



# Lymington Junior School

## Newsletter Number 7

### 17th July 2017

Hellos and goodbyes....

At the end of term we are saying goodbye to two members of staff.

Mrs Collett joined us in January in year 4 as I stepped up into the acting Headteacher position. She has been a valuable member of the year group and we would like to wish her all the very best for the future.

We are also saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Hutchings. Mrs Hutchings has been a member of the LJS team for the past 28 years during which time her warmth and kindness has provided gentle and sensitive guidance to our pupils. She has made a real difference to so many people.

She has worked tirelessly to support our children in all aspects of school life – from group work in the classrooms, whole class teaching, in ICT and most recently giving up her own time to be Wardrobe mistress for year 6.

As a school community we are truly sad to see her go, but our loss will be her families' gain as she can now spend more time with her own son and grandson.

We also say goodbye to our wonderful year 6s who are moving on to their secondary schools. Throughout the year they have shown grit, determination and resilience. They have relished challenges such as Kingswood and SATs and are still working really hard on their super end of term production. We will miss them all and wish them every success in the future.

As our year 6 leave we welcome all the year 2 pupils who will be joining us in September. They have been enjoying transition activities such as picnics and treasure hunts. It has been lovely to see them moving so happily and confidently around the school and the grounds and we are looking forward to them starting in September. We will also be saying a very big hello to our new head teacher Mr Daniel Twyman who is joining us from Burley and Sopley schools. I am sure that you will give him a warm welcome.

It has been an absolute privilege to be interim Head teacher working with such amazing pupils and staff, within a fantastic community. Wishing you all a fabulous summer.

Nikki Moossun



Kian and Holly Breen performed for Team GB at the 2017 Junior & Youth China Open Championship World Cup in Shenzhen, China. Team GB came 4th overall, just missing out on 3rd place to the hosts China. "The entire team danced amazingly well and had a great time!!"



## 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 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.

### Summer Term 2017

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  
28.09.17—YR6 to visit Priestlands  
04—6.10.17—YR5 to Hooke Court  
17.10.17—Parents Evening  
18.10.17—Parents Evening  
23—27.10.17 Half Term  
30.10.17—Inset Day 2  
06-10.11.17—YR6 to Kingswood  
21.12.17—Last day of school

### Spring term 2018

04.01.18—Back to school

### Summer Fayre

We raised over £1,300 at our Summer Fayre. A Very BIG thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a successful Fayre & weren't we lucky with the weather!



### 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**

### 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.