



# **Lymington Junior School**

## **Newsletter Number 4**

### **11th January 2018**

#### **Happy New Year!!**

Welcome back. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable, family focussed Christmas. Thank you, once again, to everyone that contributed to (and, of course, took part in) the wonderful array of events that took place in the run up to Christmas last term.

A particularly large thank you to the members of our PTA for all their hard work and organisation for the Christmas Fayre which, I am delighted to report, raised a massive **£1377.73**. The school council will be looking at ways the money could be spent in the next few weeks.

As always, the staff and children have hit the ground running since their return last week and have settled back in to the school routine excellently. Well done everybody!

We would like to remind you of our **Maths Workshop for Parents on Wednesday 17th January 2018 from 6.00 - 7.30pm**. You are all warmly invited to come along and find out 'how we teach Maths these days' and more importantly how you can support this at home.

Also, I will be holding a 'Headteacher's Tea' event half termly moving forward (dates overleaf). The idea of these sessions, which will be after morning 'drop off', is to informally chat through what we are working on in school. All welcome.

Please remember that, should you wish to discuss a particular issue related to your child, appointments can be made with class teachers (in the first instance) or myself via the school office.

We look forward to another busy and successful term at LJS!

Dan Twyman  
Headteacher

#### **Thank you**



To thank us for our support the Rotary club are very kindly donating £200. We will be using this to purchase a portable PA system which will allow us to continue attending local events.

#### **After School Clubs**

If your child is not able to attend a club, can they please inform the office or the teacher who runs the club, otherwise we spend a lot of time looking for them at the end of the school day!

If they withdraw from a club could they also please let the office or teacher know as there is often a waiting list for clubs and we can then offer their place to a child on the waiting list.

#### **School uniform—price increase**

Our supplier of school sweatshirts has increased the prices and as of 14th December . Sizes 28", 30", 32" and small will now cost £9.50.



#### **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.



#### **At LJS this half term we are working on....**

Ensuring that the children have a clear 'learning journey' in English and Maths that enables them to demonstrate their build up of skills over time.

### **Spring term 2018**

17.01.18—Maths Workshop 6.00-7.30pm  
18.01.17—5D Class Assembly @ 9.00am  
23.01.18—Full Governing Body Meeting—5.30pm  
24.01.18—Headteacher's Tea @ 9.00am  
25.01.18—YR3 DT/Photo frame making Day  
25.01.18—Kingswood meeting for YR5 parents—3.30pm  
05.02.18—YR6 "Mock" SATs Week  
12-16.02.18— Half term  
19.02.18—Inset Day 3  
20.02.18—Parents evening 3.30—5.30 p.m.  
21.02.18—Parents evening 5.00—7.00 p.m.  
01.03.18—5DB Class Assembly @ 9.00am  
08.03.18—Headteacher's Tea @ 9.00am  
15.03.18—4M Class Assembly @ 9.00 a.m.  
15.03.18—YR3 trip to Hillier Gardens  
22.03.18—YR4 "Celebration showcase" - pm  
29.03.18—YR3 Roman Day  
30.03-13.04.18—Easter Holidays

### **Summer Term 2018**

16.04.18—Back to school  
26.04.18—4D Class Assembly  
02.05.18—Class & Sports Club photographs  
07.05.18—Bank holiday  
10.05.18—3B Class Assembly  
14.05.18—Sat's week for YR6  
21.05.18—Special Week—The Jungle  
23.05.18—M & M Jungle Book + workshop for YR6  
25.05.18—Inset Day 4  
28.05-01.06-18—Half term  
10.07.18—Moving up Day  
20.07.18—Last day of term

### **Attendance**

Thanks to everyone's support, most students' attendance last term was excellent.

The law relating to absence seems to be changing all of the time. However, all local authorities have a Code of Practice for Attendance which all schools must still follow. For us, this means:

Unless the issuing of a Penalty Notice would conflict with other intervention strategies in place or other sanctions already being processed, we will have to issue a Penalty Notice where the student has been:

- absent without authorisation for 10 or more half-day sessions in a 10-week period – 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.

We will not normally approve any request for absence where a child's attendance for the previous 12 months is below 95%.

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.

Separate penalty notices are usually issued to both parents.