



# Lymington Junior School

## November Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term...we hope you all had a lovely week together over half term.

The next 6 weeks is a fun but incredibly busy time at LJS including: lots of excellent learning opportunities as usual; the Year 3 production and the craziness that is the run up to Christmas. This begins with 3 non-uniform days in November—details beside this piece—and culminates throughout December.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletters, please note the dates over the page and continue to check the school calendar on our website for new dates.

I would like to take the opportunity this month to thank and congratulate all children who are representing our school so successfully in primary sport competitions this academic year. In addition to consistently demonstrating excellent sporting skills and attitudes, we are currently reigning district champions in Year 5/6 football and tag rugby and have a representative in the London and South East regional schools diving squad. Well done everyone and keep up the great efforts!

Thank you also to the members of the school's PTA who are working hard behind the scenes to both raise the profile of the group and awareness of its positive impact on the community of LJS and also prepare for the Christmas Fayre.

If you would like any more information about the school's PTA—including how to get involved—please speak to Cheryl Clease or enquire at the school office.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the LJS staff in anticipation of all the ways they will be going 'above and beyond' as usual over the next 6 weeks to ensure the children have a great run up to Christmas!

Dan Twyman  
Headteacher

We will hold **Odd Socks Day** for Anti-Bullying Week on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week on **Monday 12th November**.



So odd socks to be worn please—these can be over the top of trousers or tights for the day!



On **Friday 16th November**, the children can come into school **wearing spots** in return for a donation to Children in Need.



As you will of course know, this Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

In school this week, the children have been learning about the importance of remembrance. As part of this process, a whole school display is being produced in the hall. Every child has created a poppy, with **each one** representing **70,000** people who lost their lives during the first world war.

*LJS will remember them!*



**At LJS this half term we will be working on...**  
Quality of children's outcomes in subjects other than English and Maths.

### Autumn term 2018

05-09.11.18—YR6 to Kingswood.  
07.11.18—YR3 Diwali Day  
08.11.18—YR3 to the Lymington Library—pm  
12.11.18—Odd Sock day in support of anti—bullying week  
15.11.18—5MB Class Assembly 9.00am  
16.11.18—Children in Need day  
19.11.18—YR3,4,5 Flu immunisation—am  
22.11.18—6P Class Assembly @ 9.00am  
23.11.18—Be Bright Be Seen Day  
06.12.18—6G Class Assembly @ 9.00am  
07.12.18—Mufti day for donations for Christmas Fayre  
11.12.18—Secret Room—am  
11.12.18—YR3 Production 2.00pm  
12.12.18—Secret Room—all day  
12.12.18—YR3 Production 6.00pm  
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—Christmas Lunch  
21.12.18—Last day of term.

### Spring term 2019

07.01.19—Back to school  
14.01.19—NSPCC assembly—pm  
18.01.19—YR5/6 NSPCC workshops time TBC  
08/02.19—Mufti Day for NSPCC—details to follow  
25.02.19—INSET DAY  
11—5.02.19 YR6 Mock SAT's Week  
18—22.02.19—Half term  
25.02.19—Inset Day  
26.02.19—Back to school  
07.03.19— World Book Day  
05.04.19—Last day of term

### Summer term 2019

23.04.19—Back to school  
01.05.19—Class & Sport Photos  
06.05.19—Bank Holiday  
13—17.05.19—YR6 SAT's week  
22.05.19— M&M Wizard of Oz  
27 —31.05.19 Half Term  
19.07.19—Last day of Term

### Labelling of uniform

Just a quick reminder to label your child's uniform, PE bags & kit and even lunch boxes ..... it's amazing how quickly the lost property bin has filled to overflowing, many items with no means of identifying the owner.

**Be Bright,  
Be Seen**

To support Be Bright Be Seen Day on **Friday 23rd November**, we are asking the children to come into school **wearing something bright and colourful.**

***No Football kits please!***

### 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.

### Music lessons

A message from the music teachers, please ensure that your children practice at home, and for this to be done regularly



## Attendance

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



**Stay  
& Play**  
HOLIDAY CLUB LTD



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 on Monday 24th December.

Please contact Stay & Play Holiday Club Ltd on 07841460360 more information

**Child Care Times/Prices**  
**8:00am - 6:00pm = £40.00**  
**(includes a Christmas Gift)**

Snacks and drinks will be provided mid-morning and mid-afternoon. If your children are attending for Full Day you must provide them with a packed lunch and drink.

*Contact Information/Enquiries*

*www.stayandplayholidayclublymington.co.uk*

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## Free School Meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Tell your local authority if you also get any of the above benefits. Your child's school can get extra funding if you do.