



# **Lymington Junior School**

## **September 2018 Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

Here we go again...the start of another exciting academic year at LJS. On behalf of all the staff I would like to welcome you back for the start of the 2018/19 academic year!

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and look forward to working with our returning families once again and with our new families for the first time.

I have been extremely impressed, as is becoming tradition, with how quickly everyone has settled in to their new classes and year groups. As usual, there has been a great 'buzz' around the school and all involved have certainly hit the ground running this week which is fabulous to see. I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the children and staff for all the hard work and energy that has gone in to achieving this; I'm sure the adults at least will sleep well this weekend!

As a staff group we will be working hard to build upon the great success of last year, continuing to ensure that the children 'enjoy and achieve' every day.

I would like to draw your attention to year group curriculum meetings which will be taking place this week; details over page. These are a good opportunity to meet the staff within the year group; find out about routines; hear what the children will be learning throughout the term and ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,

Dan Twyman, 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**

The children have already bought home a letter detailing the clubs that will be run this term.

Also they had their club assembly on Thursday 6th September, and after this they took home club letters, these need to be returned by the morning of Monday 10th.

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 will have a rather large number of forms to sift through!



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

Whole school consistency, particularly in English and Maths.

### Autumn term 2018

10.09.18—School photos  
10.09.18—YR3 Curriculum Meeting @ 2.30pm  
11.09.18—YR5 Curriculum Meeting @ 2.30pm  
12.09.18—YR4 Curriculum Meeting @ 2.30pm  
13.09.18—YR6 Curriculum Meeting @ 2.30pm  
13.09.18—PTA Meeting @ 8.45am  
17.09.18—YR6 Bikeability (4 days)  
25.09.18—YR6 to Priestlands—am  
28.09.18—Macmillan Coffee Afternoon  
28.09.18—Whole school sports afternoon  
03—05.10.18—YR5 to Hookecourt  
16.10.18—Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm  
17.10.18—Parents Evening 5.00– 7.00pm  
22-26.10.18—Half term  
29.10.18—Inset Day  
30.10.18—Back to school  
05-09.11.18—YR6 to Kingswood.  
19.11.18—YR3,4,5 Flu immunisation—am  
10-12.12.18— YR3 Production  
14.12.18—Christmas Fayre—3.30-5.30 pm  
19.12.18 — M& M Beauty & the Beast—am  
20.12.18—Carol Service - St Thomas's @ 1.30pm  
21.12.18—Last day of term.

### Spring term 2019

07.01.19—Back to school  
25.02.19—INSET DAY

### 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.

### School Day

A reminder that school opens at 8.25am, so please don't leave your child before this time as they cannot access the building and we cannot take responsibility for them. If they arrive way before this time then they will be sent to our Breakfast Club and there will be a £4.00 charge for this.

If you know that you will be late collecting your child at the end of the school day, please ring the office so they can let your child know and so they can wait in reception. If we haven't heard from you & you haven't collected your child by 3.30pm then we will send them to our After School Club and again there will be a charge.

Our main concern is for the safety of the children outside of the school day.



### Inset Days 2018-2019

Monday 29th October 2018  
Monday 25th February 2019  
Monday 22nd July 2019  
Tuesday 23rd July 2019



### Useful Dates for the Year

22th - 26th October—Half Term  
24th Dec - 7th Jan - Christmas Holiday

18th-22th Feb—Half Term  
8th - 22nd April - Easter Holiday

27th May - 31st May Half Term  
19th 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 £2.30 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!**

## **Attendance**

Thanks to everyone's support, most students' attendance last year 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.

## **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 11.45-12.45pm, Monday to Friday.

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