



Lawn
Primary
School

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great couple of weeks at school with again so much happening. The children looked so smart in their uniforms on Monday for the school photographs. We can't wait to see them and I am sure that you will be really happy with them. Also you will hopefully soon be able to view a preview of the school calendar that Mrs Hallam has been working on. We saw a preview last week and was not disappointed. They will make great Christmas presents. More details soon.

Today we had a lovely Harvest Festival Assembly with the Padley Centre. Thank you for all the goods that you have sent in to school. They are very grateful for them and they will go a long way to help some very vulnerable and needy families.

Last week saw the start of a new scheme for Lawn. We have teamed up with a company called Fareshare that works with some of the major supermarkets to reduce food waste and fight hunger. We have started collecting from the Tesco in Allestree twice a week good that are still usable. A great opportunity to help reduce food waste in this country. If you would like to know more then have a look at their website <http://www.fareshare.org.uk>

This week we have also seen St John's Ambulance in school delivering a whole days worth of first aid training to our Y5 classes. The feedback that I have had is that

the children now know what to do in an emergency. A great skill to have.

We are looking forward to our first open morning next Tuesday where we open our doors to visitors who are looking for a FS2 place in September 2018. The school is looking great and our Head Boy and Girl are busy preparing their first piece of work. The morning starts at 9:30 with our School Council, Head Boy and Girl, members of the Senior leadership team and Governors showing parents round the school. LSA members will then be present to talk over tea and biscuits. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered for this.

If you know someone who is looking for a FS2 place then please encourage them to attend.

We also have a few spaces left in our current Y3 classes, so again please let friends or family know if they are looking for a place.

All the details of our open mornings are on the website.

During the next few weeks Governors, SLT and myself will be busy finalising our priorities for the next few years and we will be publishing these on the website.

However, following on from the parents' questionnaire in the summer we have decided to consult on homework. Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Harland have agreed to take a leading role in this. Thank you to

those parents who have already responded to the questionnaire that came out this week. If you have any further points to raise about anything to do with homework please see one of them. This will provide a great starting point for our consultation. Again more details to follow.

We welcome to our team this week Jo Davey, one of our mums who joins the Lawn team as a lunchtime playworker. I am sure she will be a great asset to the lunchtime staff. If you are interested in working for us in a relief capacity at lunchtime please pop into the office and see Mrs Dobson.

We will also be advertising a vacancy for a playworker in our Tree House Club for 5 mornings. The advert will be on the Derby City Council website soon.

Finally I hope to see some of you during our parents' evenings on the 18th and 19th October.

Kind regards

Sarah Allison

Headteacher

The Mini Triathlon

Last Thursday, 30 children had the opportunity to go to Allestree Woodlands for a mini Triathlon event. The children behaved impeccably and represented our school fantastically. All of the children were extremely excited to see Alistair Brownlee and most of them got their tops signed.

The children started in the swimming pool. They then had to put their new tops on over the top of their swimwear and run to the bikes. Once they had completed the circuit on their bikes they all ran for the finish line. All children received a medal and a goodie bag full of lots of treats. It was a great morning for all involved.

Miss Ayub.



Moorways Sports Centre

The cross country has been going on over the last couple of Wednesdays at Moorways Sports Centre. The event has been extremely well ran by the Derby SSP and we have done extremely well so far. Well done to everyone who has taken part. You have all done absolutely brilliantly and Mrs Hallam would say... I AM SO PROUD!

Well done to Iris Clarke, who has come first and Bethany and Luke Johnson, who have come second the last two weeks.



Year 5 Space Day

Last Wednesday year 5 had a very exciting space day, where we did fun activities all to do with space. The first activities that we our group did was light sabers, where we had to try and make a light saber out of a plastic bottle, cellophane and card. The next activity we did was making a compass, where we had a shallow bowl, a bottle top and a pin. After we made the compass, we walked around and if it worked we would know where North is. Also, we got some empty toilet rolls and drew some star constellations and got some torches and shone them on the table. Also we measured the planets distance from the sun using toilet roll.

By Ellie Shaw & Teddy Milne.



St John's Ambulance

On Wednesday 4th October St John's Ambulance came into school and we did some first aid with Don and Darren. We learnt about choking and how you would react. We also learnt about poisons and how they enter your body. When someone is unconscious you put them into the recovery position. It's a great way to help with your first aid. It was the best!

By Teddy Milne 5YA

Reminders

As you are aware the school office have been very busy updating all pupil information. In order to complete this we ask parents to return the Pupil Update Form Urgently.

The old £1 coin is no longer legal tender Therefore we politely request you do not send any old £1 coins into school.

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 payments. The post box is located in the main school reception area and is clearly labelled.

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.

Open Mornings

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

18th October 2017 – Parents Evening
19th October 2017 – Parents Evening
19th October 2017 - Bag2School Collection
7th November 2017- E-Safety Meeting
16th November 2017- YR2 School trip
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	30 th October 2017
Tuesday	31 st October 2017
Wednesday	3 rd January 2018
Friday	16 th 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.

Staff in the spotlight.



Hello! My name is Linda Dyer.

I work at Lawn school as a lunchtime playworker, I have been here approximately 18 months. I now also work in the Tree House Club after school.

I lived most of my life in Allestree and attended Lawn infants and Junior schools when they first opened in the 1960's. My two son's also attended Lawn in the 1980's. I Currently have two beautiful grandchildren attending Lawn in years 3&4.

I have worked with primary aged children for the past 22 years, so I have alot of experience.

I have many interests out of school including, Music, History, Geography, going to the cinema, reading books and watching sports.

My links with Lawn school are very important to me and form a big part of my life. I find every new day working with Lawn pupils to be rewarding and fulfilling. I hope I

am playing a small part in their development and growth during their formative years.

Governors Corner.

The Governing body would like to welcome back all returning pupils and parents and extend an especially warm welcome to all our new starters. We hope you all had a lovely summer and that you are looking forward to the academic year ahead. There are new co-chairs of Governors, David Phillips and Ruth Larsen, Who can be contacted via governor@lawn.derby.sch.uk

We would like to thank Sally-Anne Bonnet for all her hard work in her role as chair last year.

Governor in the spotlight

My Name is Dr Ruth Larsen and I have been a co-opted governor at Lawn since May 2016 and a co-Chair since September 2017.

I work at the University of Derby as a History Lecture, and it is my love of education that encouraged me to become a school governor.

I was really lucky to have attended excellent schools with outstanding teachers when I was growing up on Merseyside and so I wanted to give my time to help future generations to benefit too. Since joining Lawn's governing body I have been really impressed by how dedicated all the staff are in encouraging, supporting and challenging all the pupils at the school.

I have also been blown away by how all the pupils that I have met have been polite, articulate, bright, and generally fabulous! It is a really wonderful school and I am delighted to be part of its community. This year as well as being co-chair, I will also be the link governor for History, Geography and RE, and will also be attending some of the school council meetings. I will therefore be

in the school quite regularly, and so if you see me, do say hello. Otherwise, you can contact me or any other Governors via the school office or by email on governors@lawn.derby.sch.uk



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 - 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