 week— these do not need to be consecutive; or
- late on 10 or more occasions in any 10 weeks – again, these do not need to be consecutive; or
- absent for 1 or more sessions during a public exam or formal school assessment or test, where dates are published in advance.

For each case of unauthorised absence the school or Hampshire County Council will decide whether a Penalty Notice is issued to one or more parent/carers for each child. This could mean four penalty notices for a family with two siblings both with unauthorised absence for holiday (one penalty notice for each child to each parent).

Each penalty notice carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days of the penalty notice being posted. If the fine is not paid within 21 days the penalty is automatically increased to £120 if paid within 28 days. If the fine remains unpaid the Hampshire County Council will consider prosecution for the non-attendance.

For the record, I point out that any money generated from these penalty notices goes to Hampshire County Council and not to the school.



Stay & Play Holiday Club

We are delighted to inform all our **Parents/Carers** about the **Stay & Play Holiday Club** which will offer affordable child care rates, and will be available to all our existing members as well as new members in the Summer holiday from Monday 31st July May to Friday 1st September 2017

Please contact Danielle on 07867534398 or Karen on 07885821234 for more information

Child Care Times/Prices
8:00am - 2:00pm = £18.00
8:00am - 4:00pm = £24.00
8:00am - 6:00pm = £30.00

Mid-Morning/Afternoon Snack menu are included within all sessions at no extra cost.
Full Day Stay will require the Children//Young People to bring in a packed lunch.

School Reports

Our school reports are sent out on Monday 10th July, if you wish for a second copy of the report to be posted to you, please send in a stamped addressed envelope to the office otherwise the second copy that is requested will be enclosed with the original report.



Pictures of children

If your child is taking part in a school event, you can take pictures of your child, but please do not put these pictures onto social media if there are other children in the picture.

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.

Cake Sales

Thank you for your support with the cakes sales, we have been able to purchase play equipment for the children to use at lunchtime.

The money from the YR6 cake sales will go towards their leavers party at the end of July.



Disco

We raised £336.99 from the school disco.



Thank you to everyone who helped on the night, the children really enjoyed themselves.

Summer fayre

We will be holding our Summer Fayre on Friday 7th July from 3.30-5.00pm. Let hope for sunny weather!

We would like YR3/4 to bring in bottles and Y/5/6 to bring sports equipment on Friday 30th June (this is a non -uniform day for the children, as we will be joining the Infants for a Picnic on the field that day).

If you can help at the Fayre, please leave your name at the office.

Sport Days

YR3/4 will be having their sports afternoon on Tuesday 13th June, starting at 1.00pm, and YR5/6 is on Wednesday 14th June also starting at 1.00pm.



Parents are welcome to come and cheer the children on.

Summer Term 2017

06.06.17—YR5 Sex Education Parent Video @ 3.30pm
09.06.17—YR5/6 Tag Rugby tournament—Brockenhurst
13.06.17—Lower School sports—pm
14.06.17—3B Class Assembly @ 9.00am
14.06.17—Upper school sports—pm
16.06.17—YR6 Cake sale—pick up time
23.06.17—Inset Day 5
26.06.17—YR5—Solar System Tour & Beyond—am
26.06.17—YR3 Rock, soils & Fossils—pm
30.06.17—Mufti Day (non-uniform) in exchange for goodies for Summer Fayre
30.06.17—Picnic on the field with Infant school
05.07.17—6P Class Assembly @9.00am
06.07.17—YR6 Sex Education Parent Video @ 3.30pm
07.07.17—Summer Fayre—3.30 -5.00pm
10.07.17—Yr6 Sex education
10.07.17—Reports sent home
11.07.16—Moving Up Day
12.07.17—Yr6 Sex Education—am
12.07.17—YR2 Induction evening @ 6.00pm
17.07.17—YR6 Dress rehearsal to the school—pm
18.07.17—YR6 production—1.30pm
18.07.17—YR6 production—6.00pm
19.07.17—YR6 production—6.00pm
24.07.17—Talent Show
24.07.17—YR6 Leavers Party 5.00-7.30pm
25.07.17—Last day of school

Autumn term 2017

04.09.17—Inset Day 1
05.09.17—Back to school
11.09.17—School photographs
30.10.17—Inset Day 2
21.12.17—Inset Day 3

Inset Days for 2017-2018

Giving you plenty of notice for Inset dates in 2017-2018 school year:

04.09.17— Inset Day 1
30.10.17 — Inset Day 2
19.02.18 — Inset Day 3
25.05.18 — Inset Day 4
23.07.18— Inset Day 5



Snack trolley prices

The prices for the snack trolley are as follows:



Bread roll — 15p
Packet of raisons — 25p
Orange Juice (150ml) — 40p
Hampshire Apple Juice carton (189ml) - 40p
Orange Juice cuplet (85ml) - 30p
Fresh Fruit — 30p

Please ensure that they bring in their money in a names purse/wallet.

Packed Lunches

Although the weather is still cold at the moment, we would ask that those children having packed lunches do not bring in hot drinks/soup in a flask. A cold drink though is of course advisable. The reason for this request is purely due to healthy & safety issues—hot fluids when spilt could cause a nasty burn.

If you feel your child needs something hot then please consider ordering them a hot school meal, which is served in a controlled environment.

As we promote healthy eating in school, we would ask that lunch boxes do not contain solid chocolate bars (those bars containing a wafer or biscuit covered in chocolate are acceptable as long as they are nut free)

School Lunches

Just a reminder that school lunches now cost £2.15 a day.

For the summer term **only** picnic lunches will be offered along with the meat and vegetarian options.

The children were given the new menu to take home so we hope that they passed it onto you.

Head Lice

As you know we text quite regularly about our unwanted friend the head lice, if your child has long hair can we ask you to tie it up & hopefully this will help stop the spread of them!

