



Lawn
Primary
School

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy half term with lots happening in school. Our staff have been busy training on delivering a different approach to reading and I hope you agree that the children are certainly buzzing about whole class reading and DEAR (Drop Everything and Read).

We are looking forward to welcoming the author Andy Cope on the first Monday back after half term to inspire our KS2 classes to write their own stories. We are hoping he is going to bring his Spy Dog with him. Look out for pictures in the next newsletter.

Reading is one of our big priorities for this year and we are certainly seeing clear improvements already even after only half a term. Thank you to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Cousins our English Leaders for taking time to implement such great things.

As mentioned previously we have had issues with our gas in school. Over the half term we will be having our gas main pipes laid along the drive near the Davies building. The contractors are hoping that they will be finished for the start of school after half term. If there is any change to this we will let you all know through text message and class dojo. Once the pipe has been laid our gas service will return to normal and Mr Aka will have a fully functioning kitchen once again. Thank you to him and his team for continuing to provide hot meals each and every day.

Over the last few weeks senior leaders have been monitoring the amount of traffic that is driving down Norbury Close. We ask parents to try and not drive down this street as our children congregate at the start and end of each day. We very nearly had an accident with a child being run over due to a resident driving down the road at speed. The police have been made aware of this. Please could you also ensure that you try and park in Park Farm carpark and not on the neighbouring streets as our neighbours are getting very concerned about parents parking on Carsington and Farnway. Carsington Crescent is access only so only residents can park along there. The police will be making visits over the next few weeks and may result in fining parents for parking illegally. We really do not want to be having to report that a child has been knocked over because of this so please drive and park sensibly.

A couple of parents have asked me to mention the issue of dogs at the school gates. As you are aware some children get very frightened of dogs and there has been a couple of issues where children have run out into the road because of this. Please could you be mindful if you bring your dog when walking your child to school.

We had the pleasure this term of celebrating Mrs Cordwell's 25 year service at Lawn Primary School. She was presented in a whole school assembly with a certificate & voucher.



On Wednesday this week we said goodbye to one of our catering assistants, Mrs Dove. Mrs Dove has worked at Lawn for over 15 years in our school kitchen and will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her well for her new adventure – looking after her grandchild!



Finally, I wish you a wonderful and restful half term and we will see every one back on Monday 26th February.

Kind regards

Sarah Allison

Headteacher

Girls Football

On Thursday 25th January, 17 girls from Year 5 and 6 took part in a football festival at Moorways. We had two teams and played 11 games in total. We lost 5, drew 3 and won 3. As before, the girls showed excellent team spirit and sportsmanship and a great time was had by all despite the cold weather. We look forward to taking part in some more festivals in the future.

Bag2school Collection

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the recent bag2school collection, we raised £109.60. Thank you to Mr Wilkins' numeracy class for moving the 88 bags to the van to be weighed, you were fantastic, helping so willingly and enthusiastically in the rain! Another collection has been arranged for Wednesday 23rd May. Thank you very much. LSA

The School Office

A plea from the school office. If you are sending money into school for dinners, school trips, residentials, etc, please send all monies **direct** to the office and a receipt will be given. A reminder all monies that come into school need to be in a sealed envelope with the correct amount of money, your child's name, class and what the money is for. As you can appreciate the school office receive a lot of money so it is very important to label all money correctly. A reminder that we are **unable to give change**.

Could we politely remind all parents/carers, if your child is absent from school please leave a message on our absence line alternatively contact the school office. Please **do not** Dojo the class teacher as they are not always able to see this at the start of the day.

Mrs Cordwell 25 year service

We have recently celebrated Mrs Cordwell's 25 year service at Lawn Primary school. We celebrated by having a whole school assembly.

Mrs Cordwell was presented with an award of service signed by the Mayor of Derby. The head boy and head girl also presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a £100 gift voucher from the Intu Derby.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Cordwell for all she does for Lawn Primary.

Mrs Cordwell had the following to say;

During my time here at Lawn Primary I have seen 5 different head teachers (obviously the current one being the best!).

It only seems like yesterday I was a young teaching assistant working in reception. I have worked with all year groups & many teachers. As you can imagine I have seen lots of children grow up and become well rounded individuals. It's a great place to work.



DIARY DATES

- 27th February 2018 – Y5 Royal Opera Trip
- 7th March 2018 – LSA Meeting
- 9th March 2018 – Y3C Class Assembly
- 15th March 2018 – Y2 Manchester Airport trip
- 15th March 2018 – Rolls Royce engineer day Y3 & Y4
- 16th March 2018 – Y4M Class Assembly
- 16th March 2018 – LSA Easter Bingo
- 20th March 2018 – Eco Day in school
- 21st March 2018 – Eco Day in school
- 23rd March 2018 – Y4 Easter experience St Nicks Church
- 17th April 2018 – FS2 Fundamentals
- 19th April 2018 – Y1 Twycross Zoo Trip
- 24th April 2018 – Y4A William Rhodes Primary School
- 17th May 2018 – Y3 Cresswell Craggs Trip
- 23rd May 2018 – Bag2School Collection
- 12th June 2018 – Y3W Akaal Primary School
- 20th June 2018 – Y4 Halle Concert

INSET DAYS 2018- 2019

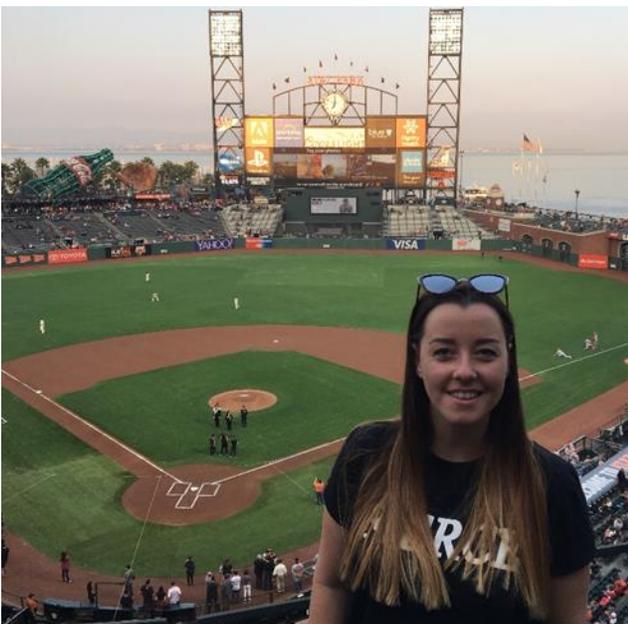
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| Friday | 16 th February 2018 |
| Thursday | 6 th September 2018 |
| Friday | 7 th September 2018 |
| Monday | 5 th November 2018 |
| Friday | 15 th February 2019 |
| Monday | 3 rd June 2019 |

Staff in the spotlight.

Hi! My name is Miss Hendy and I am one of the Year 6 teachers here at Lawn. I started here in 2016 as a student from the University of Derby and worked in Year 4 last year as a Newly Qualified Teacher. I was born in Cornwall and lived there until I moved to Derby in 2011. Before I decided I wanted to become a teacher, I wanted to work behind the cheese counter in a supermarket – my class take great delight in reminding me about this often! (Thanks Y6H!)

In the summer holidays, I spent a week in San Francisco. I went on my own, which gave me lots of time to wander around the sights and experience American culture. Below is a picture of me at a Giants baseball game – can you tell I hadn't had any sleep for 32 hours! This year, I hope to go on more holidays abroad and maybe pop back down to Cornwall to see my friends and family there.

This academic year, I am very excited to be leading the Year 6 trip to Kingswood. I'm sure the Year 6's will enjoy keeping me awake and pushing me into lakes – anything to get back at me for those SATs revision sessions!



Governor's corner.

I was fortunate to be invited to join the School Council on their recent visit to The Houses of Parliament.

'Grown-ups' will have a range of opinions regarding Westminster and its residents. I don't think they are of immediate relevance to children as they learn about the world that they live in. It's more important that children find out about the things that influence their daily life and how these things are organised. It's also important that they enjoy childhood. Learning the practice and theory of influencing other people, government and politics requires a slow, balanced approach.

Westminster. It's a big idea to explain and the role of government is very effectively addressed by the Parliament Education Service. The Lawn's School Council pupils were able to see the Commons in action from the Public Gallery (Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care) and were able to explore the Lord's chamber, which wasn't sitting. The Education Guide provided a very easy explanation of the place and the activities.

After the tour the pupils took part in a workshop session led by an Education Centre tutor. It was particularly interesting to see the pupils answering questions on topics that had been explained to them on the tour. The electronic voting system demonstrated that they had been paying attention. The session then focused on the way that Parliament makes laws. The pupils considered a few ideas on what laws they would like to introduce and by a majority vote decided to consider lowering the voting age to fifteen.

You may be interested to know that the School Council members, following some thoughtful and considered arguments in favour and against the change delivered a

majority vote in favour of the change. One argument highlighted concerns about adults not being able to understand issues as they got older and risked making the wrong choices. That is definitely an observation worth reflecting on. I don't think the Newsletter can accommodate 'Letters to the Editor' but I hope you enjoy discussing it.

The meeting concluded with an explanation of some of the responsibilities and activities of an MP by Pauline Latham, the MP for Lawn's constituency of mid-Derbyshire. Just like the work of MPs, the School Council members have some more work to do and I'm hoping to be able to sit in the 'public gallery' when the School Council provide feedback to their constituents at a school assembly.

It was a pleasure to accompany a well behaved and attentive group on the visit. I've added the topic of 'adults not being able to understand' to my list of things to discuss on future class visits - I know it will be enlightening and informative.

David Phillips

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