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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year 2017/18. To those parents that are new to our community, firstly welcome, and for your information the newsletters will be sent home every two weeks and will include lots of things that have happened or are happening in school and lists of dates and reminders. We actively encourage you to read them as they contain lots of useful information. These newsletters will come to you via email or you can collect a paper copy from reception or ask for one to be sent home with your child.

It has been lovely to see how quickly the new reception children have settled into life at Lawn. They are getting into our routines and are starting to know our school rules and also enjoying having some of our Y6 children helping them through their roles as Buddies. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents come for a school dinner on the first two days with them. The children have been so calm during the lunchtimes this week and settling into our lunchtime routine, which is lovely to see.

Thank you to all parents who sent in props for our fundraising calendar last week. The children and staff looked fantastic and the calendars will make excellent Christmas presents. Mrs Hallam and I will be previewing the draft next week and hopefully they will be on sale very soon.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be getting ready for our open mornings where

we will be showing prospective parents around school. If you or you know anyone who is looking for a FS2 place for September 2018 please direct them to our school website or ask them to call the school office for more details.

During last week I had a special visitor from Derby City Council School Improvement team and during her visit we went on a tour of the school. She was incredibly impressed with the calm and purposeful learning taking place and was welcomed to each class by our new class ambassadors. It was certainly a very positive afternoon and our visitor went away very pleased that she had come to Lawn as one of her first school visits.

During the last week we have announced our new School Council Reps, Team Captains, Head Boy and Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Girl. It certainly feels like it is going to be a great year. Well done to all those children who have been chosen to do one of those roles.

At the end of this week we will be saying goodbye to one of our lunchtime playworkers, Sam Giles will be leaving us for pastures new and we wish her all the best in her new journey. We are very fortunate to have already appointed a new playworker and once all checks have been completed we will be welcoming her to the team – more details next time.

As you are aware the morning rush through the KS1 gates does cause a little bit of a bottle neck so please could I remind all KS2 children (Y3-6) to come into school through the KS2 gate in a morning. Also to remind all parents to encourage their children to walk with their bikes and scooters once they are through the gate.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Mrs Hodgett's baby who arrived earlier this week. Mrs Hodgetts, FS2 TA, and baby Jonah are doing well and we can't wait to meet the new addition to their family.

Please can I remind all parents and carers that if you have an issue or problem with anything that is happening or has happened in school then we would really appreciate you coming into school to discuss things with us. The first port of call is your child's class teacher. If you feel that you need to speak to a senior leader, then we are always on the gate in a morning so please come and talk to us or make an appointment to speak to us more confidentially.

Our assessment results for last year are fantastic and later on in the newsletter I will be providing you with a brief overview of how well Lawn has done compared to other local schools. We are really proud of these results and I would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work last year.

In the next few newsletters I will be writing again about our main priorities for the year. As an outstanding school we are constantly striving to improve and the SLT and Governors have been working hard on a robust action plan. One priority this year will be to review our procedures in the setting of homework. Over the next couple of weeks we will survey all of our community, parents, staff, children, and Governors about homework (pros and cons) so watch out for the letter.

Finally, please follow us on Twitter and facebook. @lawn_school and @lawnprimaryschool.

Sarah Allison

Headteacher

2016-2017 Assessment Results

We have had another fantastic year for results. As you can see from the green all of our results are better than Derby City and all better than National. We have been busy crunching data over the last couple of weeks to ensure that we are addressing some of the minor issues and these will be included in our RAP (Raising Achievement Plan) plan.

EYFS (FS2) Good level of development

	School	Derby	National
% Achieving a good level of development	83%	68%	71%

Y1 Phonics

	School	Derby	National
% Achieving the expected standard in phonics	92%	80%	81%

KS1 Assessment 2017 Achieving Expected Standard

Subject	School	Derby	National
Reading	80%	70%	76%
Writing (TA)	82%	63%	68%
Mathematics	86%	72%	75%
Science	92%	77%	83%

KS2 SATS 2017 Achieving Expected Standard

Subject	School	Derby	National
Reading	86%	64%	71%
Writing (TA)	89%	71%	74%
Mathematics	97%	70%	74%
Reading/Writing /Maths	81%	55%	61%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	98%	73%	77%

2018 Calendar Update

As you are aware we had our calendar photographs taken last week and I already know they are going to be amazing. It was a full on day mixing children from FS2 to Year 6 but all the children followed instructions, listened and looked amazing. It was wonderful to see the older children with our youngest. A big shout out to our FS2 parents for the costumes provided at such short notice too. Have been in touch with the photographer several times over the week and he is coming in to let me have a sneak preview of the calendars in a few weeks. We are hoping for the calendars to be available to order from the end of November and also to be sold at our 'Christmas Experience' (Christmas Fair). We are hoping for the calendars to be sold at approximately £8, however this will be dependent on receiving support from local businesses. Businesses can sponsor an A4 page in the calendar for £65 which in turns pays for the calendars and therefore profits made will all come to Lawn to benefit our children. If you know anyone who would be interested in this please ask them to contact Mrs Hallam via e mail. d.hallam@lawn.derby.sch.uk.

MUGA Update

After a great LSA meeting this week there are many ideas to raise funds towards the MUGA. As discussed at the last LSA meeting a certain percentage of fundraising will go towards the MUGA and there will also be a pot of money that will be spent on other things within school. An accumulator has been ordered so parents and the community can see how much we have raised so far and how much we still have to raise. We have also contacted some businesses to see if they would like to sponsor us.

Head Girl

Hi, I'm Kate and I have been chosen for Head Girl this year. I am in Miss Hendy's Class and have been at Lawn School since reception.

Some of my hobbies are, Swimming, Dancing and Horse Riding. My favourite thing about school is that everyone is friendly, caring and makes everyone feel welcome. I am really looking forward to year 6 and all the activities we do.

Head Boy

Hi, I'm Ashton, the new Head Boy of Lawn. I want everyone to know that I'm proud of my job.

I'm kind, helpful and a good friend. I am more confident now and I can speak to others. I behave well and my attendance is good. I listen well and my work is neat. If you need any help or you have any questions I will be here to help you.



General Updates

The school office have sent out pupil update forms to all parents, if you haven't yet returned the form please do so as it is important to keep all our pupil records up to date.

Tree House club has moved to our Davis building. The entrance and exit to Tree House Club is no longer through reception. There is an intercom system at the KS2 entrance.

Each Year Lawn hold open mornings for new prospective parents to visit the school & see what lawn has to offer their child/children. This year our open mornings will be held on the following dates:

10th October 2017 at 9.30am

16th October 2017 at 9.30am

10th November 2017 at 9.30am

4th December 2017 at 9.30am

DIARY DATES

19th October 2017 - Bag2School Collection

24th November 2017 – Christmas Fayre

29th November 2017 – Flu Immunisations for years 1,2,3 & 4

7th December 2017 – LSA Disco

13th December 2017 – St Nicks Carol Concert

24th January 2018 – Bag2School Collection

2nd February 2018 – LSA Quiz Night

23rd May 2018 – Bag2School Collection

INSET DAYS 2017-2018

Monday 30th October 2017

Tuesday 31st October 2017

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Friday 16th February 2018

Leave During Term Time

If you would like to take your child out of school for any reason then you will need to fill in a Leave of Absence Form available from the School Office. This will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. If this leave is not authorised by the Headteacher then a Penalty Notice (fine) may be issued by Derby City Council. If you require any further information then please see a member of the Office Staff.

Payments to the school office

Can we please request that the **correct** monies/cheques are put into a sealed envelope as we do not keep money on the premises and are not able to give change.

Your child's name, class and activity details also need to be on the envelope to ensure it is allocated correctly. A written receipt will be given for any monies handed in directly to the School Office.

The school office have now got a red postbox for all dinner money payments. The post box is located in the main school reception area and is clearly labelled.

Polite Reminder

Can we please remind all parents that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time for health and safety reasons.

Could we please remind all parents/carers to be mindful and park safely when dropping and collecting children from school. Also could we please ask that when parking outside residents' houses, you do not park on the grass verges.

SAFEGUARDING

Our designated Safeguarding Leader is Mrs Sarah Allison – Headteacher

In Mrs Allison's absence, Mrs Donna Hallam – Deputy Headteacher

Our Governor Safeguarding Leader is Mrs Clarke

If you wish to speak to Mrs Allison, Mrs Hallam or Mrs Clarke, please contact the School Office.

LSA September Newsletter 2017

A huge Welcome to Lawn Primary School to all those new children and parents. We are thrilled that you have joined out "Outstanding" school. We wish you all the best for the coming year and hope that you can come along to some of our fantastic events that are planned for this year.

Not forgetting a huge Welcome Back, to all those children and parents who have been with us for the last year or more. We are really excited about the up coming year and all the fun events planned.

We had our first LSA (PTA) meeting this week and we had a wonderful turn out of people. Lots of new parents too, we are looking forward to hearing all your new ideas for the coming year.

If you would like to receive the minutes from our meeting, please drop us an email at lawnschoolassociation@hotmail.co.uk and we will add you to our distribution list. Alternatively, you can also join our Facebook page, Lawn School Association (LSA) page. This is a great tool for finding out what we are up to and also if you have any questions or queries, just post on there and someone will get back to you very quickly.

Other News



The Lawn Lottery – win a monthly cash prize!

Join the Lawn Lottery for your chance to win. It's only £2 per month and raises vital funds to help your child's time at Lawn Primary be a happy one. Speak to anyone on the committee or email us for details. Letters will be going out in book bags soon, so look out for them and do join up.



LSA Noticeboard

Don't forget, we have our own LSA noticeboard on the wall next to the Nearly New Uniform rail in the Smedley Hall. This will be kept up to date with all our forthcoming events for this school year – please come and have a read.

LSA - About Us

The Lawn School Association ("LSA") is our school parent-teacher association (PTA). PTAs are best known for their fundraising work but they have a useful social function too as fundraising events provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together. The money raised at our events (e.g. Christmas Fayre, Easter Bingo, School Discos, Summer Fayre, etc.) are intended to provide 'extras' not already provided by the school's main income – often 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting.

The friendly LSA Committee for this year is

Ø Nicola Severn – Chair

Ø Claire Milne – Vice Chair

Ø Sam Adie – Secretary

Ø Kerry Tague – Treasurer

Meetings and emails

If there are any parents/carers who would like to help the committee with running of events, or if you have some great ideas for the future of the school, or would just be interested in what we do, then why don't you come along to our next meeting?

· If you would also like to be on our circular e-mailing list to be kept in the loop e.g. receiving the minutes of our meetings, then please send your email address to our Hotmail account below.

The next meeting is on 1st November

Please come along to our very friendly meeting to help the LSA with planning events for the next school year!

The LSA Team
lawnschoolassociation@hotmail.co.uk