



Lymington Junior School

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another half term at LJS, and with 'dry January' becoming just a distant memory for many of us, I would like to thank everyone in the school's community (and most of all the children) for their hard work since returning to school following the Christmas break.

We were very proud recently to be nominated to receive the 'Music Mark' award in recognition of the excellent musical opportunities available to the children at the school. We feel that this reflects the excellent all round provision the school offers of which we are all so proud.

Congratulations to all the children who have earned Headteacher's Awards since September. It is the highlight of my day to celebrate their success with them. A reminder that if your child comes home wearing one of my large Gold star stickers they have produced a fantastic piece of work. Please always ask them why it was awarded...they will have had to work hard to earn it!

Thank you to those of you that attended the 'Maths Evening for Parents' provided by staff earlier in the term. There was an excellent turn out and feedback suggests it was seen to be very useful by the parents there. A reminder that information regarding progression in Maths teaching at LJS can be found on the school's website in the 'Curriculum' section.

And finally...to all Year 6 parents SATs Booster Clubs will be running after school most days after half term, information about these will follow shortly.

I hope you all have a lovely half term when it arrives. Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Dan Twyman
Headteacher

School Day

How the children start the school day is really important and impacts upon their learning. Our school day starts at **8.40am** with a morning registration and task. This helps get the children thinking and often reinforces prior learning. It is also a time when the children are able to share important messages between home and school and discuss any homework issues.

If children are late, in many cases repeatedly, they miss out on this calm, focused start to the day and disrupt their peers.

Please help all the children have the best start possible to their working day by ensuring that your child is on time in the morning. The children are able to walk into school from 8.30am to give them plenty of time to move through the cloakrooms, have a chat with friends and generally get themselves



World Book Day—Thursday 1st March

Our theme for World Book Day is for the children to "Dress as your favourite book character."

Please may we ask that the characters are definitely from books and not from films (i.e. no Batman characters!!!)



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

05.02.18—YR6 “Mock” SATs Week
12-16.02.18— Half term
19.02.18—Inset Day
20.02.18—Parents evening 3.30—5.30 p.m.
21.02.18—Parents evening 5.00—7.00 p.m.
27.02.18—Priestlands Hockey Tournament—pm
01.03.18—5DB Class Assembly @ 9.00am
01.03.18—World Book Day
08.03.18—Headteacher’s Tea @ 8.45am
15.03.18—YR3 trip to Hillier Gardens
26.03.18—YR4/5 Production “Dazzle” dress rehearsal—pm
27.03.18—YR4/5 “Dazzle— afternoon
27.03.18—YR4/5 “Dazzle— evening
28.03.18—YR4/5 “Dazzle— evening
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 @ 9.00 a.m
03.05.18—4M Class Assembly @ 9.00 a.m. (new date)
02.05.18—Class & Sports Club photographs
07.05.18—Bank holiday
10.05.18—3B Class Assembly @ 9.00 a.m
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
28.05-01.06-18—Half term
05.07.18—3C Class Assembly @ 9.00am
09.07.18—Reports sent home
10.07.18—Moving up Day
20.07.18—Last day of term

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.

Attendance

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.



Congratulations to LJS, as we have now become a member of the 2017/18 Music Mark School.

To obtain this we were nominated and supported financially by our local Music Service/hub, they recognised the value that we place on music and requested that we became a Music Mark School Member.

On Thursday 22nd February, its Thinking Day for Girl Guides, and if your daughter is a member of a local guide group they are allowed to wear their guiding uniform in on this day to support the event.



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 half term holidays from Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

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

Child Care Times/Prices

8:00am - 2:00pm = £20.00

8:00am - 4:00pm = £25.00

8:00am - 6:00pm = £35.00

Mid-Morning/Afternoon Snack menu are included with-in all sessions at no extra cost.

Full Day Stay will require the Children//Young People to bring in a packed lunch.